

**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015 - 8150 BARBARA AVENUE**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL The City Council of Inver Grove Heights met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 2015, in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Tourville called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council members Bartholomew, Hark, Mueller and Piekarski Krech; City Administrator Lynch, City Attorney Kuntz, Community Development Director Link, Public Works Director Thureen, Chief Stanger, Chief Thill, and Deputy Clerk Kennedy

3. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Police Department – 50 Year Commemorative Badge

Chief Stanger stated on December 12, 2015 the City would be celebrating its 50th anniversary. A common custom amongst police departments is to where a custom designed commemorative badge to mark such a milestone. He stated the same badge would be depicted on squad cars along with a banner reading, "Celebrating 50 Years". A committee of current and former officers was established to research the order in which police officers had been hired since the inception of the City in 1965. In 2015 the department was budgeted for 37 full time, sworn officers. The number of officers hired since December 12, 1965 was 84 and would be 86 by the end of the year. The committee also reviewed the design of the badges officers had worn over the course of 50 years. The committee selected a badge from the late 1960's/early 1970's to be recreated and worn by current officers until the anniversary date of December 12th. Following the anniversary date, a new badge would be issued to current officers to mark the start of a new era in the department. He recognized the members of the research committee including Lt. Josh Otis, Sgt. Dennis Haugland, former Chief Bob Carstenbrock, retired Officer Cal Ojenparra, retired Lt. Larry Hensch, and retired Officer Bob Thibodeaux. The commemorative badge committee included Sgt. Haugland, Officer Eric Bohrer, Officer Samantha Sauder, Officer Ben Madsen, and Officer Patrick Sloan. The new badge design committee included Sgt. Kasey Schrandt, Officer Allison Anderson, Officer Miguel Guadalajara, Officer Shane Rambaum, and Officer Justin Parranto. He also acknowledge the individual contributors who donated money to fund the purchase of the new badges, Paul and Suzanne Freeland, Rick and Janine Potter, and the Byer Trust Estate.

The Council thanked the past and present officers who participated in the process.

B. Inver Grove Heights Royalty Program

Carol Swenson, Vice President of Inver Grove Heights Scholarship Program, introduced the 2015 royalty court. She stated the organization started in 2007 to provide leadership opportunities for young women and to offer scholarships to assist them with their continuing education. She recognized the Council, the City staff, school district, and business community for supporting the program and enabling the board to give participants over \$21,000 in scholarships since 2007.

Trish Harwell introduced herself as Miss Inver Grove Heights. She stated she graduated from Moorhead State University with a degree in social work.

Alex Mraz introduced herself as the Inver Grove Heights Princess.

Laura Henninger introduced herself as Junior Miss Inver Grove Heights.

Jenna Roubik introduced herself as Little Miss Inver Grove Heights.

Anesya McElmury introduced herself as the Little Princess.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Tourville removed Item 4G from the Consent Agenda.

Citizen Allan Cederberg requested that Item 4I be removed from the Consent Agenda.

- A.** i) Minutes – January 5, 2015 City Council Work Session
ii) Minutes – January 26, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting

- B. **Resolution No. 15-19** Approving Disbursements for Period Ending February 4, 2015
- C. Final Compensating Change Order No. 2, Final Pay Voucher No. 12, Engineer's Report of Acceptance and **Resolution No. 15-20** Accepting Work for City Project No. 2006-08, Asher Water Tower Replacement
- D. **Resolution No. 15-21** Authorizing Staff to Secure an Appraiser's Benefit Analysis for City Project No. 2015-09D, Broderick Boulevard Reconstruction
- E. Accept Grant Funds in the Amount of \$1,500 from the Minnesota Recreation & Park Foundation's New Initiative Grant for Foot Golf at Inver Wood
- F. **Resolution No. 15-22** Supporting City Funding Sources for \$2,000,000 State Bonding Grant
- H. Approve Architectural Contract for Spa Roof Replacement at the VMCC
- J. Accept Donation to the Inver Grove Heights Fire Department
- K. Approve Membership of the City in the Huston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program
- L. Personnel Actions

Motion by Bartholomew, second by Hark, to approve the Consent Agenda

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- G. Approve Purchase of Golf Course Capital Equipment

Mayor Tourville stated this item was being revised and would be brought back at a future meeting.

No action was taken on this item.

- I. Approve Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License (Church of St. Patrick)

Allan Cederberg, 1162 82nd St. E., referenced the City Code and stated the City was required to hold a public hearing to consider the issuance of liquor licenses. He opined temporary license requests should not be considered on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Kennedy stated the City was not required to hold a public hearing with respect to the issuance of temporary licenses. She explained when the City amended the ordinance related to liquor licenses in early 2014 the requirement of a public hearing for the issuance of temporary licenses was changed because the City was limited by State statute in terms of who could obtain a temporary license, the purpose for which a temporary license could be issued, and the number of days for which the permit could be approved. Current city code regulations simply required that temporary license requests be heard by the Council which was why the item was placed on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Piekarski Krech, second by Mueller, to approve the temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the Church of St. Patrick

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Allan Cederberg, 1162 82nd St. E., opined the City should mandate that 20% of the Blackstone development be affordable housing. He suggested that the City should hire a consultant to deal with the Argenta Trail and Blackstone development issues so the City would not be to blame for what is decided.

Mayor Tourville stated the final decisions had to be made by the City Council.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

7. REGULAR AGENDA:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

A. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS: Consider First Reading of an Ordinance Amending City Code Title 5, Chapter 9 related to Public Nuisances on Property

Mr. Kuntz stated the proposed amendment considered giving the City a broader authority to abate nuisances and would enable the City to act more rapidly in the case of an emergency situation. He noted the proposed ordinance was previously discussed by the Council at the February 2nd work session.

Motion by Mueller, second by Piekarski Krech, to adopt the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending City Code Title 5, Chapter 9 related to Public Nuisances on Property

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

FIRE:

B. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS: Accept Final Fire Station Feasibility and Programming Study

Chief Thill stated in 2014 the City selected Five Bugles Design to complete a fire station feasibility and programming study. She noted the final report was previously presented to the Council at their February 2nd work session.

Councilmember Bartholomew suggested that the final study be posted on the City’s website.

Motion by Bartholomew, second by Piekarski Krech, to accept the Final Fire Station Feasibility and Programming Study

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

C. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS: Authorize City Administrator to begin Land Acquisition Process for New Fire Station

Chief Thill explained the feasibility and programming study evaluated six (6) potential sites and one site was selected as the preferred site. Staff requested that the Council authorize the City Administrator to begin negotiating with the property owner for the potential acquisition of the preferred site.

Mayor Tourville questioned if the City Administrator would come back to the Council for further discussion if an agreement could not be reached with the land owner for the preferred site.

Mr. Lynch replied in the affirmative.

Motion by Piekarski Krech, second by Mueller, to Authorize City Administrator to begin Land Acquisition Process for New Fire Station

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

D. CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS: Authorize Advertisement of Request for Proposal for Architectural Services for Final Design of the Fire Station.

Chief Thill stated the next step in the process would be to advertise a RFP for architectural services for final design of the fire station.

8. MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS:

The Council discussed scheduling of the annual business town hall meeting and commission appreciation dinner.

9. ADJOURN: Motion by Bartholomew, second by Hark, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:40 pm.