

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 27, 2015**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Tonka Bay City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mayor De La Vega, Councilmembers Anderson, Ansari, Clapp and Grothe. Also present were City Administrator Kohlmann and Public Works Superintendent Bowman. City Attorney Penberthy was absent.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Anderson moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda as amended approving:

- A. Regular meeting minutes of January 13, 2015 – page 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> line – change to read: he didn't see the purpose in only approving this portion of the request.
- B. Resolution 2015-03 – Variance, 265 West Point Road
- C. Financial Report
- D. Oaths of Office (added to Consent Agenda)

Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

**5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

- A. Phillip Hofer, Heartbreaker owner – was presented to ask for a credit on his water bill. He explained that the meter has been checked as well as the restrooms. If the water bill still stays high, there are probably leaks that are below the toilet.

Bowman explained there was a toilet in the restroom that was running and it has been corrected.

**6. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- A. Doug Babcock – Present Plaque for Years of Service

De La Vega presented a plaque to Doug Babcock in appreciation for his service and leadership on the LMCD Board as the City's representative.

- B. LMCD Update

Gregg Thomas, LMCD Representative updated the City Council on recent LMCD Board activities in his capacity as the City's newly appointed

representative. He highlighted activities from his two-page written report. Highlights included: reconfiguration of marinas on Lake Minnetonka in a couple locations, concerns about litter around the lake and what can be done, strategic plan strategies, discussed establishing a quiet water area on Lake Minnetonka, and harvesting of milfoil.

De La Vega asked why the acreage increases from year to year for milfoil harvesting. **Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director** explained how acreage amounts are calculated through the use of GPS. He noted last year they started two weeks later because of high water.

Thomas stated he was told when he joined the LMCD Board, he would be filling some big shoes. He hoped he would do as good as a job as the previous representatives.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. **55 West Point Avenue – Continue to February 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Kohlmann stated the Development Review Committee met with the applicant who will be reworking the application. He recommended opening the public hearing and continuing it.

De La Vega opened the public hearing. There were no comments, and the hearing was closed.

**Anderson moved to continue the public hearing to February 10, 2015. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Coyote Update**

Kohlmann stated he was able to speak with the contractor who removes the beavers every year. He noted there is a lot of pros and cons to coyote removal. Shooting is the best method which is prohibited in most cities. Trapping is another option, but they also tend to attract dogs. He asked for Council input and a recommendation.

Clapp asked if it is possible to get a count. Kohlmann stated it is more difficult to do this as they are more transient this time of year.

De La Vega stated he didn't know if there is an answer to this issue and suggested we keep an eye on it.

Council discussed whether it would be worth \$150 to determine the safety and trapping area in order to resolve the issue with the coyote.

**Clapp moved to direct staff to determine the safety and trapping area if we decide to move forward to resolving this issue. Grothe seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

**B. Computer Use Policy**

Kohlmann stated there should be discussion about the policy when Mr. Penberthy is present. He noted he has found out there would be a \$50 charge annually and some IT charges if the City of Tonka Bay e-mail accounts are used on the I-pads. He believed it would be in everyone's best interests to have each Councilmember create their own Tonka Bay-related Gmail account.

De La Vega stated he understood that if there is a data request for a City Council item, personal e-mail accounts may be reviewed. He agreed dedicated accounts would be the preference.

Councilmembers discussed concerns about the open meeting law and e-mail.

**C. Lime Silo Upgrade**

Bowman stated there is \$56,000 budgeted for the upgrade of the lime silo. He reviewed the quote from Badger State Inspection in the amount of \$24,500.00. He noted everyone who provided quotes was asked to inspect the site prior to their submittal.

**Anderson moved to approve the quote from Badger State Inspection in the amount of \$24,500. Grothe seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

**10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**11. REPORTS**

**A. Administrator** – Kohlmann reviewed the unaudited expenditures and revenue report. De La Vega stated it appears the City is in good shape financially.

**B. Anderson - Finance, Fire Lanes and Public Access, Technology** – no report

- C. Ansari – EFD, Sanitation and Recycling, Southshore Community Center – Ansari stated the first EFD meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Grothe – Building Inspection, Municipal Buildings and Grounds, LMCC – no report
- E. Clapp - Parks and Playgrounds, LMCD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks – no report
- F. Attorney's Report – no report
- G. De La Vega - Public Works, SLMPD, Administration – De La Vega stated a Mayors' Forum was held the previous week sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Six Mayors were in attendance. It is now available on the LMCC website for viewing. He stated an Interim Police Chief has been hired who is the retired police chief from Edina. He started on January 26<sup>th</sup>. His name is Michael Siitari.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, it was moved by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Clapp seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

Attest:

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Clerk