

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 15, 2024
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Steve King. Council Members Paul Fischer, Laura Helle, Michael Postma, Geoff Baker and Council Member-at-Large Jeff Austin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Jason Baskin, Council Member Joyce Poshusta

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, City Attorney Craig Byram, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Detective Brant Strouf, Public Works Director Steven Lang, Parks and Recreation Director Jason Sehon, Human Resources Director Tricia Wiechmann, and Library Director Julie Clinefelter, Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum, and City Clerk Brianne Wolf

APPEARING IN PERSON: Austin Daily Herald, KAUS Radio, Honorary Council Member Miguel Garate

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Fischer seconded by Council Member-at-Large Austin approving the agenda. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Baker seconded by Council Member Fischer approving Council minutes from April 1, 2024. Carried.

AWARDS AND RECONGNITIONS

Mayor King read the Arbor Day proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Baker seconded by Council Member Fischer approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

Mobile Business: Praeliza Fusion Kitchen, Albert Lea, MN
Mobile Business: Cheverri Delicious Pupusas, Fairbault, MN
Mobile Business: Chencho's Antojitos, Fairbault, MN
Temporary Liquor: Pacelli PTCA – UCSF, May, 4 2024
Temporary Liquor: VFW Post 1216, July 3 & 4, 2024

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Tree Service: Koehler's Yard Service, Inc, Austin, MN
Tobacco (transfer): The Market at Austin, LLC, 301 11th St NE
Tobacco (transfer): Austin Spirits, LLC, 205 11th St NE
Tobacco: One Stop Liquor and Tobacco, 902 12th Street SW

Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Preston Bain to the Parks & Rec Board – term expiring December 31, 2025

Claims:

- a. Pre-list of Bills.
- b. Financial Report.
- c. Credit Card Report.

Event Applications:

YMCA Healthy Kids Day, Color Run on April 20, 2024
Community Disability Connection Day on May 16, 2024
VFW Post 1216 16th Annual Armed Forces Day Car Show on May 18, 2024
Taste of Nations on May 18, 2024
Independence Day Parade on July 4, 2024
Downtown Farmers Market, May 20, 2024 – October 28, 2024
River Rats Car Club on August 16, 2024

Carried.

AWARDING BIDS

Public Works Director Steven Lang relayed information on the 10-Unit T-Hangar construction project at the Austin Municipal Airport. Mr. Lang stated that when they receive federal dollars on a project such as this, they are required to have a DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) goal. The contractors bidding on this project were asked to submit documentation of their good faith efforts to secure DBE subcontractors to meet the 6.4% advertised DBE goal for the project.

Mr. Lang recommends awarding the bid to The Joseph Company as they were the only company that obtained the DBE goal. The bid is in the amount of \$1,873,274.70.

Council Member Baker asked if this is a goal and not a requirement and Mr. Lang stated that this is correct.

Moved by Council Member Fischer seconded by Council Member Helle, adopting a resolution awarding the bid for Airport T-Hangar Project to The Joseph Company. Carried 4-1 (Baker Nay)

Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum relayed information on the 8th Street NE and Institute Lift Station Project. He stated that one bid was rejected due to an incomplete bid. He stated Ulland Brothers was the low bidder. The bid for Ulland Brothers was \$2,464,584.00. Mr. Wenum recommends awarding the bid to Ulland Brothers.

Moved by Council Member Baker seconded by Council Member Postma adopting a resolution awarding the bid for 8th Street and Lift Station Reconstruction Project to Ulland Brothers, Inc. Carried 5-0

Mr. Wenum requested quotes from three contractors for street striping and received only one quote back. This quote was from Sir-Lines-A-Lot. This company has performed work for the City in previous years. The bid came in at \$14,240.90. Mr. Wenum stated this quote is higher than last year but the cost of paint has risen. Mr. Wenum recommends awarding the bid for street striping to Sir-Lines-A-Lot

Moved by Council Member Baker, seconded by Council Member Postma, adopting a resolution awarding the bid for street striping to Sir-Lines-A-Lot. Carried 5-0

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director Jason Sehon spoke about sandblasting the main pool and the repainting it as the current paint is chipping off. He stated it is not in the budget this year to fix the pool. The P&R department has had staff pressure washing the pool trying to get this paint off. The paint that is not coming off and is creating a cut hazard.

