



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA  
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023  
7 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Dan Louismet called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The City Clerk took attendance for Councilmembers Steve Engstran, Heidi Hughes, Dan Jones and Bill Walsh. Staff in attendance were City Manager Lindy Crawford, City Clerk Caley Longendyke, and City Attorney Troy Gilchrist. Councilmember Edberg joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of the City Council Meeting on May 25, 2023

It was moved by Councilmember **Engstran**, seconded by Councilmember **Jones**, to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Councilmember **Jones**, seconded by Councilmember **Hughes**, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Accept minutes: May Planning Commission
- B. Resolution granting a minor subdivision for 2241 8<sup>th</sup> Street **Res. No. 13203**
- C. Resolution granting a setback variance for 18xx Clarence Street **Res. No. 13204**

It was moved by Councilmember **Engstran**, seconded by Councilmember **Hughes**, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

**5. VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nothing scheduled.

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City Charter

Charter Commission Vice President Marc Aune presented proposed amendments to the City Charter. In Fall 2021, the Charter Commission started preparing revisions needing to be made, including correcting references to elections, removing gender-specific terms and making State Statute references more general to allow room for changes at the state level. Those revisions were presented to Council at the January 25, 2022 regular meeting for a first reading. Additional modifications were recommended by the City Attorney, so the Charter Commission redeveloped its revisions. Aune explained that City staff also requested the Commission to consider amending the

term limit of the city attorneys to multiple years. The Charter Commission reviewed the proposal at a meeting on May 3, 2023 and voted 9-2 to allow the City Council to appoint city attorneys for multiple years, but not to exceed five years. Mayor Louismet asked how the Charter Commission determined a limit of five years. Aune explained that the original proposal was “multiple years” and that it seemed too ambiguous, so Commission members believed five years would be appropriate while still setting a limit. Mayor Louismet noted that the proposal to review the city attorney term limits was initiated by City Manager Crawford and himself. He said it became clear during negotiations with the city attorneys that multi-year agreements would be financial advantageous and more efficient for staff.

The City Council is expected to vote on the ordinance following a second reading scheduled for the June 27 regular meeting. Charter amendments require a 5-0 vote from City Council

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nothing scheduled

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing scheduled

**9. DISCUSSION**

Nothing scheduled

**10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

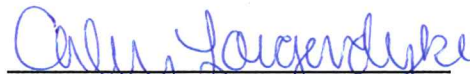
City Manager Crawford shared information about Marketfest, a “Bear Building Community” Exhibit, the Manitou Days Parade, a ribbon cutting for Beecroft Marketing & Events, and Free Bike Rodeo. She shared that she will be attending the League of Minnesota City’s Annual Conference in Duluth along with Councilmember Bill Walsh.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, it was moved by Councilmember **Jones** seconded by Councilmember **Hughes** to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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Dan Louismet, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Caley Longenderdyke, City Clerk