# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Northfield Council April 28, 2014

Pursuant to written notice, the regular meeting of the City of Northfield Council was held on Monday, April 28, 2014, at the Fenley Office Park, 4965 U.S. Highway 42. Council members present: Sharon Berger, Catharine Birch, Steve Levy, Clark Rhea, Tracy Walker and Bill White. City officials present: Mayor Randolph Chappell, Police Chief Richard Frank, Treasurer Charles Veeneman, City Engineer Phil Hasselwander and City Clerk Phyllis Onachilla. Guests present: Phil Moffett and Angela Leet.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Mayor Chappell.

#### **GUESTS:**

Mayor Chappell recognized Mr. Moffett who is running for State Representative from the 32<sup>nd</sup> District and Ms. Leet who is running for a seat on Metro Council District 7. Both Mr. Moffett and Ms Leet gave a brief overview of their qualifications and requested support in the Primary Election on May 20.

#### MINUTES

Minutes of the March 24, 2014, meeting were approved as distributed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Veeneman distributed and reviewed the Balance Sheet and the Budget vs Actual Statement for the General Fund for the period March 1, 2014, through March 31, 2014, the Balance Sheet and the Budget vs Actual Statement for the Road Fund for the period March 1, 2014, through March 31, 2014, the City's List of Investments as of March 31, 2014, and the General Ledger and Check Register from March 1 through March 31, 2014.

### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Mr. Veeneman outlined an investment strategy with a goal of earning additional interest. He recommended the City maintain enough capital to carry it through the current fiscal year and through the first three months of the next fiscal year and invest the remaining funds in longer term CD's which pay higher interest rates. This would require maturities of at least five years. Following discussion, Council approved Mr. Veeneman's recommendations.

### POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Richard Frank briefed the council on recent activities throughout the city. He reported that there was no criminal activity this month and that eight citations were issued.

### CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Hasselwander reported that MAC Construction & Excavating Company, who recently paved Stannye Drive and Baylor Court, has sealed the center line on Newmarket Drive, Northfield Drive, Stannye Drive and Baylor Court. They also repaired a manhole cover on Stannye Drive.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

## MSD/LAND SURVEY

The City has sent a second letter to MSD regarding the possible encroachment of their pumping station onto city-owned lots. To date, there has been no response from MSD.

### **ORDINANCE**

Ordinance 14-0 relating to fixing the compensation of elected officials for the City of Northfield had its second reading. It was moved by Ms. Berger and seconded by Mr. Rhea that this ordinance be adopted. Council members voting in favor of this motion: Berger, Birch, Levy, Rhea, Walker and White. Motion carried.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# NORTHFIELD CODE ENFORCEMENT PROPOSAL

Mayor Chappell presented to Council a proposed Code Enforcement/Nuisance Ordinance. This ordinance would specify various items and actions which are deemed to be a nuisance within the City, and it would give the Northfield Police Department and/or an enforcement committee the authority to address complaints regarding these issues and enforce compliance to this ordinance. Mayor Chappell asked council members to study this proposed Code Enforcement/Nuisance Ordinance and discuss at the May meeting.

### VA HOSPITAL PROJECT

In response to a letter that was sent to all residents of Northfield regarding the VA Hospital Project, Mayor Chappell contacted both Representative John Yarmouth's office and Senator Mitch McConnell's Office and asked about the status of this project. Both offices informed him that the VA Hospital Project has been approved and is proceeding on schedule.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m

### **CHANGE OF MEETING DATE**

Due to Memorial Day, the next regular meeting of the Northfield City Council will be Tuesday, May 27. 2014.

Attest:	Phyllis Onachilla, City Clerk	
Randolph Chappell, Mayor		
City of Northfield		