

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of the
City of Northfield Council
November 28, 2016**

Pursuant to written notice, the regular meeting of the City of Northfield Council was held on Monday, November 28, 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 and City Clerk Phyllis Onachilla. Also present: Alan Birch, Kirk Hilbrecht, Mayor of Crossgate, Randy Strobo and Clay Barkley with Strobo Barkley PLLC, Irene and Mike Yeager, residents of Crossgate, and several Northfield residents.

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

PROPOSED LOUISVILLE VA MEDICAL CENTER

Northfield resident Michael Wise opened the discussion of the proposed Louisville VA Medical Center and related Environmental Impact Statement by requesting that Northfield participate with Crossgate in funding a legal challenge to this project. Crossgate has retained the legal services of Strobo Barkley PLLC, an environmental law firm, to review the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed VA Hospital project and to submit comments on behalf of the City of Crossgate. With additional support and funding, Strobo Barkley PLLC will also represent other small cities in the area.

Mr. Hilbrecht, Mayor of Crossgate, along with Mr. Strobo and Mr. Barkley, presented an overview of the current status of this project and the steps that are being taken to address the concerns of area residents. All Northfield residents who attended this meeting were invited to speak, and they urged the Northfield City Council to oppose this project and to share in the legal expenses.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Levy and seconded by Mr. Rhea that the City of Northfield join with Crossgate and contribute \$5,000 to retain the services of Strobo Barkley PLLC and possibly contribute another \$5,000 in the future, if needed, not to exceed a total contribution of \$10,000. Council members voting in favor of this motion: Berger, Birch, Levy, Rhea, Walker and White. Motion carried.

Representing the City of Northfield on the steering committee of small cities working with Mr. Strobo and Mr. Barkley will be council member Alan Birch, with Clark Rhea as alternate, and Northfield resident Pat Roles, with Bill Elder as alternate. These representatives will ensure that the City of Northfield has participation and a voice at all meetings.

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 24, 2016, meeting were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CLERK'S REPORT

James and Heather Dumstorf, 6103 Stannye Drive, are new residents in Northfield. New 2017 Northfield City Directories will be delivered within the next two weeks.

OATH OF OFFICE

The City Clerk, being a Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to the following newly-elected Council Members: Sharon Berger, Alan Birch, Steve Levy, Clark Rhea, Tracy Walker and Bill White.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Richard Frank briefed council members on recent activities throughout the city including the theft of an unlocked car, which was later recovered, and credit cards taken from a second unlocked car in the Lime Ridge area. Also, a wallet was taken from a basket in the Goodwill parking lot. Nine citations were issued this month.

OLD BUSINESS

MIDWEST SYSTEMS

Mayor Chappell reported that the security cameras are up and running at the main entrance, Route 42 and Glenview Avenue, and at the northwest corner of Lime Kiln Lane and Lime Ridge Place. A street light at the southwest corner of Lime Kiln Lane and Lime Ridge Place may need to be removed to prevent a glare on the camera.

STREET LIGHT

Mr. Walker reported that there is no street light at the school bus stop on the corner of Stannye Drive and Baylor Drive, and he recommended that one be installed at this location. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. White that a new street light be installed, preferably on the northeast corner of Stannye Drive and Baylor Drive, or, if necessary, on the northwest corner, not to exceed \$1,000. Council members voting in favor of this motion: Berger, Birch, Levy, Rhea, Walker and White. Motion carried.

MEETING CANCELED

Due to the upcoming holidays, it was moved by Ms. Birch and seconded by Mr. White that the regular meeting of the Northfield City Council be canceled in December. Council members voting in favor of motion: Berger, Birch, Levy, Rhea, Walker and White. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Northfield City Council will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017.

Phyllis Onachilla, City Clerk

Randolph Chappell, Mayor
City of Northfield