

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 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, Jennings, and LaBelle. Also present were City Administrator Crawford and City Attorney Biggerstaff.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

LaBelle moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2017 – Page 2, end of first paragraph, add “due to a local sponsorship to the end of the sentence.”

Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Michael Voves, 70 Crabapple Lane – Voves discussed his concern about the massive bog which become unhinged from the land mass and has been floating around since May. He stated he obtained a permit from the DNR to remove it, but barge services will not come into the channel. He stated he believed this is more than just the residents’ problem and will continue to cause more problems with access to docks. He proposed this is something the City should take care of.

De La Vega stated there was a bog in the dock area before. Voves stated a small dock company would remove the bog for \$2,000. He stated there is concern about responsibility should the bog break loose again.

Crawford stated the LMCD, LMA, and Hennepin County Sheriff’s Water Patrol will not get involved. The DNR does not issue permits to remove them to the City. De La Vega suggested Voves work with staff and provide the information he has already researched. De La Vega stated it is the City’s responsibility to take care of this. LaBelle agreed.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

B. 2018 EFD Budget

Scott Gerber, EFD Fire Chief reviewed the 2018 EFD budget. He discussed the budgeting process. He stated the proposed 4.4% increase would impact every city differently. He stated staffing is the biggest part of the budget, and he discussed the difficulty with finding volunteer fire fighters.

De La Vega asked for an update on the concrete apron. Gerber stated the apron can be repaired, but the drainage and runoff will be the costly portion of the repair.

Anderson moved to adopt Resolution 17-26 approving the 2018 EFD Budget. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes – Anderson, Ansari, De La Vega, Jennings and LaBelle. Motion carried.

C. 2018 SLMPD Budget

Mike Meehan, SLMPD Police Chief reviewed the 2018 SLMPD Budget which was unanimously approved by the SLMPD Board at its last meeting. A 4.9% increase is proposed. Each City's portion is based on a funding formula which is reset every five years.

Meehan discussed the current body camera pilot project with a purchase planned sometime in 2018. De La Vega stated the Coordinating Committee is still working on the policy for body camera usage.

Jennings asked how many cameras there would be in the field. Meehan replied the plan would be for each officer to be assigned a camera.

Anderson moved to adopt Resolution 17-27 approving the 2018 SLMPD Budget and Debt Service. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes - Anderson, Ansari, De La Vega, Jennings and LaBelle. Motion carried.

A. Senator Dave Osmek

Osmek arrived at 7:25 p.m. He updated the City Council on recent Legislative Committee action relating to biomass mandates. He also discussed the new State Capitol building and his continued work on the Excelsior Commons bonding request.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hiring of Administrative Assistant/ Deputy City Clerk

Crawford stated she and Mayor De La Vega and Councilmember Ansari interviewed replacements for Clare Link. She recommended the City Council approve the employment of Erica Henderson. If approved, Henderson would begin September 11.

LaBelle moved to approve Erica Henderson's employment at the City of Tonka Bay effective September 11, 2017. Anderson seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

11. REPORTS

- A. Administrator's Report – Crawford stated residents Dirk and Wendy McMahon have provided information they will be discussing at the next City Council meeting. She updated the Council on the McMahon's arborvitae fence and their desire to be grandfathered in.
- 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 – no report.
- D. Adam Jennings – EFD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks – Jennings stated the funds from the building bonds will come back to all the cities, and Tonka Bay's share would be about \$9200.
- E. Bill LaBelle – Building Inspection, Municipal Buildings and Grounds – no report.
- F. Attorney's Report – no report.
- G. Gerry De La Vega –SLMPD, Administration, Public Works – no report.

12. CLOSED SESSION

De La Vega announced the closed session. Anderson moved to go into closed session at 7:40 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. Adam Jennings, Councilmember
5. Bill LaBelle, Councilmember
6. Lindy Crawford, City Administrator
7. Andrew Biggerstaff, City Attorney

Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Anderson moved to adjourn the closed session at 8:10 p.m. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Attest:

Clerk