

**City of North Saint Paul
January 16, 2018
Adopted Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kuehn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Furlong
Council Member Petersen
Council Member Walczak
Council Member Sonnek
Mayor Kuehn

Staff: Strategic Operations Director Debra Gustafson, Fire Chief Scott Duddeck, Deputy Clerk Mary Mills.

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Petersen, seconded by Council Member Walczak, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as submitted.

V. PRESENTATIONS

Parks and Recreation Commission recognition of service presentation. Council Member Furlong and Debra Gustafson recognized past members Kelly Unger and Debbie Anderson for their years of service on the Commission. Unger served two years and Anderson served nearly nine years. Both have been invaluable and dedicated to the commission and will be missed.

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Walczak, seconded by Council Member Sonnek, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the consent agenda, Resolution No. 2018-010 consisting of:

- A. January 2, 2018 workshop meeting minutes.
- B. January 2, 2018 regular meeting minutes.
- C. HRA meeting minutes of September 19, 2017.
- D. General accounts payable: \$1,131,920.14.
- E. EDA accounts payable: \$311.00.
- F. HRA accounts payable: \$1,017.80.
- G. Proposal from WSB & Associates, Inc. to provide professional services regarding preparation of a City of North St. Paul ADA Transition Plan.
- H. February 6, 2018 council workshop and meeting start time change. Resolution No. 2018-011.

VII. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

John Schmahl inquired about the number of police calls for service for 2017 as noted on the cable program 'North St. Paul Notes'. The number of calls quoted was 10,000. Staff will verify the amount and respond to Mr. Schmahl. Mr. Schmahl also stated that the alert for the ice rinks being closed was still activated on the website. Staff will remove the alert. Mr. Schmahl suggested that more detailed messages be available on the city automated answering system when a person has to select a department.

Don Bieniek had concerns and provided a location map related to areas of sidewalks that are not maintained by residents and are snow covered and icy. The areas Bieniek noted will be passed on to code enforcement for follow up.

Dave Nelson also had concerns about sidewalks not being shoveled by residents. He wanted residents made aware not to blow snow back into the street. He also noted that sections of the off-ramps to the DNR Gateway Trail near Highway 120 have not been plowed. There is a picnic table on the overlook/observation deck at Southwood Nature Preserve that needs to be moved. This is a liability and safety issue.

Bob Zick questioned the amount the city calculates for late charges on its electric utility bills. He referenced a billing balance of \$.76 (76 cents), calculated out the amount it would total if unpaid for several months and compared this to Xcel Energy's fee structure. Zick commented on the severance of the former city manager, as well as the budgeting of certain positions in the past few years.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no scheduled hearings.

IX. CITY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no items.

X. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTS

XI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Council Member Petersen had the following comments:

- Petersen has been elected as the new president for the Ramsey County League of Local Governments. RCLLG will host the Ramsey County Legislators on February 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. More details will be made available at the next council meeting.
- Ramsey Washington Suburban Cable Commission has requested an extension to the franchise agreement to November 2018 to allow for further negotiations with Comcast.
 - Century College will be utilizing Channel 50 for programming beginning in March.

XII. GENERAL BUSINESS

Council Member Furlong stated that the video from the Economic Development Authority was well received. It will be ready for the website soon.

Mayor Kuehn commented on a voice-mail he received from Republic Services regarding the trash/recycling calendar. Currently it is available on-line only. Staff will follow up to see if they can have the mailing of the calendar/schedule reinstated.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Walczak, Seconded by Council Member Sonnek, with all present voting aye (5-0), Mayor Kuehn adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

/s/ Michael R. Kuehn, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Mary Mills, Deputy Clerk