

**MINUTES
MINNETONKA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003**

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Karen Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

All joined in the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL.

Assistant City Manager GERALYN BARONE called the roll. Council members Terry Schneider, Al Thomas, Dick Allendorf, Ken Tauer, and Karen Anderson were present. Brad Wiersum and Jan Callison were absent due to illness.

4. REORDERING THE AGENDA.

An addendum was made to item 10G regarding a letter received from a new owner of a WHAHLT home.

Allendorf moved, Tauer seconded a motion to approve the agenda. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

5. MINUTES.

Barone recommended a minor amendment on page 9, second paragraph of the minutes, and Anderson pointed out a missing word on page 11.

Schneider moved, Thomas seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2003 regular council meeting as amended. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

6. SPECIAL MATTERS.

A. Recognition of Park Board Member Diane Hayden.

Thomas read a statement of recognition for Diane Hayden and Mayor Anderson presented a service award to her. Hayden said it had been a pleasure and a privilege to work with city staff.

B. Recognition of Linnea Sodergren and Steve Clinton for their service on the Planning Commission.

The mayor read a statement of recognition for Linnea Sodergren and Steve Clinton and presented their service awards to them.

Sodergren said it was a privilege to work with such a competent staff. She pointed out that much of the commission's work was a result of city council initiatives. She noted the city is a far different place to live in due to the conscientious city council.

Clinton said the dedication of the city council and staff stands out from other cities and is truly remarkable. He also expressed appreciation for working with Sodergren.

Tauer extended a personal thank you to Sodergren. He said as commission chair, Sodergren did a good job of welcoming people. He acknowledged what a tough job it is to run a good meeting.

Schneider noted he served on the planning commission for eight years and chaired it for four. He said it is a tough challenge, especially when dealing with angry citizens. Schneider said he could not recall the council overruling the commission very often in the past seven to eight years because of better communication and a better overall process.

Tauer recognized former city planning director Ann Perry, who was in the audience.

C. Recognition of Officer Troy Denneson, who was awarded honorable mention for Hennepin County Traffic Officer of the Year on February 6, 2003.

Allendorf and Thomas recognized Officer Denneson's honorable mention for Hennepin County Traffic Officer of the Year and the mayor presented him with an award.

Director of Public Safety Joy Rikala expressed appreciation for Officer Denneson's work in the traffic unit. She noted his tenure in the unit would end because he is becoming one of the new canine officers.

Denneson thanked the council for its support of the police department.

Thomas recalled a few years ago when the number one issue of concern for the council was traffic safety, and two traffic officers were hired. He said calls to him on speeding have decreased dramatically, and he saluted Officer Denneson and the police department for their role in this.

7. REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Barone reported that city offices would be closed for the Presidents' Day holiday on Monday, February 17, and there would be no city council meeting that evening. She said the next regular meeting would be February 24. Barone also reminded council about the mayor's State of the City Address on Wednesday, February 12, at 7:30 a.m. She added that attendance at the Kids' Fest event was 850.

Anderson noted that Kids' Fest was a successful mid-winter event, with many families in attendance. She thanked staff for the extra hours worked.

Allendorf reported on the Glen Lake Area planning meeting that took place during the week preceding this evening's meeting.

8. CITIZENS WISHING TO DISCUSS MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

No one wanted to discuss any matters. Anderson welcomed the students in the audience.

9. BIDS AND PURCHASES. None.

10. CONSENT AGENDA (Items Requiring a Majority Vote):

A. Claims for council authorization.

Tauer moved, Allendorf seconded a motion to approve the February 3, 2003 claims list, including checks numbered 172369 through 172643, totaling \$2,555,368.04. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

B. Authorization to enter into an agreement with Hopkins Independent School District # 270 and the cities of Hopkins and Golden Valley for junior and senior high liaison officer services.

Tauer moved, Allendorf seconded a motion to approve the agreement with Hopkins Independent School District #270 and the

cities of Hopkins and Golden Valley for junior and senior high liaison officer services. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

- C. Authorization for the Mayor and City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Minnetonka and Senior Community Services for the provision of a Senior Outreach Program.**

Tauer moved, Allendorf seconded a motion authorizing the mayor and city manager to execute an agreement between the City of Minnetonka and Senior Community Services for the provision of an Outreach program in 2003 for senior adults in the community. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

- D. Authorization for the Mayor and City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Minnetonka and Senior Community Services for the provision of a Senior Services Program.**

Tauer moved, Allendorf seconded a motion authorizing the mayor and city manager to execute an agreement between the City of Minnetonka and Senior Community Services for the provision of a Senior Services Program. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

- E. Consideration of project change orders No. 3 and No. 4 for the city's public works facility.**

Tauer moved, Allendorf seconded a motion approving change orders No. 3 and No. 4 in the amount of \$81,077. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

- F. Resolution authorizing request for 2003 Hennepin County Recycling Grant and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Recycling Grant Agreement with Hennepin County.**

Tauer moved, Allendorf seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2003-009, authorizing the request for the 2003 Hennepin County Recycling Grant and authorizing the city manager to execute the Recycling Grant Agreement with Hennepin County. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

- G. Approve the 2003 grant request from the West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust (WHAHLT).**

Anderson said she had received several phone calls in the past week with questions about WHAHLT. She noted the need to

continue explaining what WHAHLT does and its relationship with the city.

Barone provided background on WHAHLT. Schneider said the genesis of WHAHLT was to provide the affordability of housing in perpetuity. He noted a significant amount of affordable housing was disappearing with appreciating home values. He said WHAHLT, a non-profit organization, owns the land to make the house more affordable.

Anderson inquired about the income qualifications for WHAHLT housing, and Barone provided this information.

Anderson recognized Ann Perry, a WHAHLT board member. Perry expressed appreciation for the city's support of WHAHLT. She noted the organization is expanding beyond Minnetonka's boundaries.

Anderson pointed out that funding for the WHAHLT grant would be from the city's housing account established with excess tax increment financing dollars and not from property tax revenues.

Schneider said the city was instrumental in providing seed money to WHAHLT. He added once the organization was established, the region recognized the need for this type of program. He noted in 2002 WHAHLT received over \$800,000 in grants, some of which specifically provided for extending the program beyond Minnetonka.

Allendorf moved, Tauer seconded a motion to approve a grant of \$200,000 for WHAHLT for 2003. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

11. **Consent Agenda (Items requiring Five Votes).** None.
12. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.** None.
13. **PUBLIC HEARINGS.** None.
14. **OTHER BUSINESS.** None.
15. **APPOINTMENTS.** None.
16. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Thomas moved, Tauer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Geralyn R. Barone
Assistant City Manager