



# City Council Meeting

January 22, 2024

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

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## Minutes

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Lund called the City Council Meeting of January 22, 2024, to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Present**

Mayor Scott Lund  
Councilmember Dave Ostwald  
Councilmember Tom Tillberry  
Councilmember Ryan Evanson  
Councilmember Ann Bolcom

### **Others Present**

Walter Wysopal, City Manager  
Scott Hickok, Community Development Director  
Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director

### **Pledge Of Allegiance**

### **Proclamations/Presentations**

### **Approval of Proposed Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Councilmember Bolcom to adopt the proposed Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Tillberry.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval/Receipt of Minutes**

1. Approve the Minutes from the City Council Meeting of January 8, 2024.
2. Receive the Minutes from the City Council Conference Meeting of January 8, 2024.

### **New Business**

3. Resolution No. 2024-08, Approving Amendment to Purchasing Agent Agreement with Bredemus Hardware Co., Inc. for Moore Lake Community Building and Site Improvements Project.

4. Resolution No 2024-09, Approving Change Order No. 1 (Final) for 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trail Project No. ST2022-21.
5. Resolution No. 2024-11, Approving Gifts, Donations and Sponsorships Received Between December 12, 2023 and January 12, 2024.
6. Resolution No. 2024-14, Approving an Agreement Between the City of Fridley and Canvas Health to Create an Embedded Social Worker Program.
7. Resolution No. 2024-15, Appointing Election Judges for the 2024 Election Year.

**Licenses**

8. Resolution No. 2024-13, Approving City Licenses.

**Claims**

9. Resolution No. 2024-12 Approving Claims for the Period Ending January 17, 2024.

**Open Forum, Visitors:** (Consideration of Items not on Agenda – 15 minutes.)

No one from the audience spoke.

**Adoption of Regular Agenda**

Motion made by Councilmember Tillberry to adopt the regular agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

**Regular Agenda****New Business**

10. Ordinance No. 1418, Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 209, Fees, to Update Building and Inspection Fees (First Reading)

Scott Hickok, Community Development Director, presented an amendment to Chapter 209 which will update the electrical inspection fees for the City. He stated that the previous inspector retired in 2022 and a new inspector began to provide services. He reviewed the proposed increases proposed for different inspection services.

Motion made by Councilmember Evanson to approve a first reading of Ordinance No. 1418, Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 209, Fees, to Update Building and Inspection Fees. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkom.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

11. Resolution No. 2024-07, Awarding 2024 Well Rehabilitation Project

Jim Kosluchar, Public Works Director, provided background information noting that bids publicly opened on January 16 with the low bid coming from Bergerson-Caswell, Inc. of Maple Plain in the amount of \$243,130. He stated that the bid was 28 percent above the engineer's estimate and eight percent over budget but noted that the increases were consistent across both bids received for mobilization and steel related components. He stated that staff recommends awarding the project and stated that staff will consider balancing the project budget, noting multiple ways that could be done.

Councilmember Bolkcom referenced the option to delay work on Well 7 and the potential of eliminating that work. She asked if it is anticipated that costs could be higher, or why that well could be considered for elimination from the project.

Mr. Kosluchar commented that the bid is over budget by eight percent, but there may be reductions in the scope of work needed once they review the other two wells. He stated that if Well 7 were not completed in this project, it would be placed in the next cycle in two years. He did not expect that there would be a larger expense in two years if that work were delayed, other than inflation.

Councilmember Bolkcom asked if the inspection could still be completed even if that work could not be done on Well 7.

Mr. Kosluchar commented that would include mobilization and pulling the pump which is about 20 to 30 percent of that cost. He confirmed that if there are no cost savings in the scope of work for the other two wells, they could discuss the potential of using ARPA funds to fully complete the project with Well 7.

Councilmember Evanson asked the value that Wells 2, 4, and 7 provide to the community and why this maintenance is important. Mr. Kosluchar commented that these wells provide one quarter of the water used by the City for drinking water and other usage, noting that Wells 2 and 4 are relied on quite heavily.

Motion made by Councilmember Bolkcom to adopt Resolution No. 2024-07, Awarding the 2024 Well Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Councilmember Ostwald.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

12. Resolution No. 2024-10, Authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for Locke Park Water Treatment Augmentation Design

Mr. Kosluchar provided background information on PFAS, the MPCA grant program, and Well 10 which has been impacted by PFAS and therefore has been removed from service. He stated that in 2022, the City performed a feasibility study for treatment of PFAS at Well 10 with a granular

activated carbon system, which showed that with GAC the PFAS would be reduced beyond measurable limits. He stated that the City has been awarded \$500,000 from the MPCA for this project. This grant would fund planning and design for upgrades, which are currently underfunded. He noted that the City also applied for grant funds through the State of Minnesota, which is currently pending until later in 2024. He recommended approval of the resolution as presented.

Councilmember Tillberry asked why this well had this type of contamination when the other wells did not.

Mr. Kosluchar commented that is unknown. He stated that the contamination is from firefighting foam and therefore could have been due to the previous firefighting training facility, but that is still not known for sure.

Councilmember Evanson asked if there would be an assumption that PFAS could be found in other wells in the future as the source is unknown.

Mr. Kosluchar commented that this contaminate was previously unregulated and testing began around 2008. He stated that testing capabilities continue to increase and PFAS has not been detected in other wells. He noted that Well 11 is the closest to this location but pulls from a different aquifer.

Councilmember Evanson commented that residents can be confident that monitoring and testing continues to occur to ensure safe water, and if this treatment ultimately is provided, this well could come back online.

Mayor Lund asked if there are other City wells that use the same aquifer as Well 10.

Ms. Kosluchar replied that there are not.

Motion made by Councilmember Ostwald to adopt Resolution No. 2024-10, Authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for Locke Park Water Treatment Augmentation Design. Seconded by Councilmember Evanson.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously.

### **Informal Status Reports**

Councilmember Ostwald reported that WinterFest was held the past weekend with great attendance. He stated that early voting has begun for the Presidential primary election and regular voting will take place March 5.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Councilmember Ostwald to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Bolkcom.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Mayor Lund declared the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Melissa Moore  
City Clerk

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Scott J. Lund  
Mayor