

**CITY OF PARK RAPIDS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2018, 6:00 PM  
Park Rapids Public Library-Lower Level  
Park Rapids, Minnesota**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** The March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Regular Meeting of the Park Rapids City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pat Mikesh, and everyone present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Pat Mikesh, Councilmembers Tom Conway, Ryan Leckner, Erika Randall, and Liz Stone. Absent: None. Staff Present: Administrator John McKinney, Police Chief Jeff Appel, Planner Ryan Mathisrud, Treasurer Angela Brumbaugh, Liquor Store Manager Scott Olson, Public Facilities Superintendent Chris Fieldsend, and Clerk Margie Vik. Others Present: Nancy Newman, Paul and Pat Dove, Cynthia Jones, LuAnn Hurd-Lof, and Robin Fish from the Enterprise.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Stone, seconded by Leckner, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**4.1. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes-February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018:** A motion was made by Leckner, seconded by Conway, and unanimously carried to approve the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, City Council Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

**5. FINANCE:**

**5.1. Payables & Prepays:** A motion was made by Randall, seconded by Stone, and unanimously carried to approve the payables in the amount of \$23,923.89, and the prepaids in the amount of \$278,526.11, for a total of \$302,450.00.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA:** A motion was made by Stone, seconded by Randall, and unanimously carried to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 6.1. Resolution #2018-47 Approve the Renewal of an Off-Sale 3.2 Beer License for Orton's Park Rapids-East and Hugo's #11 in the City of Park Rapids.

- 6.2. **Resolution #2018-48 Approve Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for Minnesota Darkhouse and Angling Association-Park Rapids Chapter.**
- 6.3. **Resolution #2018-49 Proclaiming April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as Arbor Day in the City of Park Rapids.**
- 6.4. **Resolution #2018-50 Support of Bonding Money for Parks and Trails by the City of Park Rapids.**
- 6.5. **Approve the Purchase and Installation in the Amount of \$1,310.00 from BYO Recreation for a Raised Sand Table in Lindquist Park.**
- 6.6. **Resolution #2018-51 Authorizing Proper City Officials to Execute the Itasca Mantrap Co-op Electrical Association Trust Operation Round Up Grant Application for the City of Park Rapids.**
- 6.7. **Approve Secondary Employment for Police Officer Austin Rittgers with the Hubbard County Sheriff's Department.**
- 6.8. **Approve Purchase in the Amount of \$1,875.00 from Titan Machinery for a Replacement Clutch for the Wildcat Snow Blower for the Public Works Department.**
- 6.9. **Approve Plumber's Permit to Work in the City of Park Rapids in 2018 for Leading Edge Mechanical Inc.**
- 6.10. **Approve Backhoe Operator's License to Work in the City of Park Rapids in 2018 for Septic Solutions.**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**7. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** There were no comments.

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**8.1. Approval of Sculpture Walk Management Plan:** Mathisrud stated this item is for the approval of the Sculpture Walk Management Plan. Paul Dove, the Chair of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission, stated he and his group have been working on this for quite a while. He will give you an introduction on the plan.

Paul Dove stated the idea of a sculpture walk is not new. It has been a part of a number of city plans, including downtown Bemidji. They said they'd be happy to advise us and that there are artists in Bemidji that would be happy to display their work in Park Rapids. We have good cooperation between us and the Bemidji people.

Dove stated the sculpture walk in a park became an attractive idea for us because it brings to people a visual experience who are not necessarily out looking for them. Like the people riding on the bike trail, the walkers, they are then accidentally encountering art. They don't have to go someplace to seek this out, but they will have the joy and the benefit from having observed and having their sense of sight stimulated, which is something good for the people in Park Rapids. It will also be a draw to Park Rapids for people who know that we have a yearly changing arts program in our park so they'd have another reason to come back to Park Rapids to see how that has changed. We could become a destination place yearly for people to come back and revisit. The document you have contains verification of our work with the Parks and Beautification Board. It illustrates how we would fund it, how we would select art work, what kind of projects would be selected in terms of installation. A lot of the things have already been worked out. This will be our first year so I'm sure that there will be hiccups along the way that we will have to address. I think this document has most of the questions answered. We do have funding. We would still have to go out to businesses and find sponsorships. One business said they'd do it as long as their name would be on it as a sponsor. That's good advertising because people will see that every day.

Mathisrud requested comments or questions. There were none.

**A motion was made by Stone, seconded by Randall, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution #2018-52 Approving the Red Bridge Park Sculpture Walk Management Plan for the City of Park Rapids.**

**9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:** McKinney stated we've had ongoing discussions regarding the status of the armory project. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of March there will be a full agenda, starting with an EDA meeting at 5:00 p.m. You will receive a report from the PRCDC on the status of their development of a budget. At 6:00 p.m. we'll have the regular Council meeting, which has a public hearing on the Highway 71 Project. We aren't holding a hearing on the roundabout. We are holding a hearing for the frontage roads and underground utilities that are required because of that project. The roundabout is a state and county project, not a city project. We will also receive a presentation from TKDA on the airport's long-range plan. I've sent a letter, at your direction, with regard to some legislation Senator Utke has proposed. I've been contacted by a couple of cities who share our view on this matter.

**10. DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:** Scott Olson stated the proposed legislation (to allow an off-sale liquor license within the state mandated buffer zone) hasn't moved past the first committee it was sent to. The list of cities that are opposed to the legislation is growing.

Appel stated last summer I applied for a traffic safety grant through State Farm Insurance. Today I spent time on the phone with their public relations employee and they have awarded the city \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a speed trailer, which is the speed sign used to get people to slow down. The trailer provides functions such as collecting traffic data to let us know if there is actually a speeding problem. There will be more to come at a future meeting when State Farm will formally present a check to the city for

\$15,000.00. Our officer is doing great at the K-9 training. The dog is in week two of his training and he is performing well.

**11. MINUTES/REPORTS/INFORMATION:** There were no comments.

**12. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:** Stone stated I spent the past weekend with members of the Arts and Culture Commission at the arts lab in Alexandria. That was our last weekend. We learned about what art can do for a city.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Stone, seconded by Randall, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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Mayor Pat Mikesch

ATTEST:

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Margie M. Vik  
City Clerk