

City of Becker
City Council Regular Meeting of June 18th, 2019

The Becker City Council met in regular session at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 18th, 2019 at 12060 Sherburne Avenue, Becker. Present: Mayor Tracy Bertram, Council Members Rick Hendrickson, Mike Doering, and Becky Olmscheid. Troy Cox was absent. Guests were in attendance.

1. Mayor Tracy Bertram called the June 18th, 2019 Council Meeting to order at 5:01 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Minutes from the June 4th, 2019 City Council and Executive Session Meetings and the June 10th, 2019 Special City Council Minutes were reviewed. Doering / Hendrickson motioned to approve the minutes. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.
4. Doering / Hendrickson motioned to add State Capital Budget Request (8B) to the agenda for June 18th, 2019. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried. Doering / Hendrickson motioned to approve the revised agenda. All Council members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.
5. During the guests and open forum, Mayor Bertram and Chief Baloun presented an award that the Becker Police Department received. The Becker Police Department along with their law enforcement partners in Sherburne County that included: the Elk River Police Department, Big Lake Police Department, Sherburne County Sheriff's Department, and the MN State Patrol, received the 2018 Commissioner's Award, which was handed out on June 5th by Department of Public Safety Commissioner, John Harrington. The award recognized the department for their work and commitment to the Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) Enforcement Projects for the timeframe of October 2017 through September 2018. The projects that had been conducted included: Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Enforcement, Seat Belt Enforcement and Distracted Driving. In addition to the award, the Becker Police Department was recognized for its enforcement efforts in crosswalk safety, which was likely to become a model for Sherburne County and other areas. Office Chris Lindbloom also received a Leadership Award for his work with the program and for being the coordinator for the Becker Police Department. This was the first time that Sherburne County law enforcement had been recognized for their efforts.

Public Services Director, Phil Knutson, stepped forward to speak. He gave an update on the Legion Monument and wanted to clear up a couple of things going on. The monument was submitted during a time that a policy was being established for accepting donations. When the plans were submitted for the monument, there were no engineering plans with it as is a requirement now with the policy. The City had Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) review the plans at a cost of \$3,200. Since the policy was being created at the time the monument was submitted, the City had offered to pay half the cost (\$1,600) of the engineering

review.

Next, Roger Bigalke stepped forward to speak. He passed around a rendering of what the monument will look like. He said they would like to have a groundbreaking ceremony that the City Council would attend. There was also a plan to have an unveiling ceremony during Freedom Days 2020. The cost of the flags would be about \$116 every 6 months. A flag replacement fund was being created so that City Hall can let the Legion know when the flags need to be replaced and they will order them.

Next, Dennis Rzeszotarski stepped forward to speak. He wanted to clarify that the Legion was not paying the other \$1,600 for the engineering cost, but the Veteran's Memorial Committee is the one paying for it. He stated several contractors were doing their work for free and some were donating items as well (lights, etc.). He asked the Mayor if she could lobby to see if SEH would waive the fee.

Next, Dennis Carlson stepped forward to speak. He felt that to re-engineer the monument plans would be a waste of taxpayer money. He felt that getting another firm to agree to the design specifications and sign off on it and not pay the \$3,200 would be a better option. He asked the Council to approve the monument as presented and get an engineering firm to sign off on it.

Phil Knutson re-addressed the Council to state that there is more to it than just signing off on it. He also reiterated that the City and everyone here wants the monument and is doing everything they can to support it and make sure it lasts a long time. He also agreed to reach out to SEH to see if they would donate all or part of their services.

It was asked if it had to be SEH that does the engineering part and the answer was no. Rodger Bigalke stated he wanted to move forward with getting the project done and not to look for a different engineering firm that would potentially donate their services.

Council Member Hendrickson wanted to clarify a few things: 1) Elected officials cannot solicit funds to an organization; 2) little history something was donated to the City that caused injury to someone and money had to be paid. Due to the liability, the City created a policy and standards for accepting donations.

6. Council reviewed committee meetings.

- EDA met on Monday, June 10th. They gave some updates on the market, timeline for the comprehensive plan, and Northern Metals project.
- Public Works Committee met on Wednesday, June 12th. Still awaiting the 2019 SEH plans and specs for all roads and trail surveys to be completed. They discussed the spur maintenance liability. Because it is planned to have more usage, they will hire a firm to do the maintenance that specializes in that. There was recycling day recap, the shredding was really popular and there were many thanks to Rick Hendrickson for his efforts in addressing the

line. Domestic Headwaters Heating project was updated as well. The company sold the wrong equipment, so they took it all back and didn't charge the City, but now the City is back at square one.

- Personnel Committee met on Friday, June 14th. They discussed updating the cellular phone use policy.
 - Fire Joint Powers Board met on Monday, June 17th. They discussed the 2020 budget.
 - Parks & Rec Committee met on Monday, June 17th. They discussed an issue with the sauna, Freedom Days, the 15-minute hiccup with the parade, clean-up after the parade was great, volunteers were great. They also discussed the possibility of shortening the parade route next year.
7. Community Development Director, Marie Pflipsen, presented Resolution 19-36 for the Initiative Foundation Grant. The Initiative Foundation had a grant opportunity to assist Becker with economic transition efforts; including grant writing, comprehensive plan update, and economic development and policy events. The 2019 budget included funding for the above areas. The Initiative Foundation funding would help bolster and expand the City's opportunities for grants and events. In addition, the funding would help to fund additional economic development goals into the comprehensive plan update process. Hendrickson / Doering motioned to approve Resolution 19-36, a Resolution Authorizing Community Development to Seek Grant Funding from the Initiative Foundation for Economic Transition Efforts. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.
8. Community Development Director, Marie Pflipsen, presented Resolution 19-37 related to the state capital budget request. The State of Minnesota's bonding bill process requires communities to submit bonding requests to Minnesota Management and Budget through the Capital Budget System. City staff proposed to submit a capital budget request of \$22 million of the buildout of infrastructure for the expanded Becker Business Park. The bonding request required the City to pass a resolution in support of the project. Doering / Hendrickson motioned to approve Resolution 19-37, a Resolution Supporting the City of Becker Business Park Expansion Project in 2020. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.
9. Mayor Bertram presented the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:
- Hiring and Termination Reports for Becker Community Center, Police Department, and Pebble Creek Golf Club
 - Resolution 19-35 approving new committee assignments
 - Approval of the 2019 liquor license renewals
 - Declaring property surplus and ordering its disposal (Squad 914)

Hendrickson / Doering motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

10. Hendrickson / Doering motioned to pay the bills including checks 90384 through 90599 and checks 97702 through 97824. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.
11. Mayor Bertram asked if there was anything else for the betterment of Becker with no response.
12. Hendrickson / Doering motioned to adjourn the June 18th, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting at 5:40 pm. All Council Members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.



Susan Nache, Deputy Clerk