

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 3, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Martin called the regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 3, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Johnson, Quigley, Wickstrom and Withhart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the March 3, 2014 agenda as submitted.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Eagle Scouts

Mayor Martin, on behalf of the City Council and community, recognized Samuel Mastenbrook and Matthew Ray for their achievement in becoming Eagle Scouts.

Samuel Mastenbrook described his project to renovate landscaping around the church that hosts the troop meetings. He supervised 20 other volunteer scouts in replacing materials. The church did not have funds for this work, and he is pleased to be able to have given this service.

Matthew Ray stated that his project was to build three benches around the Tamarack Nature Center outer trail. The DNR approved the design of the benches that are built to last. He supervised the volunteers at all three work sites.

Lego League Teams

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that she has attended the recent Lego League Team competition at the state level. Of the 66 teams competing this year, she was very pleased to see

that 5 were from the Shoreview area. She introduced Mr. Norton Lam, who is one of the coaches for the Pony Tail Posse Team.

Mr. Lam stated that Lego League Team is a program for youth aged 9 to 14. A team is formed and one aspect of the program is to work on a robot and program the robots. A second element of the competition is project related. The project theme this year was on natural disasters. Participants do research on the topic and choose a problem and develop a solution. At the competition, a presentation is given on the problem chosen and the solution.

Another part of the program is about core values in that what is learned is more important than winning. The Mounds View School District was represented this year by 16 teams: 5 from Island Lake, 3 from Turtle Lake and 8 from Chippewa. Five went to the state competition.

Councilmember Wickstrom added that of the 5 teams that went to the state competition, two were in the top two places. One team will go to the national tournament and one will go to the international tournament. **Mr. Lam** stated that the Height Differential came in first and will attend the International Open Competition in Toronto. The Pony Tail Posse Team took second place and will attend the North American Open competition at Legoland in California.

Each team explained their project to the Council. The **Imaginative Orange Pi Guys** did a project based on nature's fury. A wristband was designed to help locate people who are lost or in trouble. This team won the Core Values Award at the regional competition and the Inspiration Award at the state tournament.

The **Masters of Disasters Team** stated that they were able to go to the state tournament. They won a Robot Performance Award, Robot Design Award, and took second place for the Head to Head competition at the regional level. They also won an Innovation and Strategy Award at the state level. Their project was a Smart Wristband for families to reunite after a disaster. The wristband allows the wearer to indicate needing help or the person is okay.

The **Fantastic Five Team** stated that they won the Judges Award at the regional competition. Their project was to get the word out for wearing helmets during tornadoes, which is done often in the South.

The **Pony Tail Posse Team** stated that they worked on the problem of flooding. The team designed an app for disaster assessor workers from the Red Cross who assess damage of property after floods. The app also helps get aid to flood victims faster. They won the Second Champion's Award, the Teamwork Award and the Programming Award at the state competition.

The **Height Differential Team** focused their project on flooding. Their solution is the Ikito Flood Bag that consists of four parts: 1) water bladder, 2) air bladder, 3) plywood board; and 4) a flap. When the water bladder overflows, it presses against the air bladder moving air and making the board become erect. The stronger the force of the water, the stronger the board becomes. Ikito is a marshal arts term that uses the force of the opponent against the opponent. This device uses the force of the flood water against the flood. They won First Place Overall, first place for Robot Performance and first for Robot Head to Head. The team worked with the

chief hydrologist in Fargo, North Dakota to focus on the Red River Valley. The team is excited to have the opportunity to attend the international competition in Toronto and represent the State of Minnesota. The team has applied for a utility patent for their product and have applied for LLC.

Mayor Martin expressed special thanks to coaches and parents who give a lot to support these youth efforts.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Withhart:

With the severe winter, some residents are experiencing frozen water lines. A notice has been sent to residents requesting they take the temperature of cold water. If it is under 40 degrees, allow a faucet to run a small stream to keep lines from freezing. If a line freezes, please call the Public Works Department.

March 15th is the last night that Kozlak's will be open. It is hoped that another location can be found in Shoreview, as Kozlak's has been an excellent business that has supported many community projects over many years.

The Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) will hold a seminar on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, on *We All Live on Waterfront Property*. The program is for everyone to learn about lakes and wetlands.

Councilmember Wickstrom:

The annual tree sale is now available and orders can be made through the City website. This program is being promoted to replace ash trees that have been taken out due to emerald ash borer.

Councilmember Johnson:

March 31, 2014 is the deadline for grant requests to the Shoreview Community Foundation. It is a good opportunity for residents to seek added funding for community projects.

Mayor Martin:

Even after the weather begins to warm, there will still be a problem with freezing lines due to the frost depth. Public Works Director Mark Maloney stated that frost stays in the ground longer than surface melting. Residents are advised to continue to monitor lines and run a small trickle if necessary through March and into April.

Councilmember Quigley noted that a meat thermometer works well to measure the water temperature.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Quigley to adopt the Consent Agenda for March 3, 2014, and all relevant resolutions for item Nos. 1 through 4:

1. February 18, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Receipt of Committee/Commission Minutes
 - Human Rights Commission, January 2, 2014
 - Park and Recreation Commission, January 23, 2014
 - Planning Commission, January 28, 2014
 - Economic Development Authority, February 3, 2014
 - Environmental Quality Committee, February 24, 2014
3. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$675,852.54
4. Purchases

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2014.

Terry Schwerm
City Manager