

**APPROVED MINUTES
TONKA BAY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2018**

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 and LaBelle. Also present were City Administrator Tingley, Public Works Superintendent Bowman and City Attorney Biggerstaff.

Members absent: Councilmember Jennings.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Anderson moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Jennings was absent. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Anderson moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2018

Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Jennings was absent. Motion carried.

5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License Application – Country Club Lanes, 5601 Manitou Rd.

Tingley explained the on-sale intoxicating liquor license application from Country Club Lanes and reviewed the liquor license renewal process.

The Council discussed liquor licenses held by various establishments within the City.

John Eiss, Country Club Lanes, 5601 Manitou Road, detailed the reason for the application of an on-sale intoxicating liquor license.

De La Vega and Eiss discussed classes offered regarding the protocol to follow when serving liquor. Eiss indicated that any employee serving liquor would be required to attend the class.

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

Anderson moved to approve the 2018 On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Metro Recreation, Inc. d.b.a. Country Club Lanes. LaBelle seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Jennings was absent. Motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Amend Section 1130 – Nuisances

Tingley discussed the amendments to Ordinance 1130 Nuisances per the Council's suggestions from the August 28, 2018 Council meeting.

De La Vega commented that section 1130.03 Subd. 1 and Subd. 2 both include language of tree limbs. He recommended deleting the tree limb language from Subd. 2. Tingley clarified that Subd.2 should read "All wires that are so close to the surface of a sidewalk or street to constitute a danger to pedestrians or vehicles". De La Vega responded yes.

Anderson moved to approve Ordinance 2018-08 Chapter XI Misdemeanors, Section 1130 Nuisances with the minor alterations. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Jennings was absent. Motion carried.

Anderson moved to approve Resolution 18-29 authorizing summary publication of the ordinance amending Chapter XI Misdemeanors, Section 1130 Nuisances. LaBelle seconded the motion. Ayes – Anderson, Ansari, LaBelle and De La Vega. Jennings was absent. Motion carried.

B. Woodpecker Ridge Road Weight Restriction – Update

Tingley updated the Council of the cost of soil borings and discussed various options for a turnaround and the installations of signs.

Bowman explained turnaround Option B.

LaBelle briefly discussed the history of the weight limit restriction and added that residents on Willow Woods Drive previously allowed trucks to use their driveways as a turnaround.

De La Vega, LaBelle and Anderson discussed turnaround Option A and possible barriers to block the portion of Woodpecker Ridge Road south of the fire lane.

De La Vega stated that he is not in favor of spending approximately \$20,000 to construct a turnaround and explained his reasons. He continued that he is in favor of allowing trucks to drive on Woodpecker Ridge Road to Willow Woods Drive, but not on the portion of Woodpecker Ridge Road past the fire lane.

LaBelle, De La Vega and Anderson discussed the necessity of soil borings.

LaBelle asked Bowman's opinion of moving the weight limit restriction to Willow Woods Drive. Bowman answered that he agreed with De La Vega to move the weight limit restriction past Willow Woods Drive.

LaBelle remarked that potentially the weight limit restriction could be moved, signage may be added and the situation monitored. De La Vega agreed and suggested sign placement locations. Ansari concurred.

De La Vega commented that Willow Woods Drive is a private street; thus, residents living on that street may elect to install and pay for a turnaround.

Tingley stated Resolution 08-27 will be amended and presented to Council at the September 25 meeting. He indicated staff will also gather price quotes for signs.

C. Speed Bumps Example – Pleasant Avenue/Birch Bluff Road

Tingley discussed speed bumps in other cities and the presented speed bump example. He asked Council to discuss possible speed bump configurations. Once a configuration has been determined, a quote could be obtained.

Anderson stated he is in favor of the X-pattern, similar to Minnetonka Beach. LaBelle and De La Vega agreed.

De La Vega remarked that each X-pattern cost is approximately \$450, with an approximate total cost of \$3,600 for eight X-patterns, not including shipping.

De La Vega inquired about the funds for speed bumps. Tingley responded that the previously approved and purchased speed bumps were approximately \$8,800. The City returned the uninstalled speed bumps and was refunded almost the entire amount, less the cost of the installed speed bump.

The Council, Bowman and Tingley discussed the width and height of the speed

bump example versus the installed speed bump.

De La Vega recapped Council's previous discussion of reducing the distance between installed speed bumps.

De La Vega and LaBelle discussed the appearance of the speed bump X-pattern.

David Soltau, 60 Birch Bluff Road, commented on the effectiveness of the installed speed bump on various vehicles, he agreed with LaBelle and De La Vega regarding the appearance of the speed bump X-pattern and suggested placing a set of speed bumps near Crescent Beach and at the Pleasant Avenue/Manitou Road and Birch Bluff Road/Manitou Road intersections.

