COUNCIL MEETING: July 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tim Eiler, Council Thomas Schufman, Terrill Anderson, Carolyn Brooks

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Ebert

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Fisk

OTHERS PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEETING IS VIDEO RECORDED

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

a) Approve June 18, 2025 Public Hearing Code Amendments Minutes
b) Approve June 18, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
c) Proposed 07/10/2025 Council/Consultant/Staff Quarterly Workshop Agenda
d) Parks/Planning Commission/Economic Development Commission 06/24/2025 Draft Minutes: FYI
e) Twin Cities Men's Senior Baseball League Missile Park Field Usage Application as approved by staff: FYI
f) Missile Park June 18, 2025 Ballfield Committee Meeting Minutes: FYI
g) Police Activity Report June 2025: FYI

Motion made by Brooks and seconded by Anderson to approve consent agenda items 'a' through 'g' All aye 4/0; Schufman abstained from items 'a' and 'b' due to absence.

Persons to be Heard

a) Minnetrista Public Safety Department General Discussion including e-bike rules
Meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Pat Cummins. He reported with the hire of Melissa Robbins the department is now fully staffed (15).

Cummins gave report on e-bikes as they have become a concern in many communities including St. Boni and Minnetrista.

An e-bike is defined as an electric-assisted bicycle with 2 or 3 tires, a saddle, and fully operational pedals for human propulsion. There are 3 classes of e-bikes: Class 1 – motor to assist going up to 20 mph while pedaling – no throttle; Class 2 - motor to assist going up to 20 mph, do not have to pedal – has a throttle; Class 3 – motor assist going up to 28 mph while rider pedaling.

E-bikes are legal in MN and can be ridden on the Dakota trail, residential neighborhoods, and major streets. They must follow the same rules as a normal bicycle would. Legally the rider must be at least 15 years old; no driver's license is needed. Anything motorized without pedals is considered off-road highway motorcycle and requires a permit.

To address concerns, issues, or reports, the police attempt to first educate the child and parents of the laws. If this does not work, the child or parent may be ticketed.

Mayor noted that Excelsior confiscates e-bikes of repeat offenders, and the parents must go pick up the bike, so they must then speak to the police. Topic will be placed on 7/10 workshop.

Business Items:

a) Resolution 2025-23; a resolution designating a No Parking During Games area on the north side of Kennedy Memorial Drive in areas adjacent to Townsedge Park:

Motion made by Brooks and seconded by Schufman to designate a No Parking During Games area on the north side of Kennedy Memorial Drive by Townsedge Park, Resolution 2025-23. All aye 4/0

Resolution includes the area starting on the left field fence line, running through 8416 Kennedy Memorial Dr.

b) State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Grant Contract Agreement for Missile Park project:

- Grant application (FYI)

Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Mayor Eiler for approval to accept the grant contract agreement for Missile Park Improvements.

Discussion:
This is a $350,000 matching grant for the playground, concession stand/restrooms, resurfacing the basketball court and a retention pond. It was also suggested that it could be used to fix the drainage issue in the west part of the baseball field. Grant terminates 6/30/2027.

Mayor called for a vote: All aye 4/0

c) Ordinance Amendments as directed at June 18, 2025 Public Hearing:

- June 18 documents (FYI)
- Ordinance Amendment 2025-01, an ordinance amendment to section 157.100 Architectural Standards, 157.102 Accessory and Utility Buildings and 157.003 Definitions:

  Motion made by Schufman and seconded by Brooks for approval of Ordinance Amendment 2025-01, an ordinance amendment to section 157.100 Architectural Standards, 157.102 Accessory and Utility Buildings and 157.003 Definitions. All aye 4/0

  (Ordinance allows Hardie Board, changes classification of a pole building and makes changes to utility buildings by replacing 144 sq ft with 200 sq ft.)
- Ordinance Amendment 2025-01 Publication Summary:

  Motion made by Brooks and seconded by Anderson to approve Ordinance Amendment 2025-01 Publication Summary. All aye 4/0
- 2025 Fee Schedule Amendment #2 Park Dedication Fees and Accessory Structure Zoning Permits:

  Motion made by Brooks and seconded by Anderson to approve 2025 Fee Schedule Amendment #2 Park Dedication Fees and Accessory Structure Zoning Permits. All aye 4/0

  ($1,000 per unit added for equipment fees)

Unfinished/New Business:

a) Workshop Agenda – add to agenda:

- E-bikes
- Glacier Road barrier
- Digital Sign on Highway 7

Adjournment:

Motion made by Schufman and seconded by Brooks to adjourn the meeting. All aye 4/0
7:45 pm

ATTEST:

Brenda Fisk

Brenda Fisk, Adm/Clerk/Treasurer