

**MINUTES
APPEALS HEARING
&
CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
9180 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

APPEALS HEARING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Murphy

A. A.Roll Call - Council Members: Devries, Benson, Mahr, and Hunt

Vice Mayor Benson called to order the Appeals Hearing for February 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Hunt, and Mahr. Excused Absence: Mayor Murphy. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Jim Mork, Police Chief; Mara Smith, Community Service Officer; Edward and Lisa Holland; Candace Meadows; Quad Press.

APPEALS HEARING:

A HEARING TO APPEAL THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS DESIGNATION AS A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOG, by Candace Meadows

Jim Mork, Police Chief, provided an overview of the evidence involved in the designation of Candace Meadow's dog, Diamond, as potentially dangerous that involved a dog bite to Lisa Holland.

Councilmember Hunt asked if there is a fence around their yard. Chief Mork stated that there isn't. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Devries asked the city attorney how long the Dangerous Animal ordinance had been in effect. Attorney Glaser stated several decades. Discussion ensued.

*Edward Holland
9220 N. Hwy Drive, Unit A.
Lexington, MN.*

Mr. Holland approached the Council stating that there is a temporary fence around the yard and stated that her dogs are able to escape through the fence. He added that Meadows had told them it was Diamond was an emotional support animal. Discussion ensued.

*Lisa Holland
9220 N. Hwy Drive, Unit A
Lexington, MN.*

Ms. Holland stated Ms. Meadows had three dogs when they first moved in; two dogs ran away and never came back. She added that she doesn't feel safe in her own home and wants the dog to go away. She said that the dog is going to hurt somebody, again. Discussion ensued.

*Candace Meadows
9220 N. Highway Drive
Lexington, MN.*

Ms. Meadows stated she didn't deny that Ms. Holland was bit by Diamond. She explained that Mr. Holland following Diamond and was kicking her. She stated that her dog didn't bite until she was provoked. Councilmember Hunt asked Ms. Meadows if she keeps her dog fenced or on a leash. Meadows explained that her dogs are kept in an enclosure. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Mahr asked if Meadows had used a training collar on Diamond after she was kicked. Meadows responded by saying she was not anticipating her dog being kicked. Discussion ensued.

Chief Mork stated that he doesn't believe Diamond was provoked. Discussion ensued.

3. ADJOURN APPEALS HEARING

Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the Appeals Hearing at 7:26 p.m. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- 4. CALL TO ORDER:** – Mayor Murphy
A. Roll Call - Council Members: DeVries, Benson, Mahr and Hunt

Vice Mayor Benson called to order the Regular Council meeting for February 6, 2025 at 7:26 p.m. Councilmember's present: Devries, Hunt, and Mahr. Excused Absence: Mayor Murphy. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director; Jim Mork, Police Chief; Mara Smith, Community Service Officer; Edward and Lisa Holland; Candace Meadows; Quad Press.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

*Edward Holland
9220 N. Hwy Drive, Unit A.
Lexington, MN.*

Mr. Holland asked if there were ordinances for someone who is constantly parking on our front lawn. Mr. Holland was informed to contact the police department if people are parking on his front lawn.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

*Councilmember Devries made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten.
Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Airport (Councilmember Devries) – No report given.
- B. Cable Commission (Councilmember Mahr) *Quarterly meetings – No report given*
- C. City Administrator (Bill Petracek) – *Petracek stated we need to have an alternate for the Cable Commission meeting if Councilmember Mahr is unable to make quarterly meetings. Vice Mayor Benson stated he would be willing to accept that role.*

8. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Centennial Lakes Police Department Media Reports 1/8 through 1/28, 2025
- B. City Report – December 2024
- C. North Metro TV – December 2024
- D. Public Notice – Councilmembers Mahr & Hunt Attending
Council Meeting via Zoom – January 16, 2025
- E. Council Workshop Synopsis – December 19, 2024
- F. Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2025

No discussion on Letters and Communications.

9. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. Recommendation to Approve Council Minutes:
Council Meeting – January 16, 2025
- B. Recommendation to Approve Claims and Bills:
Check #'s 52489 through 52535

Check #'s 15564 through 15578

- C. Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances
 - Fund Summary

Councilmember Mahr made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. City Council to Consider the Appeal of the Police Departments Designation as a Potentially Dangerous Animal by Candace Meadows.

Attorney Glaser explained the City Council's options in response to the hearing on Candace Meadows, dog, Diamond. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Hunt made a motion to uphold and affirm the police departments designation of Candace Meadows, dog, Diamond as a potentially dangerous animal. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- B. Second Reading and Recommendation to Approve Ordinance NO. 25-01 An Ordinance for Franchise Extension Agreement – A Five Year Extension to the Current Comcast Cable Franchise

Councilmember Devries made a motion to Approve Ordinance NO. 25-01 An Ordinance for Franchise Extension Agreement – A Five Year Extension to the Current Comcast Cable Franchise. Councilmember Mahr seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- C. Recommendation to Approve Centennial Lakes Little League Association use of Memorial Park Ball Fields beginning April 1st, 2025 through the end of September, 2025.

Councilmember Devries made a motion to Approve Centennial Lakes Little League Association use of Memorial Park Ball Fields beginning April 1st, 2025 through the end of September, 2025. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INPUT

Councilmember Devries thanked Public Works for doing a good job this past snowstorm.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Vice Mayor Benson explained the need 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 Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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 Mahr made a motion to reconvene into open session at 8:29 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Devries made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Councilmember Mahr seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.