

EAST BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 26, 2024

The East Bethel City Council met on February 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the regular City Council meeting at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Lewis Brian Mundle Bob DeRoche
Tim Miller Jim Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Eric Larson, City Attorney
Rodney Sanow, Fire Chief
Aaron Berg, Community Development Director
Mike Jeziorski, Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director

1.0 Call to Order

The February 26, 2024, City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Lewis at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3.0 Adopt Agenda

Mundle stated I'll make a motion to adopt tonight's agenda. DeRoche stated I'll second. Lewis asked any discussion? To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

4.0 Presentations and Public Hearings

4.0 A Anoka County Sheriff's Report

Lieutenant Derek Peters presented the January 2024, Sheriff's Report, stating the Sheriff's Department responded to 363 calls for service including five thefts, 5 assaults, 4 PI accidents, 23 PD accidents, 62 medical, 19 animal complaints, 24 alarms, 6 felony arrests, 2 Gross Misdemeanor arrests, 10 Misdemeanor arrests, 3 DUI arrests, 1 drug arrest, 1 domestic arrests, 2 warrant arrests, 106 traffic stops, and 16 traffic arrests.

Mundle thanked, in light of the events that occurred in Burnsville recently, Lieutenant Peters, his co-workers, and the Fire Department for doing the jobs they did and putting themselves in potentially dangerous situations for everyone else.

DeRoche inquired if that was the reason Lieutenant Peters was wearing a black ribbon. Lieutenant Peters responded that was correct and all staff would be wearing the black ribbons in honor of the officers and paramedic who were killed last week.

DeRoche and Lewis also thanked Lieutenant Peters.

Informational; no action required.

4.0 B Fire Department Monthly Report

Fire Chief Sanow presented the January 2024 report and noted that they responded to 77 calls, of which 59 were medical, 5 crashes, 7 alarms, 1 burning/smoke, 2 other, 1 fire, 2 mutual aid. He stated with the dryer weather, residents should check the DNR website for any burning restrictions.

Mundle thanked the Chief and all of the firefighters for all they did.

Informational; no action required.

4.0 C Public Hearing: On-Site Liquor License for MC's Garage East Bethel

Jeziorski recommended the Council conduct a public hearing regarding On Sale/Sunday Sale Liquor License for Muddy Cow East Bethel, LLC. He indicated this public hearing was properly noticed.

Jeziorski indicated the applicant is the new owner of this building and all application materials, completed background checks, and fees have been submitted. He noted final approval of the license would be contingent upon approval of the State Commissioner of Public Safety.

Lewis opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

There were no comments.

Lewis closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Miller stated I'll make a motion to approve the On Sale/Sunday Liquor License for Muddy Cow East Bethel, LLC, dba: MC's Garage – East Bethel located at 21383 Ulysses Street NE, East Bethel, MN. Smith stated I'll second. Lewis asked any discussion?

DeRoche inquired about the names. Jeziorski responded he did not know the answer to that but he would find out and let the Council know tomorrow.

Mundle asked with this business, would they be taking a different direction than the other Muddy Cows in the area. Berg responded they would have a different theme. Jeziorski indicated it was his understanding it would be the same kind of a restaurant with a different theme.

Berg noted Muddy Cow had submitted a preliminary sign, but it had not been approved yet.

DeRoche asked if the septic system was being worked on. Berg responded no work was being done without a permit. He noted when the transfer of property was completed a compliance inspection would be done in compliance with the City Ordinance and State rules.

To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

5.0 Public Forum

There were no comments.

6.0 Consent Agenda

Item A: Approve Bills

Item B: Approve Meeting Minutes February 12, 2024 City Council Work Meeting

Item C: Resolution 2024-18, Amending Deadline in Resolution 2023-26

~~Item D: Resolution 2024-19, Gambling Permit for Coon Rapids Youth Hockey Assoc.~~

Item E: IUP 2016-16 Renewal

Item F: Resolution 2024-20, Restricting Parking on 209th Avenue & Davenport Street

DeRoche requested to pull Item D.

Mundle stated I'll make a motion to approve Consent Agenda as amended. DeRoche stated I'll second. Lewis asked any discussion? To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

6.0 D Resolution 2024-19, Gambling Permit for Coon Rapids Youth Hockey Association

DeRoche asked if Coon Rapids Youth Hockey Association would receive all of the proceeds. Lewis indicated it was his understanding that St. Francis would receive the proceeds. Mundle stated he also understood that.

DeRoche asked what part of it went to the East Bethel kids. Jeziorski responded all of the entities on a monthly basis supplied the City with ten percent of their net profits which at the end of the year the City has historically used that to fund the law enforcement contract.

Lewis noted right now St. Francis Youth Hockey were the only organized group playing there.

Mundle stated St. Francis Youth Hockey Association was not just St. Francis and it did cover East Bethel as well as a couple of other cities and before any funds were turned over to the City, the funds they received went back to them to benefit their group. The ten percent to the City was applied towards the law enforcement contract, which was decided because there were only a certain number of allowable ways the City could spend those funds. Lewis agreed the funds were restricted.

DeRoche stated he would take this as is and would follow-up on this another time.

DeRoche stated I'll make a motion to approve Item D of the Consent Agenda. Mundle stated I'll second. Lewis asked any discussion? To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

7.0 New Business. Commission, Association, and Task Force Reports

No reports given.

8.0 Department Reports**8.0 A Community Development**

None.

8.0 B Engineer Report

None.

8.0 C City Attorney

Larson stated this was his one-year anniversary serving as the City Attorney and he thanked the Council for the honor and privilege that he has had serving as the City Attorney for the last 12 months and he looked forward to the remainder of 2024. Lewis stated they appreciated his efforts on their behalf. Mundle and Lewis wished him a Happy Anniversary.

8.0 D Finance

Lewis asked how was the audit coming along. Jeziorski responded the audit was complete and now they were waiting for the final reports to be reviewed to be ready at either the last meeting in March or the first meeting in April for the Council to review.

Lewis asked if there were any big surprises. Jeziorski responded there were not and everything finished out the way that was previously discussed.

Lewis stated with Jeziorski in charge, he expected nothing else.

8.0 E Public Works

None.

8.0 F Fire Department

None.

8.0 G City Administrator Report

None.

9.0 – Other Items

9.0 A Staff Report

None.

9.0 B Council Reports

DeRoche asked on the piece of land on Coon Lake beach that was going to be bought, did it ever go through. Berg responded they were still working on it and they were getting close. He noted he had worked on it today with the City Attorney.

9.0 C Other

None.

10.0 Adjourn

DeRoche stated I'll make a motion to adjourn. Mundle stated I'll second. To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Submitted by:

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