

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of the
City of Northfield Council
September 26, 2016**

Pursuant to written notice, the regular meeting of the City of Northfield Council was held on Monday, September 23, 2016, 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.

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the August 22, 2016, meeting were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Council members reviewed the Budget vs Actual Statement for the General Fund for the two-month period ending August 31, 2016, the Balance Sheet and the City's List of Investments for the General Fund as of August 31, 2016, the Budget vs Actual Statement for the Road Fund for the two-month period ending August 31, 2016, the Balance Sheet and List of Investments for the Road Fund as of August 31, 2016, the General Ledger and the Check Register from August 1 through August 31, 2016.

CLERK'S REPORT

Nikki Hamilton, 2401 Stannye Court, is a new resident in Northfield.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Richard Frank briefed council members on recent activities throughout the city and reported that there were three citations issued this month.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Hasselwander advised council members that crack sealing on some city streets will be done within the next two months.

OLD BUSINESS

NORTHFIELD TREE PROGRAM

Mr. Walker, who agreed to chair a Northfield Tree Program, presented an overview of St. Regis Park's Tree Program and informed council members that, with a similar program, Northfield could offer the following services/ incentives to its residents:

1. Provide an arborist to consult with homeowners when planting new or maintaining existing trees.
2. Provide an arborist-approved tree to homeowners who agree to pay for the cost of planting and to assume responsibility for future maintenance.
3. Subsidize homeowners for the cost of arborist-approved tree maintenance.

All of these services/incentives would have a dollar limit.

While there were concerns regarding this proposed program, council members encouraged Mr. Walker to pursue this and to look into the cost and legality of implementation. Mr. Walker agreed to present additional information at the October meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Northfield City Council will be held on Monday, October 24, 2016.

Phyllis Onachilla, City Clerk

Randolph Chappell, Mayor
City of Northfield