Mr. Sehon stated they have been looking for quotes to sand blast the main pool area. He received two quotes for the project that would be able to do the work prior to the pool season. He is recommending to contract with Anderson Sand Blasting. The bid from Anderson Sand Blasting came in at \$44,779.00. Mr. Sehon stated that the P&R crew will order the paint and apply this themselves to save on costs.

He stated the total cost for sandblasting, painting, and labor are estimated to be \$123,001.00. Mr. Sehon is requesting this project be funded with the Building Fund allocations. Mr. Sehon did email the P&R Board to notify them of the situation. Mr. Sehon is looking at a pool assessment for the future to assess the needs at the municipal pool and future costs.

Council Member-at-Large Austin asked about the previous painting company and if we have looked into their warranty. City Attorney Craig Byram stated they are looking at a recourse for the previous contractor. He explained that the previous paint was not blasted off and the new paint did not adhere together. Council Member Fischer stated that staff repaired the pools last year. Mr. Sehon addressed that this was the kiddie pool that they had to fix not the main pool.

Moved by Council Member Baker, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution awarding the bid for Painting at the Municipal Pool to Anderson Sandblasting Carried 5-0

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

City Clerk Brianne Wolf stated the designees of the Data Practices Policy need to be updated. Ms. Wolf has updated the City Clerk and added the City Attorney to this listing and is requesting council approval to make these changes.

Moved by Council Member Baker, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Austin, adopting a resolution approving the updates to the designees of the Data Practices Policy. Carried 5-0

City Clerk Brianne Wolf requested council authorize the transfer of an off-sale liquor license from Star Liquor of Austin, Inc. to Austin Spirits, LLC.

Moved by Council Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Postma, adopting a resolution approving an off-sale liquor license transfer to Austin Spirits, LLC. Carried 5-0

City Clerk Brianne Wolf requested council approve an off-sale liquor license application to Radhe Shyam Corp. dba One Stop Liquor and Tobacco. The City of Austin currently has a limit of 10 off-sale liquor licenses and this establishment would make seven.

Moved by Council Member Postma, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution approving an off-sale liquor license to Radhe Shyam Corp. dba One Stop Liquor and Tobacco. Carried 5-0

City Clerk Brianne Wolf requested council authorize the expansion of the Hy-Vee Inc. liquor license to their patio area east of their building.

Moved by Council Member Postma, seconded by Council Member Fischer, adopting a resolution approving the expansion of the Hy-Vee liquor license. Carried 5-0

Public Works Director Steven Lang proposed that SEH provide the construction administration, inspection, and geotechnical services for the 10-Unit T-Hangar project at the Austin Municipal Airport. Mr. Lang stated that SEH would be working with Braun Intertec on this project. The proposed amount for the consulting services would be \$98,600.

Moved by Council Member Baker, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Austin, adopting a resolution approving the agreement with SEH for consulting on the 10-Unit T-Hangar Project. Carried 5-0

Public Works Director Steven Lang relayed information on the Anderson Farm Lease Agreement. He is recommending extending a 3-year lease agreement with Loucks Farms from 2024-2026 for 32 acres at \$195 per acre.

Moved by Council Member Baker, seconded by Council Member Postma, adopting a resolution approving the Anderson Farm Lease agreement with Loucks Farms. Carried 5-0

City Administrator Craig Clark stated the previous Sicora contract did not include meals, lodging, and travel costs. Mr. Clark is bringing it back for council approval.

