

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2017**

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, Grothe, and Jennings. Also present were City Administrator Crawford and City Attorney Biggerstaff.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Anderson moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2017 – Under Special Business, last sentence in second paragraph, change to read: “The smaller turbines could power 80% of the individual home.” Under New Business, Item 9A, second paragraph, amend to read: De La Vega suggested the over-budgeted amount of \$438.24 be negotiated in the trade-in allowance.**

Grothe seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. Justin Viger, 45 Pleasant Avenue – Viger discussed his concerns about the rumor he heard about having a dog park inside the hockey rink at Manitou Park. He stated he did not support the use. He noted he used the hockey rink for soccer practice for little kids. He didn't think there was a need for a dog park. Crawford noted the soccer field has been reserved for soccer games. Viger stated there are issues with the holes in the soccer field that kids are falling in.

De La Vega asked if the damaged area at Manitou Park was repaired. Crawford stated the Chamber did repair the damage the best they could, and the weather has corrected the damage as well according to Public Works.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

On behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Tonka Bay, De La Vega thanked Councilmember Grothe the deepest of gratitude for his years of service to the City. He read a resolution echoing those sentiments and presented him with a framed copy, a recognition plaque, street sign, and beach towel.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Section 1011

Crawford presented amendments to the ordinance following recent discussions. She discussed options the Council could consider.

De La Vega asked for Council input. Jennings asked if someone would still have the option to install wind energy if we did nothing. De La Vega stated they would not although Grothe pointed out there would be height restrictions.

De La Vega didn't know if we necessarily needed an ordinance. He stated Tonka Bay would not be a good geographical location for wind energy. He suggested language which could possibly be included in the ordinance which would discourage the installation. Biggerstaff suggested having a fact sheet which would be readily available.

Biggerstaff discussed permitted uses within a zoning district. Council discussed permitted uses and height requirements.

Jennings discussed the possibility where a resident could prove they have the perfect spot for a wind energy installation. De La Vega stated it would be incumbent upon the City Council to look at the ordinance to determine whether the ordinance could be changed. Crawford stated setbacks would also need to be considered.

Council concurred a paragraph should be added to the ordinance summarizing their discussion and promoting the Xcel Energy Wind Source program.

B. Purchase New Mower

Crawford stated staff was directed to get a quote that would meet our budgeted amount which the supplier has agreed to honor.

Grothe moved to approve the low quote from UFC Farm Supply Waconia in the amount of \$7,689.00 to purchase a new mower. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Reauthorize 4M Fund Membership

Crawford stated the 4M Fund is requesting an updated resolution to reauthorize membership. The 4M Fund is a joint powers agreement for investment opportunities for municipalities.

Anderson moved to adopt Resolution 17-12 reauthorizing membership in the 4M Fund. Grothe seconded the motion. Ayes – Anderson, Ansari, De La Vega, Grothe, and Jennings. Motion carried.

B. Amend City Code, Section 830 – Refuse and Garbage Collection

Crawford stated the Council requested Section 830 be amended to provide more flexibility to the City Council when entering a service contract. She reviewed the proposed change which states bids may be sought prior to considering a contract. Council reviewed the proposed change. De La Vega suggested it be changed to say may or may not.

Anderson moved to approve Ordinance 2017-03. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried. Anderson moved to adopt Resolution 17-13 approving ordinance summary for publication. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes – Anderson, Ansari, De La Vega, Grothe, and Jennings. Motion carried.

10. **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

11. REPORTS

- A. Administrator's Report – Crawford stated there is a SLMPD meeting Wednesday night and an EFD meeting next week. She also reminded them of the upcoming Board of Appeal meeting on the 19th at 6:30 pm.
- B. Jeff Anderson – Finance, Fire Lanes and Public Access, Technology – no report
- C. Elli Ansari – Parks and Playgrounds, LMCD, Sanitation and Recycling, Southshore Community Center – Ansari stated there was a Parks Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 4, which was summarized in the Thursday Message recently. She stated Tonka Bay hats would be available for pre-ordering at Wekota Park.
- D. Jonathan Grothe – Building Inspection, Municipal Buildings and Grounds – Grothe thanked the City Council and city staff and hoped they would continue to move in a positive direction.
- E. Adam Jennings – EFD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks – Jennings stated docks have all been rented out. De La Vega stated there have been problems with people fishing at the docks. Jennings stated he had talked about that with Crawford. De La Vega suggested resurrecting the Dock Committee. Crawford stated a survey could be sent to dock renters. Jennings agreed it would be interesting to get a Dock Committee together and discussed the potential for additional docks and gate locking systems. Crawford stated springs would also need to be installed so the gates would close.
- F. Attorney's Report – Biggerstaff stated he received a call from Sprint today regarding the letter received in February. Sprint countered with an offer of \$65,000. De La Vega stated he would like to see it in writing first before any action is taken.
- G. Gerry De La Vega –SLMPD, Administration, Public Works – De La Vega stated he has an SLMPD meeting on Wednesday. He stated a vacancy on the City Council needs to be filled, and he asked for input on the three applicants. Crawford stated the three applicants are Bill LaBelle, Dennis Richards and Anne Gillum. Jennings stated he knows Anne Gillum. She has a legal background and serves on the local neighborhood council. He stated he also knows Bill LaBelle. De La Vega stated Dennis Richards ran for City Council recently. Bill LaBelle was a councilmember for many years and was the previous mayor. Bill knows the city, where we've been, and where we are going. De La Vega didn't know Anne Gillum, but there is no question she could do the job. Ansari echoed De La Vega's sentiments. Anderson stated he preferred Bill LaBelle. Councilmembers discussed the applicants.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Anderson moved to go into closed session at 8:05 p.m. pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.03 as the discussion constitutes a matter involving: Labor Negotiations. The following persons were in attendance:

- 1. Gerry De La Vega, Mayor**
- 2. Jeff Anderson, Councilmember**
- 3. Elli Ansari, Councilmember**
- 4. Jonathan Grothe, Councilmember**
- 5. Adam Jennings, Councilmember**
- 6. Lindy Crawford, City Administrator**
- 7. Andrew Biggerstaff, City Attorney**

The subject matter of the meeting was: Labor Negotiations. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Anderson moved to adjourn the closed session at 9:00 p.m. Grothe seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Grothe seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Attest:

Clerk