

**MINUTES  
TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 12, 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, LaBelle, and Jennings. Also present were City Administrator Crawford, Public Works Superintendent Bowman 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**

**Anderson moved to approve the following consent agenda items:**

**A. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2017**

**B. Resolution 17-41 - Variance, 230 West Point Dr**

**C. Cancel December 26, 2017 City Council Meeting**

**D. Resolution 17-42 - Approving Polling Place Location**

**Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

**5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**6. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

A. Water Treatment Plant Lime Softening Feed System Improvements  
Crawford discussed the proposal.

Greg Johnson, Water/Wastewater Group Manager from WSB, explained the different softening methods, the condition of the City's lime softening system and improvements to the City's lime softening system.

LaBelle asked what the level of water hardness would be if a resident were to have a home water softener. Johnson replied they would fall between the range of 0-75 mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>.

LaBelle stated that the cost of replacing the system with something similar is more than the cost of replacing it with a modernized hydrated system.

Anderson inquired about the quality of the water if the hydrated system was installed. Johnson replied that there may not be a noticeable difference in the taste but overall quality will be improved.

Crawford stated that \$155,000 was budgeted in 2017 for this project. The 2018 budget may be adjusted; money can be rerouted from the clarifier drive system fund. However, doing this could delay the repair of the clarifier drive system.

Jennings asked what is the cost difference between the existing process and hydrated system. Johnson stated that it is similar on a home by home basis.

De La Vega discussed his opinions regarding the systems.

LaBelle questioned if the system will best position the City for the future. Johnson said yes and gave an example of another city.

Jennings inquired how the lime is placed into the water of the new system. Johnson explained the process.

LaBelle asked what would happen if the old system breaks down prior to it being replaced. Johnson replied the water would be hard and discussed possible solutions.

LaBelle, Crawford and De La Vega discussed funding and the priorities of other water treatment plant projects.

De La Vega stated that because the results of the study are currently unknown, he does not want to make decisions which will have to be reversed or limit future decisions due to this lack of knowledge.

Nick Preisler, City Engineer, commented that the water treatment plant study results will not contradict decisions made now.

Johnson discussed water treatment plant priorities; slaker, controller system and clarifier system. De La Vega asked what is the greatest risk for failing. Johnson replied the slaker has the greatest risk of failing.

De La Vega discussed that the Council is trying to position the City to be better off in the future than they are today.

Johnson stated the water treatment plant study should conclude at the end of February. At that time, a prioritized list of improvements with associated costs will be established.

**Anderson made a motion to accept the proposal to provide design, bidding and construction services for the water treatment plant lime softening feed system improvements from WSB not to exceed \$250,000.00. LaBelle seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

B. 2017 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project

Crawford stated that on December 5, received bids were open and read.

Preisler discussed the history of the proposal, the bids and the recommended bid.

The Council discussed the various bids.

**Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-43 awarding a bid for the 2017 Sanitary sewer lining project. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes – Anderson, Ansari, Jennings, LaBelle, De La Vega. Motion carried.**

C. Water Tower Floatdown Evaluation  
Bowman discussed the floatdown evaluation.

De La Vega and Bowman discussed the addition of chlorine during the evaluation.

Anderson inquired about there being only one bid. Bowman stated that this is based on WSB's recommendations and because the City has used this vendor in the past. Johnson commented that this is the lowest bid he has seen for this type of evaluation.

**Anderson made a motion to approve the floatdown evaluation test from Badger State Inspections in the amount of \$3,600.00. LaBelle seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

## 7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. 2018 Truth-in-Taxation/ Approve 2018 Budget and Levy

Crawford commented on previous budget discussions, changes to the budget and the truth-in taxation hearing.

De La Vega, Crawford, LaBelle and Jennings discussed funds for the slaker replacement.

De La Vega discussed the depreciation of the Water and Sewer funds.

De La Vega opened up the public hearing, hearing no comments, the hearing was closed.

**Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-44 adopting the proposed budget and proposed 2018 tax levy. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes – Anderson, Ansari, Jennings, LaBelle, De La Vega. Motion carried.**

## 8. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Jetter/ Vactor Truck Joint Purchasing Agreement

Crawford stated that the requested changes were made to the agreement, Shorewood and Excelsior City Councils still need to vote on the amended contract and the amount for approval.

Anderson inquired when Shorewood and Excelsior City Councils will be voting on the contract. Crawford answered that the agreement probably will be brought to both City Councils in January.

**Anderson made a motion to approve the Joint Purchase Agreement with the cities of Excelsior and Shorewood for the purchase of a jet/ vac truck from Flexible Pipe Tool Company for the amount not to exceed \$179,000.00. Ansari seconded. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

B. 2018-2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

De La Vega stated there are minor corrections and that Chapter 10 is still missing. He commented that the Council should not approve the Comprehensive Plan without reviewing Chapter 10.

Jennings commented he thought Sambatek indicated Chapter 10 would be included in the current version. Anderson agreed.

Crawford explained that after the Council approves the Comprehensive Plan, it must be reviewed by other agencies and cities.

Crawford remarked that her and Bowman are making minor revisions to the maps.

The Council directed Sambatek to submit Chapter 10 before the January 9, 2018 Council meeting.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approve 2018 Liquor License Renewals

Crawford discussed the 2018 liquor license renewals.

**Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-45 for the approval of 2018 liquor license renewals. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes Anderson, Ansari, Jennings, LaBelle, De La Vega. Motion carried.**

B. Temporary Sign Permit – Sanctuary Salonspa

Crawford discussed the Sanctuary Salonspa temporary sign permit.

**Anderson made a motion to approve the temporary sign permit request for Sanctuary Salonspa. LaBelle seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

C. Set Date for 2018 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting

Crawford stated the recommended date from Hennepin County for the 2018 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting is April 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

**Anderson made a motion to schedule the 2018 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting on April 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Jennings seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

**10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**11. REPORTS**

A. Administrator's Report – Crawford stated the Short-Term Rental Ordinance discussion will be brought back to the Council on January 9 and the Birch Bluff Road/Pleasant Avenue traffic study will be brought back to the Council on January 23.

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 thanked all those who volunteered and helped with the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

- D. Adam Jennings – EFD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks – No report.
- 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. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, it was moved by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 5. Motion carried.**

Attest:

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Clerk