

**REGULAR MEETING  
OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL  
April 26, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oakdale was held on April 26, 2022, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue, Oakdale, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Reinke at 7:01 PM.

**CALL OF ROLL**

On a call of roll, the following were present:

Mayor Paul Reinke

Council Members:     Jake Ingebrigtsen  
                              Colleen Swedberg  
                              Kevin Zabel  
                              Susan Olson

Staff Present:         Christina Volkens, City Administrator  
                              Jim Thomson, City Attorney  
                              Katie Robinson, Deputy City Clerk  
                              Nick Newton, Police Chief  
                              Jim Romanik, Public Works Manager  
                              Andrew Gitzlaff, Community Development Director  
                              Lori Pulkrabek, Communications Manager  
                              Brian Bachmeier, Interim City Engineer

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2022, AS PRESENTED.**

**5 AYES.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SWEDBERG TO APPROVE THE WORKSHOP MINUTES OF APRIL12, 2022, AS PRESENTED.**

**5 AYES.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2022 AS PRESENTED.**

**5 AYES.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Reinke read a Proclamation recognizing April 2022 as Fair Housing Act month.

## **OPEN FORUM**

## **CONSENSUS MOTIONS**

- a) Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into a partnership agreement with the OACC and SPACC to implement the BRE&A program for the City of Oakdale.
- b) Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Oakdale and Washington County relating to the Construction Cost for County State Aid Highway 14 Signal and Trail Project.
- c) Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Oakdale and Toole Design Group to complete the Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update.
- d) It is requested per City Code, Chapter 2, Article IV, Sec.2-36 (c) and per City Personnel Policy PE-031, Section 5.0, that the City Council appoint Nicholas Koren as a Public Works Seasonal Worker with an effective date of May 16, 2022, at a rate of pay equal to \$16.00/hour.
- e) It is requested per City Code, Chapter 2, Article IV, Sec.2-36 (c) and per City Personnel Policy PE-031, Section 5.0, that the City Council appoint Ethan Kalin as a Public Works Seasonal Worker with an effective date to be determined, at a rate of pay equal to \$16.00/hour.
- f) Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into a short-term agreement with Expert T to provide EMS billing services for claims initiated prior to April 1, 2022.
- g) Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into an agreement for 2022 Lawn Care service with Twin Property Maintenance in the amount of \$6,469.98.
- h) Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the attached Subordinate Funding Agreement 3 to the Master Funding Grant Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and the City of Oakdale up to an amount not to exceed \$134,495.
- i) Waive reading and adopt Resolution 2022-xxx, Approving, executing and implementing the 2022-2024 labor agreement, Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Oakdale and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Local 197, for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024.
- j) Approve a temporary variance to Section 19-4(c) of Chapter 19 – Noise to allow Vets for Music to amplify sound in the form of live music on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 between the hours of 12pm and 6pm at a Walton Park on July 9, 2022.

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**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH J**

**5 AYES.**

**ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Economic Development Commission (no meeting)

Environmental Management Commission (met on 4/18, liaison Council Member Zabel)

Council Member Zabel was unable to attend.

Planning Commission (no meeting)

Parks and Recreation Commission (met on 4/19, liaison Council Member Ingebrigtson)

Council Member Ingebrigtson reported there is no new business however, work on the Walton Ballfield lighting is on-going and the skateboard park is planned to be completed before Summerfest.

Tree Board (no meeting)

**CITY ATTORNEY JIM THOMSON**

No report

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Public Works**

Public Works Manager, Jim Romanik brought forth the Resolution for the Emerald Ash Borer Grant Acceptance in the amount of \$100,000 for approval. This is the last piece to complete the approval process for this grant with the RCA was approved by the Council on December 14, 2021 without the Resolution.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SWEDBERG TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-XXX, ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA DNR TO THE CITY OF OAKDALE AND APPROVING THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.**

**5 AYES.**

Community Development – MnDOT Presentation

East Area Manager, Adam Josephson from MnDOT provided a presentation highlighting findings of the I-94 / 494 / 694 Interchange Study. There are two parts to this project, one being the Gold Line (Bielenberg/Helmo and 4th Street Bridges) and the second is the I-94 Pavement plan that will run from Century Avenue to the St. Croix River (approximately 10 miles).

The I-94 project will include a concrete overlay, an Eastbound Auxiliary Lane from the 494/694 interchange to Woodbury Drive (approximately 1.9 miles), noise walls in two locations, storm water ponds, repair/replacement of culverts and other miscellaneous repairs.

Mr. Josephson also gave detail in regards to a Hwy 36 resurfacing project which is scheduled to take place from April – September 2022. There will be weekend directional closures from Little Canada to Stillwater in both directions, but staggered as to keep the flow of traffic going. Although Century Avenue at Highway 36 will remain open there will be four ‘no access’ points onto Highway 36, those points are at Highlands Trail North, Demontreville Trail North, Keats Avenue North and Lake Elmo Avenue / CR 17.

In regard to the Highway 120 project, there is a Planning and Environment Linkages Study Process. MnDOT heard from the public and a few main concerns were; the roadway needs to be safer for people to walk/roll/bike, there is too much congestion related to vehicle volumes, lack of adequate turn lanes, changing of speed limits and cars parked on the road. There will be five main steps to this study process, Reason for the Study (complete), Defining Corridor Problems (complete), Identify Potential Alternative, Evaluate Potential Alternatives and PEL Study Final Report. Currently the next step in the process is Identify Potential Alternatives.

Funding options for these projects include an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Federal Transportation Bill which provides 5 years of appointment for federal FY2022 to federal FY2026, a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program and Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROJECT) Grants.

Along with the listed funding options above there are also MnDOT regular program funding such as pavement preservation, spot safety improvements, HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) and Jurisdictional Transfer.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

No report

#### **COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**

Council Member Zabel reminded everyone Saturday (April 30, 2022) is the City of Oakdale's 46<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day and Keller Williams Realty (Larry Eberhard) is hosting a shred -it event the same day in the City Hall parking lot.

Mayor Reinke stated that signing up for the MnDOT updates is a great way to stay connected to the progress of on-going projects.

**AWARD OF BID**

Brian Bachmeier of Bolton & Meck shared with Council that a total of three bids were collected for City Project R2022-01. Miller Excavating, Inc. came in with the most economical bid at \$3,842,225.33.

The Engineer's estimate for the construction work was \$3,743,040.70.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SWEDBERG TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-XXX AWARDED CITY PROJECT R2022-01 "STREET IMPROVEMENTS" CONTRACT TO MILLER EXCAVATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,842,225.33 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT. 5 AYES**

**CLAIMS**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL REQUESTING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 9, 2022 TO APRIL 22, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,001,280.37. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON.**

**5 AYES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2022 AT 7:24 PM TO GO INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CITY ADMINISTRATOR VOLKERS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION.**

**REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:32PM**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ZABEL, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER INGEBRIGTSON, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2022 AT 8:32PM.**

**5 AYES**

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Robinson  
Deputy City Clerk