

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 20, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER: – Mayor Grote

- A. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Harris, Winge and Benson

Mayor Grote called to order the Regular City Council meeting for July 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Benson, Devries, Harris, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director

3. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens were present to discuss items not on the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the agenda with a correction to remove the closed session for personnel matters. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. SENATOR MICHAEL KREUN INTRODUCTION

Senator Kreun was present to introduce himself to the City Council and provide an overview of the 2023 legislative session.

Councilmember Harris asked about the State's budget surplus and why it is the legislature approved tax increases. Senator Kreun explained that it is a tough question to answer without getting too partisan in his discussion. He would have liked to see more tax relief to the taxpayers, but instead growing the government was the majority. Discussion ensued.

6. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports 7-1 through 7-11, 2023
- B. City Report – June 2023
- C. North Metro TV – June 2023 Update
- D. July 6, 2023 Special Council Workshop Synopsis
- E. Planning & Zoning meeting minutes – July 11, 2023

Councilmember Winge provided an update on the NMTV and Cable Commission.

Councilmember Harris asked Attorney Glaser about the conditions being proposed for a methadone clinic/health care facility being discussed at the Planning Commission. Glaser provided an update on the progress of amending the zoning regulations to provide conditions and restrictions on a potential methadone clinic. Discussion ensued.

2. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – July 6, 2023
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 13742 through 13742
Check #'s 14834 through 14841
VOID # 14834
Check #'s 14842 through 14852
- C. Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances
 - Fund Summary – Budget to Actual

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve 2024 North Metro Telecommunication
Commission Budget

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve 2024 North Metro Telecommunication Commission Budget. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Recommendation to approve Business License Renewals

Councilmember Winge made a motion to approve Business License Renewals. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Devries stated that there was a medical emergency at the Boulevard Bar and Grill, and he had comments made to him about how professional the fire department was and wanted to let the fire chief know that the City Council appreciates his leadership and changes. Discussion ensued.

5. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT

Petracek stated that city hall had a couple of power outages during the day due to the previous night's storm and city hall was shut down a large portion of the day. Discussion ensued.

6. CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Glaser provide an explanation as to the need for the City Council to go into closed session.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to go into closed session at 7:43 p.m. pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss the pending litigation versus the City of Blaine regarding the interconnected water and sewer systems. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- This portion of the meeting is closed pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss the pending litigation versus the City of Blaine regarding the interconnected water and sewer systems.

Councilmember Benson made a motion to reconvene into open session at 8:05 P.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.