

ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., Mayor Kreft presiding.

Members present: Mayor Kreft, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills

Members absent: None

Also present: Adm. Jaunich, City Attorney Arneson, EDA Director Schultz, Fire Dept. Members Keith Dressen & Tom Pomplun, Karin Ramige, Gary St. John

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Pichelmann, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda with the following change:

Add item 15) Approve/Deny Dance Permit for the Arlington A's.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Vrklan, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A) Approval of the June 21st Regular Meeting Minutes
- B) Approval of the Bills
- C) Approving the Purchase of six 8' Steel Picnic Tables from the EFA Company for \$4,153.50.

It was noted that there were no public hearings scheduled.

It was noted that there were no citizens present to address the Council on non-agenda items.

The following announcements were reviewed:

- 1) Public Hearing on Proposed Assessments – July 12th @ 6:30 pm in Room 2
- 2) MMPA Annual Meeting in Arlington – July 29th @ 5:30 pm
- 3) MMUA Annual Summer Meeting – August 23-25 in Alexandria.

The Council reviewed the following communications:

- 1) May Water/Wastewater Report
- 2) June Building Permit Report
- 3) June Police Calls Report
- 4) Summer Rec. Participation Report
- 5) Update on League of MN Cities Annual Conference
- 6) MMPA 1st Quarter 2010 Financial Statement
- 7) Thank You from APLL.

Councilmember Pederson introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 29-2010
A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE FROM FRONT YARD SETBACK
REQUIREMENT FOR 703 HORSESHOE DRIVE, PARCEL #310720050

(See resolution book for complete resolution)

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Wills and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 6th day of July, 2010.

CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA

/s/ James R. Kreft
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
City Administrator

Councilmember Reetz introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 30-2010
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE 2010 ELECTIONS

(See resolution book for complete resolution)

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Pichelmann and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

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/s/ James R. Kreft
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
City Administrator

Councilmember Wills introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 31-2010
A RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

(See resolution book for complete resolution)

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Pichelmann and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

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/s/ James R. Kreft
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
City Administrator

Councilmember Wills introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 32-2010
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CURT REETZ TO A TASK FORCE TO STUDY "BROADBAND" THROUGHOUT SIBLEY COUNTY

(See resolution book for complete resolution)

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Pederson and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

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CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA

/s/ James R. Kreft
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
City Administrator

Councilmember Vrklan introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 33-2010
A RESOLUTION REMOVING PARCELS OF PROPERTY FROM TIF DISTRICT #2

(See resolution book for complete resolution)

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Wills and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

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City Administrator

The first reading of Ordinance 251 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 169, The Arlington Zoning Ordinance, by Replacing Section 7, Subd. 4 (2-4) Relating to Setbacks Within the B-1 Service Business District, was held.

Adm. Jaunich gave an update on the railroad crossings project. It was noted that the Utility Committee, City Engineer Hawbaker and Sibley County Engineer Mielke met recently to discuss said project. Adm. Jaunich explained that the costs for said project were discussed, along with the consideration of closing 1st Avenue South. Reetz commented that the scope of the project was not what they thought it was going to be, the streets/intersections will not be getting disturbed much at all, and therefore replacement of the underground utilities may not happen. Adm. Jaunich spoke briefly on “whistle free” zones. Reetz questioned if a public hearing should be held in order to get residents input on possibly closing off 1st Avenue. Mayor Kreft would like to see it stay open. Adm. Jaunich stated that other avenues are still being researched and will report back as information is obtained.

Discussion resumed (from last meeting) on the Peddler Permit Application from Thomas Malchow. Adm. Jaunich reported that Mr. Malchow had provided a copy of his State License and had decided to park his unit on the parking lot at Four Seasons Park/Senior Building area.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the Peddler Permit for Thomas Malchow as presented.

Discussion was held on selling city property, more specifically: 1976 I.H. Dump Truck and paver blocks. Adm. Jaunich stated that the transmission had gone out in the dump truck and it was too old and costly to fix. He commented that the pavers have been sitting for years and have not been needed. It was suggested to have an open advertisement for sale of the pavers and a sealed bid for the truck.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to sell the paver brick by open advertisement and the dump truck by sealed bid.

A memo from Consultant Smith-Strack was reviewed regarding infrastructure improvements for the Safe Routes to School Grant Application. The memo included several suggestions for improvements, including the addition of sidewalks in various areas.

The Council reviewed the annual Cemetery report that Chairperson Bernet Pinske had put together. Vrklan commented that discussions on a columbarium have started again.

The Council reviewed a Dance Permit from the Arlington A's. It was noted that the permit had been dropped off in the afternoon and the dance was planned for the upcoming Saturday. Adm. Jaunich stated that Chief Rovinsky was on vacation and had not had a chance to review the security plan. Wills expressed some concern about the short notice with the permit and that he would like to see 2-3 weeks for review/approval time.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the Dance Permit for the Arlington A's as presented contingent upon the Police Chief/Department's approval of the security plan.

Wills gave an update on the Cable Commission.

Pederson reported that members of the Park Committee had met with a play equipment representative regarding the Sportsman's Park.

Reetz gave a brief update on the Planning Committee.

Adm. Jaunich, Councilmembers Pederson and Pichelmann stated that they will not be at the 2nd meeting in July.

Mayor Kreft recessed the regular meeting to hold a closed meeting at 7:23 pm.

Mayor Kreft opened the closed portion of the meeting. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to develop or consider an offer for the purchase of real property.

Considerable discussion was held on said purchase of real property. EDA Dir. Schultz spoke on the EDA's perspective on the purchase of the property as a whole.

Motion by Vrklan, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to offer the property owner \$5,500 per acre for 60 acres with building site; then in the mean time, negotiate an Agreement with UFC to purchase 12 acres at \$7,500 per acre.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the closed portion of the meeting.

Mayor Kreft adjourned the closed meeting and reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion by Vrklan, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm.

City Administrator Matthew Jaunich

Mayor James R. Kreft