

**City of Mantorville
City Council Minutes
June 28, 2021**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bradford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Chuck Bradford
Councilmembers Lyle Hoaglund, Don Hofstad,
Bill Kinney, and Kent Keller

Absent: None

Others Present: City Clerk-Treasurer Shirley Buecksler
Assistant City Clerk Shelly Jensen-Germundson
Public Works Lead Joe Adams
City Attorney Dave Anderson (via Zoom)
Fire Chief JJ Williams
Assistant Fire Chief Steve Fairchild

Guests Present: Former City Clerk-Treasurer Cami Reber

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Council adopted the agenda as presented.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Hofstad and seconded by Councilmember Hoaglund to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as presented:

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021
- B. Warrant List for June 28, 2021 in the Amount of \$19,956.16
- C. Appointment of Councilmember Lyle Hoaglund as Deputy Mayor effective July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
- D. Compensation for Councilmember Don Hofstad in the Amount of \$900.00 for the Period January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021
- E. Resolution No. 2021-12 Approving Execution of Limited Use Permit No. 2007-0018 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

5. Public Concerns

No one addressed the Council.

6. Old/New Business

A. 508 Clay Street, Lot Split – Continued from June 14, 2021

Councilmember Hoaglund recused himself from voting on this item.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hofstad and seconded by Councilmember Kinney to take Resolution Nos. 2021-09 and 2021-10 from the table for discussion.

Vote: 4 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

Attorney Anderson said the deadline is July 20, 2021. If a decision is not made tonight, resolutions of denial will need to be prepared for the July 12, 2021 City Council meeting. Attorney Anderson said he spoke with Kirk Hoaglund's attorney and provided him some background on this item. Nothing has changed and there was no breakthrough discussion. Attorney Anderson advised Council to approve the applications if you think the resolutions are what you want, or Council can choose to deny the applications for variance and lot split.

Mayor Bradford said we do not have to decide tonight. At the July 12, 2021 meeting, Council will need to pass at least one of those.

Councilmember Keller asked what Attorney Anderson's understanding is of the minimum lot size in the commercial district? Attorney Anderson said the lot size in the commercial district is 5,000 square feet but said he would have to confirm that with the zoning ordinance.

Councilmember Keller said splitting the lot wouldn't meet the minimum size. Attorney Anderson said the lot split would be conditioned on the variance.

Mayor Bradford said the resolutions are now off the table for discussion. With Councilmember Hofstad's departure from Council, Mayor Bradford said we need to make a decision tonight.

Councilmember Hofstad said a lot of things have been opened up over the past four meetings. If we approve this one, we may be opening up mother-in-law apartments, or water and sewer items, and may change the structure of the area. There really isn't a good way of doing the split. He said he doesn't know how it could work in the future, if they sell.

Councilmember Keller said if it is split, he understands that Lyle Hoaglund is committed to putting in individual water and sewer connections. Lyle Hoaglund said yes.

Councilmember Keller said it's the above ground stuff that has a guaranteed problem in the future. He asked Lyle Hoaglund if he has any thoughts of withdrawing the variance? Lyle Hoaglund said he is leaning that way. He added that to create a set-up where Kirk Hoaglund cannot get a return on his investment is bothersome. He may need to empty the building and use it as a commercial building again. A commercial property may be needed here, he added.

Councilmember Keller said we are almost interfering by splitting it. We tried to give Lyle Hoaglund time to come up with a better solution. Councilmember Keller asked Lyle Hoaglund if he can say that he can convert it by a certain time and keep it conforming? Lyle Hoaglund said that's fair. Councilmember Keller added that it is not the City's job to solve the problem.

Attorney Anderson said the applications and the solution to make it conforming are not mutually exclusive. If the goal is to act on these applications tonight, if Council's intent is to deny, you should do that tonight with your reasons for denial. These reasons will come back to the next meeting for Council adoption.

Mayor Bradford asked if there is any way of tying a residential and commercial property together? Attorney Anderson said there is a statute that only applies to lakeshore properties. This would not apply here.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hofstad and seconded by Councilmember Keller to deny the lot split, Resolution No. 2021-09, due to size of lots, access, structures, and where it is at in Mantorville.

Vote: 3 ayes / 1 nay – Councilmember Kinney voted against. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hofstad and seconded by Councilmember Keller to deny variances at 508 Clay Street, Resolution No. 2021-10, on the findings that the application does not meet the practical difficulties test, access, it creates a substandard lot and a lot without required setbacks, and the issues due to circumstances created by the co-applicant.

