

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2008

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in special session on February 6, 2008 at 6:07 p.m. in the Medina City Hall. Mayor Crosby presided.

I. Call to Order

Members present: Weir, Crosby, Smith, Johnson (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

Members absent: Cavanaugh

Also present: City Administrator Chad Adams, Police Chief Ed Belland, and Assistant to City Administrator Jodi Wunsch

II. General Administration Report

Adams provided an overview of the 2007 accomplishments and 2008 goals.

- Discussion occurred on the new organics recycling program. The Council requested that the City inform residents in a newsletter that drive-in service is available for not only garbage, but recycling and organics as well.
- The Council discussed the possibility of distributing an annual report to residents or put on the city's website to illustrate all the projects that happened in 2007 in the city.
- Mayor Crosby suggested having a State of the City address in the future.
- Discussion occurred regarding the creation of two precincts; one at city hall and one at the community building.
- The Council directed staff to schedule a half-day training session for city employees. It was suggested to have the city intern answer phones during the training session.
- Discussion occurred whether to allow non-profits to use city hall or the community building. Council directed staff to report back to them on the security issue at city hall and on a policy to administratively approve public purpose uses at the community building without going before the Council for approval.

Mayor Crosby recessed the meeting at 6:55 p.m. until after the regular session of the Council meeting.

Mayor Crosby reconvened the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

III. Other Updates

Adams reported on other general city updates.

- The Council requested that staff look into options to more formally conduct business outreach in Medina, including a business forum or other such meetings.

Consensus was to not create an Economic Development Authority or committee at this time.

- The Council requested staff to research conducting a Farmers Market in Uptown Hamel in 2008 or 2009, with the City participating as a facilitator.
- Council discussed the purpose and value of a community foundation and reached consensus that Medina may not be ready for such a foundation.
- The Council adopted the suggested League of Minnesota Cities policies as 2008 goals.
- The Council reached consensus to not conduct a Citizen's Leadership Academy in 2008, but reconsider for 2009.
- The Council suggested a goal to distribute a community survey every five years.
- Discussion occurred on options for high speed internet in Medina. Council directed staff to inform residents through the email list or a meeting of their options for high speed internet and to clarify the City is not considering to provide the service to residents.

IV. Adjournment

Smith moved, seconded by Weir to adjourn at 10:38 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

T.M. Crosby, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Chad M. Adams, City Administrator-Clerk