



# City Council

## Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

1408 Lake Street South  
Forest Lake, MN 55025  
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Karin Derauf, Deputy City Clerk

Monday, April 10, 2023

7:00 PM

City Center - Council Chamber

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### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mara Bain	Mayor	Present	
Sam Husnik	Councilmember	Present	
Hanna Valento	Councilmember	Present	
Leif Erickson	Councilmember	Present	
Blake Roberts	Councilmember	Present	

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Approve the Agenda (Action)

Comments:

**Motion to:** Approve the Agenda with additional discussion for the Transient Boat Dock

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Hanna Valento, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Leif Erickson, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bain, Husnik, Valento, Erickson, Roberts
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

### 5. Open Forum – Citizen Petitions, Requests, and Concerns

*The Open Forum is available for residents to express personal opinions for any item of business.  
Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.*

### 6. Consent Agenda Considerations (Action Items)

Comments:

- a) Approve City Bills
- b) Approve Minutes from March 27, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
- c) FLAAA - LG214 and LG215 Gambling Permits for Stellas on 97
- d) Hosanna Lutheran Church – Outdoor Entertainment Permit
- e) 880 15th Street SW – Site Improvement Agreement



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- f) 19861 Fitzgerald Trail North – Forest Lake Veterinary Hospital – Site Improvement Agreement

**Motion to:** Approve Consent Agenda Items 6. a. through 6. f. with the changes to item 6. f.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sam Husnik, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Hanna Valento, Councilmember
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## 7. Regular Agenda (Action Items)

### a. Lakes Center for Youth and Family Services – Presentation and Funding Request

Comments: Linda Madsen, from Lakes Center for Youth and Family Services, provided a history of the agency and the type of work they do. She highlighted other programs within their organization, including programs for elementary schools, Safety Camp, and counseling services that are provided to youth, couples, and families.

She discussed the agencies various revenue sources and noted they have an need for increased revenue due to salaries and benefit increases, instability of grant funds being issued, and acceptance of all clients who apply (no one is turned away). She indicated she is making a request from the City for 2023 and 2024 funding.

Linda thanked the Council and City for the support that Lakes Center for Youth and Family Services has received to date. Patrick Casey indicated that the total amount they are scheduled to receive for 2023 is \$17,000 which has been provided in the past. Mayor Bain suggested a total of \$25,000 for 2023 and recommended a long-term sustainable increase for subsequent years. Councilmember Husnik expressed support for the valuable programs provided by the Center. Councilmember Valento indicated that she is in support of \$25,000 for this year as well as incremental increases for future years. Councilmember Roberts commented that he would like Chief Peterson to bring information forward during budget discussions regarding the savings to the City by funding the Center’s Diversion Program.

**Motion to:** Approve 2023 Contract with Evaluation of the 2024 Contract



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### b. Police Officer Hiring Recommendation of Tayler Schimmelman

Comments: Chief Peterson commented on the hire recommendation of Tayler Schimmelman for the open position of Police Officer at pay Grade 9, Step 2.

Motion to: Approve Hiring of Taylor Schimmelman for Police Officer at Pay Grade 9, Step 2.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Leif Erickson, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Hanna Valento, Councilmember  
**AYES:** Bain, Husnik, Valento, Erickson, Roberts  
**NAYS:**  
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**ABSENT:**

### c. 2023 Local Street Project Expansion Request

Comments: Public Works Director Adams commented on the potholes created this winter leading to a potential expansion of the 2023 Local Street Projects for Greenway Road. There was further discussion regarding the road conditions.

Motion to: Approve 2023 Local Street Project Expansion Project Request

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
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### **d. Resolution 04-10-23-01 - Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy) Modification of Easement (Bixby/Schilling Park)**

Comments: Community Development Director Wittman commented on a modification of an easement for rerouting facilities used by Xcel Energy.

**Motion to:** Approve Resolution 04-10-23-01 for Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy) Modification of Easement (Bixby/Schilling Park)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mara Bain, Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sam Husnik, Councilmember
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## 8. Discussion

### **a. Downtown Transient Boat Dock Discussion**

Comments: City Administrator Udem presented information on the Lakeside Memorial Park Transient Dock Expansion and an update on the lakeshore Study. He noted that there are approximately twelve (12) spaces available for the transient dock. He also noted that the EDA approved a shoreline study and that Forest Lake Lake Association has committed \$15,000 towards an update to the transient dock.

Assistant City Administrator Udem indicated that Staff has reached out to the DNR to explore possible relocation of the boat launch. He noted that the DNR would like specific locations before they commit to an answer of possible relocation.

Assistant City Administrator Udem noted that the long term plan is to combine with Your Boat Club for the transient docks, however, a temporary solution will provide 22 to 27 transient slips depending on the water level and two different design options.

The next steps are to identify a preferred design option, collect bids for purchase, identify city funding, get the DNR to approve the design, bring the project back to Council for the April 24 Meeting, and finally, the projected installation is scheduled for June. There was discussion regarding the designs and boat parking along the docks.

Jerry Grundtner was available to provide insight on design option two (2) that was designed by the Lake Association.



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Commissioner Roberts commented on the water level and dredging on the north side of the docks. Public Works Director Adams commented that the DNR gave permission to dredge out 100 feet. Commissioner Roberts also commented conversation he has had with residents.

### 9. Staff Updates

Comments: Deputy City Clerk commented on the Council meeting line ups coming in the next two weeks. Assistant City Administrator Udem commented that Council and EDA will have some “homework” to collect feedback for discussions with Ehlers. Community Development Director Wittman commented she participated in set up of the Easter Egg Hunt event over the weekend.

City Administrator Casey indicated there has been no legislative action for the past week due to the holiday. He noted that all projects Forest Lake has requested have been introduced into the House. He also mentioned that evaluations are in process for repair/maintenance of City buildings and commented that the deck at the Senior Center has been closed for use until repairs can be made. He also commented on the upcoming Workshop.

Public Works Director Adams commented on the Compost Site opening next Saturday or Sunday depending on the weather. City Engineer Goodman commented that Washington County will be at the Workshop next Monday.

### 10. Mayor and City Council Updates

Comments: Councilmember Roberts commented that he attended the Airport Commission Meeting last week and would like to have a conversation at the Council level regarding activities at the Airport. Councilmember Valento commented that she attended the Governor’s Workforce Meeting. Councilmember Husnik commented that he also attended the Airport Commission Meeting and noted the snow removal discussion as well as their Open House in August. He also commented that he attended the School Board Meeting. He noted that there was an item that required vote due to a deadline, however, there was not a quorum for vote. Councilmember Erickson commented that he attended the Airport Commission Meeting. He also noted he was a part of the Spring Fling and thanked the City Staff for participating as well.

### 11. Adjourn

Motion to: Adjourn

Comments:



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