Vote: 3 ayes / 1 nay – Councilmember Kinney voted against. Motion carried.

Lyle Hoaglund said he and Kirk Hoaglund will present a new proposal at the next Council meeting.

B. Request to Increase Purchase Limit for Public Works

Motion was made by Councilmember Keller and seconded by Councilmember Hofstad to approve the purchase limit increase for Public Works Lead Joe Adams from \$250.00 to \$500.00 for purchases made on behalf of the City of Mantorville.

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

C. Estimates for Swale and Rip Rap Work

Motion was made by Councilmember Kinney and seconded by Councilmember Keller to approve the estimates received from S.L. Contracting, Inc. for \$2,500.00 for the drainage swale and \$3,100.00 for concrete and rip rap and to move forward with these projects.

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

7. Reports

A. Public Works Report

- Joe Adams said we need to purchase six more water meters. Some property owners want a second meter for watering their lawn. The cost is \$1,800.00 for six meters. The property owner pays \$300.00 for the second meter.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hofstad and seconded by Councilmember Hoaglund to approve the purchase of six meters for \$1,800.00.

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

- Joe Adams said the dumpsters have been overflowing with garbage. He reached out to Hometown Haulers and the cost is \$50.00 extra per month, through fall only, for an extra pick up each week.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hofstad and seconded by Councilmember Hoaglund to approve two garbage services each week through fall for the additional cost of \$50.00 per month.

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hoaglund thanked Joe Adams for his fine work on the weekend. There was a lot of extra work and anything we asked you to do, you did, and it turned out good. Joe Adams said he had a lot of help from Ryan Jech and Brad Suhr, also. Mayor Bradford said there is a lot of work in maintaining a ball diamond. If you're doing your job right and working hard, no one notices because everything is clean and runs smooth. It's hard to say what a great job that person did, because sometimes we take it for granted. I appreciate your effort and acknowledge the effort it took to get it done.

A. City Clerk Report

- Shirley Buecksler said one application was received as of today for the open Council seat. The deadline to apply is Wednesday. Mayor Bradford recommended pushing it out on social media again.
- Shirley Buecksler said she attended the Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association (MCFOA) Conference in St. Cloud June 15 to 18. It was a great conference with a lot of good training and networking. She said she was one of three to win an all expense paid trip to the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Conference in May of 2022 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Council approval is requested to attend both the March 2022 MCFOA Conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota, and the May 2022 IIMC Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hoaglund and seconded by Councilmember Kinney to approve City Clerk-Treasurer Shirley Buecksler to attend both the MCFOA and IIMC Conferences in 2022.

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

B. Consultant Report

Nothing to report.

C. Committee Reports

1) Fire Department

- Fire Chief Williams thanked Councilmember Hofstad for keeping the Council up to date on things happening in the Fire Department. Thank you for filling this position and for looking out for the Fire Department and our town.
- Fire Chief Williams respectfully requested Council's approval to close 5th Street for the Marigold Days dance on September 11, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hofstad and seconded by Councilmember Keller to allow 5th Street to be closed for the dance on September 11, 2021 during Marigold Days.

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

- 2) Chamber – Councilmember Hoaglund said we had a very good weekend. The Fiddle Contest had a good turnout and there was a good crowd both days for all events. Stage Coach Days was a success.
- 3) Economic Development Authority – no report
- 4) Finance/Budget – no report
- 5) Infrastructure – no report
- 6) Kasson Mantorville Joint Powers – no report
- 7) Mantorville Restoration Association – no report
- 8) Park and Recreation Board – no report
- 9) Personnel – no report
- 10) Relief – no report
- 11) Township – no report

D. Councilmember Reports

None.

E. Mayor's Report

Mayor Bradford reminded everyone to have a safe and happy 4th of July. Remember to be responsible and, if you need to, stay where you are or ask a friend for a ride if you need one. Keep safety in the back of your mind when you celebrate.

Mayor Bradford said we celebrated Stage Coach Days this past weekend. Two television stations came out and carried the event. Both did a very good job with the coverage and brought more attention and publicity to Mantorville. Both stations also mentioned upcoming events.

Mayor Bradford presented a plaque from the Council and a Mayor's Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing Councilmember Don Hofstad for his service on the City Council and to his community over the past six and a half years.

