

**MINUTES
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2024 – 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 February 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Benson, Devries, Harris, and Winge. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Steve Winter, City Engineer; Matt Rivard, Liquor Store Manager; Gordon Lagerstrand, Assistant Liquor Store Manager candidate.

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 as typewritten. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports – 1-24 through 1-30, 2024
- B. City Report – January 2024
- C. North Metro TV – January 2024 Update

.No discussion on Letters and Communications.

2. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting - February 1, 2024
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 51248 through 51303
Check #'s 15079 through 15090
Check #'s 15094 through 15109
- C. Financial Reports
- Cash Balances
 - Fund Summary – Budget to Actual

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

3. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to approve Resolution NO. 24-06 A Resolution Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement on Griggs Avenue

Steve Winter, City Engineer, provided brief overview of the feasibility report for Griggs Avenue.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 24-06 A Resolution Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement on Griggs Avenue. Councilmember Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Recommendation to approve an Employment Contract with Gordon Lagerstrand – Assistant Liquor Store Manager

Petracek introduced Gordon Lagerstrand to the Council. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Benson made a motion to approve an Employment Contract with Gordon Lagerstrand – Assistant Liquor Store Manager. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- C. Recommendation to approve Minnesota State High School League (MSHCL) Section 4AAA Softball Tournament request for use of Memorial Park for the 2024 playoff dates:

- May 22
- May 23 (May 24 rain back-up date)
- May 28 (May 29 rain back-up date)
- May 30 (May 31 rain back-up date)

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Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. Recommendation to approve Bobcat 18” Planer (asphalt milling attachment) bid of \$18986.04

Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve Bobcat 18” Planer (asphalt milling attachment) bid of \$18,986.04 from Tri-State Bobcat, Inc. Little Canada, Mn. Councilmember Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Devries complimented Public works on their snow plowing. He stated that they were out snowplowing before Circle Pines and Lino Lakes.

Councilmember Benson informed citizens of the February 27th presidential caucus and March 5th primary election.

5. ADMINISTRATOR INPUT

No input from the city administrator.

6. CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Glaser stated he had nothing to report on the Blaine lawsuit, so there was no need to go into closed session. Glaser explained the need to go into closed session for personnel litigation.

Councilmember Benson made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the closed session item to discuss the City of Blaine lawsuit regarding the interconnected water and sewer system. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to go into closed session at 7:10 pm closed pursuant Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b), and is permitted by the attorney-client privilege to discuss the legal aspects surrounding personnel matters under investigation. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Councilmember Benson made a motion to reconvene into open session at 7:15 pm. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Benson made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Councilmember Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.