Tuesday, April 23, 2019
CITY OF MINNETONKA BEACH
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Immediately Following Local Board of Appeal

Roll Call: Mayor Jaci Lindstrom; Council Members: Tracey Breazeale, Susan Enlow, Steve Howarth, Andrew Myers and. Absent: Treasurer Chris Zinn

Staff Present: City Administrator Susanne Griffin

1. **Mayor Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.**

2. **City Administrator Griffin led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

3. **Approve Agenda for the April 23, 2019 City Council Meeting.**

A motion was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Breazeale to approve the agenda. With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

4. **Old Business**
   4.1. Dock Complaint – City Dock Ordinance Compliance – Recommendations from Dock Committee

Council Member Myers recapped the highlights of the Dock Committee meeting. There was consensus and a motion to recommend approval of both dock permits. There was a second motion to review the ordinance language for dock permit holders at the next Dock Committee meeting.

Howarth would like to suggest they accept the recommendation of the Dock Committee. He was inclined to do so at the last meeting but happy that Docks looked at the issue as well. Myers, Breazeale, and Enlow supported approving the permits.

A motion was made by Council Member Howarth and seconded by Council Member Myers to approve 2019 Dock Permits 13 -1 for Rezabek and 16 – 1 for Frangipane. With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

Howarth discussed Mike Bloom's comments about making the distinction of not confusing permit holders and users of the boat. He agreed with Docks looking at it that way. He then discussed family member usage.

Howarth went on to discuss the practice of looking at ownership of the watercraft, which is not currently required. Myers also thought that insurance proof could be added. Any direction from Council to Docks would be helpful such as Howarth's and Bloom's comments.

Breazeale talked about primary and secondary users and how difficult that would be to enforce. Howarth thinks the ordinance should be written in line with how they want the docks to be used.

Mayor Lindstrom asked the audience if they had any comments. Wayne Ramaker said that the message or point of emphasis he got from the comments at the Dock meeting was the emphasis on family. Jill Bartel agreed with some of Mike Bloom's comments and she agrees with the enforcement issue and how difficult that could be. There really hasn't been problems here, no one is renting out their docks.

Howarth asked if is appropriate to include the intent in the ordinance.

Enlow asked if this can be handled in the permitting process. She wants to add proof of ownership, proof of insurance, and proof of residency on the permit application and then let the ordinance stand as it is.

Myers suggested sending suggestions to Susanne or Lee Goehring for Dock Committee consideration. It will take a couple of meetings and a public hearing.

Tianna Ramaker talked about extended family currently using docks and limiting that to only those residing in the community would be bad for the community.

Myers felt the Dock Committee recognized that historically this is how it has been done. He thinks it will go toward a family atmosphere.

Breazeale discussed definition of family. She liked adding something about intent as well to establish the spirit of the ordinance. She also talked about what she is hearing as a problem with docks is parking.

Nell Mathews said there are people with young children who have nannies and babysitters, and to be careful how the city dictates how folks use their private property.

Wayne Ramaker said the complaint came out of frustration of the long wait list for docks at the swimming beach.

Breazeale asked about pricing dock slips differently based on location and desirability of the slip. Everyone wants the key locations so they could have a premium price. It might encourage someone who isn't using their slip to give it up.

Howarth clarified that the current ordinance governs this years process. He thinks they need to be careful and respectful of communication – anonymous complaints should be evaluated carefully and council should reflect on that in the future before responding.

Nell Mathews expressed confusion about public hearing and public comment. If there are ordinances discussed at future dock meetings and public input is taken, the meeting should be noticed as such. When public hearings are required, they are noticed properly. If the city holds a public hearing on the dock ordinance, it will be noticed appropriately.

5. Adjourn

A motion was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Howarth to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

Mayor Lindstrom reopened the meeting to talk about the last council meeting and how late the meeting went. She asked members to think about how long the meeting went and what they might do to keep the

discussion moving. The right to discussion is their fundamental right as council members. She asked that they prepare for meetings by the reading the packet materials, having prepared comments and questions, and having points of discussion that are relevant and prepared. She said the motions are muddy and they need to be clear and clean without comments in the middle of them. She understands that some are difficult.

Howarth suggested that the last meeting had a couple of difficult items. He anticipates that televising the meetings will help facilitate better meetings. He thanked the Mayor for allowing the discussion at the last meeting. She stated she would be diligent about having good agendas.

Myers stated that they all need to be mindful. Lindstrom gave an example that it is not necessary for liaison reports to go through everything that happened at a meeting when the minutes are in the packet.

Howarth complimented Mayor Lindstrom on getting the LMCD support letter out promptly the day after the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Myers and seconded by Council Member Breazeale to adjourn the meeting. With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE – The following people signed the attendance sheet: Nell Mathews, Tianna Ramaker, Wayne Ramaker, Jill Bartel.

Respectfully submitted,

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Heidi Honey, City Clerk