Message from Councilmember Hofstad:

In 2002, a young family moved to Mantorville. With it, they wanted to have a new beginning. To be involved in the community that they could give to and be proud of. And I think that has happened more than once in my family's life.

2020 has been a tough year for people. We had COVID, and it changed the lives of many people. It also changed my family's life. I never talk about it publicly. Some people do, most did. The young family that came in 2002 was a little bit changed with the divorce. During that time, and many months since then, I took the time to reflect on who I am as a person, but mostly who I am as a single father. The one role that I will take wholeheartedly and seriously my entire life will not be that of a Firefighter, a City Councilman, but will be that of a Dad. The pride that I have in my three children – I hope I have set an example for them to give back to your community. I have asked them not to take themselves very seriously, but to have pride in yourself and those around you. Always listen, always care. In this time that I have been here, I have met amazing people in the city. I am still going to be here, but I want to thank everyone who, in the two elections, nominated me, and it was quite overwhelming when I got the most votes. I never thought that would ever happen to a guy like me. The City Staff, you people keep this community running. Sometimes there is too much snow near a mailbox, sometimes there's not enough. Sometimes you don't answer the phone as professional for somebody but, you know what, you are the representatives of this town. To the past people who have worked here, Matt Brekke, Adam, Cami, the people in this room, you kept this City to where it is today. To the past Council, Henry Blair, Sherry Ross, Will Lampert, Ryan Christensen, Jim Maxson, two people who died during their term – Don Swanson and, most recently, a man who was a very close friend of mine, Mr. Luke Nash. We had an amazing tenure. We did things for this community that I was so proud of and was proud of working with them side by side. And with that, I want to thank everyone on this current Council. Chuck, Bill, Kent, Lyle, thank you. Continue to serve this community with pride like a "Mantorvillian" should. I am still going to be around and a member of the Fire Department and a member of this community supporting this town. And, every once in a while, I may bring ice cream to the girls and stop up and give some homemade chili to the guys at the shop. I'll still be here. And I just want to say thank you for allowing me to have this opportunity. Who knows, maybe in a few years, I might come back. Right now, I need to be focused on me, my business, and my children. Thank you very much, I appreciate you all.

Councilmember Keller asked Councilmember Hofstad if he would consider assisting us with long range planning, given his passion for the community. Councilmember Hofstad said he would be very happy to give it some consideration.

Councilmember Kinney thanked Councilmember Hofstad as a member of this Council and as a community member for his years of service to this Council and to the Fire Department. Having people like you in our community is part of what makes it special. I wish you the best and hope you will continue to give input in whatever way you see fit because we value your opinion and value what you have brought to this body. Best wishes.

Councilmember Hoaglund said it has been a pleasure working with you, even though it was only six months. I have learned as much as I could from you in the past six months. You and I go back, a few years, when we both lived in Pine Island, and I could tell some stories from when you were a kid, but I won't. The Mayor has asked me to be Deputy Mayor and I have some big shoes to fill. Good luck.

Shirley Buecksler said you were a part of the interview panel for my position. It was because of you that I knew Mantorville would be a good place with good people like you.

Joe Adams said thank you for always being there for any question and always answering the phone, even for the little things. I have gained a friend. Thank you for everything.

Cami Reber said thank you for everything, for always listening to all sides and giving advice. You have always been a great friend to all of us. I wish you a lot of luck. I know you will do good in everything you do.

Shelly Jensen-Germundson said she already told Councilmember Hofstad that he needs to keep the ice cream coming.

Mayor Bradford invited everyone to join us in the Fire Department for a celebration of Councilmember and Firefighter Hofstad's service to our community.

8. Tabled Items

- a) Resolution No. 2021-09 Approving a Lot Split for Certain Real Property Located in Mantorville, Dodge County, Minnesota – removed from the table for discussion
- b) Resolution No. 2021-10 Granting Variances for Certain Real Property Located at 508 Clay Street – removed from the table for discussion

9. Executive Session

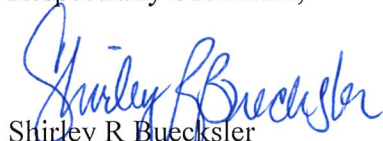
There was no Executive Session.

10. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Hofstad and seconded by Councilmember Keller to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shirley R Buecksler
City Clerk-Treasurer