

**REGULAR MEETING  
OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL  
February 24, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oakdale was held on Monday, February 24, 2020, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue, Oakdale, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Reinke at 7 PM.

**CALL OF ROLL**

On a call of roll, the following were present:

Mayor Paul Reinke

Council Members: Jake Ingebrigtsen  
Susan Olson  
Colleen Swedberg  
Kevin Zabel

Absent: None

Also Present: Brian Bachmeier, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
Susan Barry, City Clerk  
Craig Dawson, Interim City Administrator  
Chelsea Petersen, Administrative Services Director  
Sarah Sonsalla, City Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:     Workshop, January 14, 2020  
                                      Regular Meeting, January 28, 2020**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SWEDBERG, TO APPROVE THE WORKSHOP MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2020, AS PRESENTED.**

**5 AYES.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SWEDBERG, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2020, AS PRESENTED.**

**5 AYES.**

**OPEN FORUM**

Mayor Reinke opened the meeting up to the audience; no comments were heard.

**CONSENSUS MOTIONS**

Mayor Reinke asked that item “c” be pulled.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENSUS MOTIONS:**

- a) Waive reading and adopt Resolution 2020-20, Designating Police Officer Phillip Claypool as a regular, full-time employee, effective February 13, 2020.
- b) Approve the lease agreement with Sprint Spectrum LP relating to Water Tower 3, located at 2347 Hallmark Avenue, and authorizing the appropriate City officials to execute said agreement.
- d) Approve the Extension Agreement between and among the members of the Ramsey Washington Suburban Cable Commission and Comcast of Minnesota.
- e) Approve the Pay Equity Compliance Report and authorize staff to submit the report to the Department of Employee Relations.
- f) Waive reading and adopt Resolution 2020-22, Approving Amendment 1 between the Board of Commissioners of the City of Saint Paul and the City of Oakdale relating to Water Main Repair Services.
- g) Approve renewal of liquor licenses, as noted.

5 AYES.

**CONSENSUS ITEM “C” – COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

Mayor Reinke provided an overview of the recommendation made by the Ramsey/Washington Counties Suburban Cable Commission to not renew the franchise agreement with Comcast of Minnesota Inc. He added that the funding matter noted by Comcast’s should not be at issue.

Council Member Ingebrigtsen added that Comcast has been unyielding in the negotiation process.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR REINKE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, TO WAIVE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-21, AFFIRMING RAMSEY/WASHINGTON COUNTIES SUBURBAN CABLE COMMISSION’S PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT THAT THE COMCAST OF MINNESOTA INC. CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT NOT BE RENEWED.**

5 AYES.

**ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

- a) **Parks and Recreation Commission:** Tilsen Park Improvements – Swing Set

Public Works Director/City Engineer Bachmeier provided an overview of a request made by a resident to add a swing set to the existing playground structure at Tilsen Park, located at 35<sup>th</sup> Street and Grovner Road. He commented on the high number of children that live in the area. Public Works Director/City Engineer Bachmeier added that the Parks and Recreation Commission

supported the request and that the \$12,700 project cost could be funded from the “Park Without Borders” in the 2020 Capital Improvements Program. He also added that the set would include two belt swings, an expression swing, and an adaptive swing.

Council Member Swedberg asked about an earlier project estimate of \$15,000.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Bachmeier explained that the higher estimate included the installation of woodchips and a border; however, it was determined that sand in the playground would remain and woodchips added to only the swing set area. He further explained that City crews would install the border.

In response to questions from the City Council on sand versus woodchips, Public Works Director/City Engineer Bachmeier explained that woodchips are ADA compliant and sand is replaced with woodchips at those times when playground equipment is completely replaced.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF A SWING SET AT TILSEN PARK, LOCATED AT 35<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND GROVNER ROAD, USING 2020 CIP PARKS WITHOUT BORDERS FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,700.**

**5 AYES.**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER**

##### **a) Project Updates**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Bachmeier noted that the Public Works Department had begun preparations for spring and that so far, there have been 10 water main repairs.

##### **b) City Vehicles on Trails**

Council Member Zabel inquired about the policy regarding City maintenance vehicles driving on paved trails and potential damage.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Bachmeier explained that vehicles stay off the trails when spring weight restrictions are in place.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

##### **a) City Administrator Search Update**

Interim City Administrator Dawson reviewed the proposed schedule for interviewing finalists and the possibility of needing to arrange for remote participation for the mayor.

City Attorney Sonsalla provided an overview of the provisions in the Open Meeting Law relating to remote participation.

Mayor Reinke noted that staff would work on the technological details.

**b) Announcements**

Interim City Administrator Dawson noted that the March 10 council work session would include the “If I Were Mayor” contest reception at the Discovery Center followed by a discussion of a proposal from Metro-Inet and drinking water supply alternatives relating to the 3M settlement. He also announced that the Pollution Control Agency had scheduled “listening sessions” relating to drinking water issues, and that the hiring process for chief building official was underway and the City Council would be asked to take action to designate Building Inspector Sheryl Mellgren as acting building official.

**COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**

**a) Events and Reminders**

Mayor Reinke announced the following: early voting for the Presidential Primary at City Hall, Free Family Skating Day (March 7, Tartan Arena), Fire and Police Annual Spring Safety Meeting (April 4, North Fire Station), and seeking applicants for the City’s advisory bodies.

**CLAIMS**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 8 TO FEBRUARY 21 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$585,258.33.**

**5 AYES.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SWEDBERG, TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020 MEETING AT 7:26 PM.**

**5 AYES.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Barry, City Clerk