Kristin Viger, 45 Pleasant Avenue, inquired about the width of Birch Bluff Road and Pleasant Avenue and the amount of speed bumps placed across the road. Bowman responded that the roads vary in width, but average approximately 21 feet. De La Vega responded up to three speed bumps would be placed across the width. Viger asked about a bike lane on either side of the speed bumps. De La Vega stated that approximately a foot of space would be left on either side. Viger commented that speed bumps could be placed only at the intersections of Pleasant Avenue/Manitou Road, Birch Bluff Road/Manitou Road and Pleasant Avenue/Birch Bluff Road.

The Council and Viger discussed the placement of speed bumps.

Ansari stated she was in favor of the X-pattern and placing them at the Pleasant Avenue/Manitou Road and Birch Bluff Road/Manitou Road intersections and one near Crescent beach.

The Council directed staff to create schematic drawings of possible placement options of speed bumps and determine a cost for each option.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2019 Budget and Tax Levy

Tingley described the 2019 budget and tax levy. He also stated that the City Attorney's contract ends December 31, 2018 and explained the impact the increased attorney fees could have on the 2019 budget if renewed. Tingley recommended a date for the Truth in Taxation hearing.

De La Vega and LaBelle both indicated the \$1,500 of attorney fees not paid for by land use application fees may be found elsewhere in the budget.

LaBelle complimented Biggerstaff of the quality of his work for the City of Tonka Bay.

De La Vega and Biggerstaff discussed a multi-year contract. Biggerstaff remarked he typically issues a letter of intent encompassing several years. The Council indicated they would be interested in a letter. Biggerstaff stated he could draft and present a letter of intent to Council.

Anderson moved to adopt Resolution 18-31 adopting the preliminary budget and preliminary tax levy collectible in 2019. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes – Anderson, Ansari, LaBelle and De La Vega. Jennings was absent. Motion carried.

Anderson moved to establish and announce that City Council will hold a meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, December 11th at 7pm at which time the budget and levy will be discussed. The public will be allowed to speak at this meeting before the final budget and levy are adopted. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Jennings absent. Motion carried.

B. Social Media Policy

Tingley detailed the Loss Control Audit meeting he had with a League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust staff member. He explained the proposed social media policy.

De La Vega questioned who would monitor the social media accounts. Tingley answered that it was at Council's discretion to appoint someone.

Anderson moved to adopt the City of Tonka Bay's Social Media Policy. Ansari seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Jennings absent. Motion carried.

10. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

Bill Zulkosky, 10 Willow Woods Drive, commented he appreciated that Council discussed possibly moving the weight limit restriction.

11. REPORTS

A. Administrator's Report – Tingley detailed his meeting with the Minnetonka Baseball Association (MBA) and that MBA would like to install lights at Manitou Park at their own cost. Tingley noted that it would need to be determined how the lights would affect the surrounding neighbors. De La Vega commented that it should be discussed as to who would be responsible for the electricity bill.

Tingley summarized his meeting with Harlan Laymen from MN WI Playground. He discussed the GameTime grant offered through MN WI Playground, that it was for new equipment and that grant applications are due October 31, but it is a first come first serve basis. Tingley and De La Vega discussed the cost of new playground equipment. LaBelle mentioned that he is acquainted with Laymen. Laymen contacted LaBelle and described the GameTime grant. LaBelle stated that if grant money was awarded and it was not the full expected amount, then the grant may be refused. Ansari inquired if any of the equipment from Wekota Park may be installed in Old Orchard park. Bowman said no, it is too old. The Council directed staff to apply for the GameTime grant and any other grant possible.

Tingley recapped his:

- Meeting with DTS regarding getting Wi-Fi to the docks;
- Conversation with the leader of Protect Minnesota organization; and
- Conversations with Three Rivers Park District and Hennepin County about the LRT crossing. Three Rivers Park District believes that the crossing is safe. Tingley asked Council if he should continue pursuing this topic. De La Vega reviewed the history of the LRT crossing and directed staff to continue reaching out to people.

Tingley asked Ansari if she had spoken with Jill Maki regarding the Welcome to Tonka Bay sign at the intersection of Birch Bluff Road and Pleasant Avenue. Ansari indicated she was meeting with Maki the next day.

De La Vega questioned the work at the Wekota Park tennis courts. Tingley explained the work and reminded the Council that it was approved by Council earlier this summer.

- B. Jeff Anderson – Finance, Fire Lanes and Public Access, Technology – No report.
- C. Elli Ansari – Parks and Playgrounds, LMCD, Sanitation and Recycling - No report.
- D. Adam Jennings – EFD, Commercial Marinas, Municipal Docks – Absent.
- 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 8:14 p.m. LaBelle seconded the motion. Ayes 4. Motion carried.



Gerry De La Vega, Mayor

Attest:



John Tingley, City Administrator/City Clerk