# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING of the City of Northfield Council August 24, 2020

In keeping with the Coronavirus safety procedures, the regular meeting of the City of Northfield Council was held on Monday, August 24, 2020, using the Zoom Meeting computer program. Council members attending: Sharon Berger, Alan Birch, Steve Levy, Clark Rhea, and Tracy Walker. Council member absent: Brandon Smith. 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 July 27, 2020, meeting were approved as distributed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Council members reviewed the Income Statement for the General Fund for the month ending July 31, 2020, the Balance Sheet and the City's List of Investments for the General Fund as of July 31, 2020. They also reviewed the Income Statement and the Balance Sheet for the Road Fund for the month ending July 31, 2020, and the General Ledger and Check Register for the period from July 1 to July 31, 2020.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

Northfield's new City Directory has been sent to the printers. It will contain updated phone numbers and several email addresses. The 2020 City of Northfield property tax bills will be mailed in September and due on or before October 31, 2020. A 2020 Tax Report was sent to the Council indicating taxes to be collected of \$343,927.

### POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Richard Frank briefed council members on recent activities throughout the city including two vehicles stolen on August 5; one on Northfield Court and one from the 2300 block of Stannye Drive. The keys were left in the cars. Also, a wallet was taken from a vehicle on Northfield Court. Two vehicles in the 6100 block of Stannye Drive were searched, but nothing was taken. These cars were left unlocked. Northfield Sgt. Gary Pohl was bitten on the hand by a German Shepard on Jenness Court. Metro Animal Services responded. Three citations were issued this month.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### KLC INVESTMENT POOL

City Attorney John Singler has updated the City of Northfield's Investment Policy to allow the City to invest in the KLC Investment Pool Plus Program. Following discussion, Northfield's Ordinance 20-05 Amending Certain Sections of Ordinance 16-02 Relating To An Investment and Financial Management Policy For The City of Northfield had a second reading. It was moved by Ms. Berger and seconded by Mr. Birch that this ordinance be adopted. Council members voting in favor of this motion: Berger, Birch, Levy, Rhea and Walker. Motion carried.

# **SPEED HUMP POLICY**

The Traffic Calming Device Installation Policy prepared by City Attorney John Singler was discussed. Mayor Chappell will review and reorganize this policy for a second reading and vote at the September meeting.

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# NEW BUSINESS. LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

It has been proposed that Northfield establish Little Free Libraries which promote neighborhood book exchanges. Lawnco would install them at the following locations: Glenview Island (toward the back), Keewood Court and Northfield Court. This was discussed and council members agreed to this project.

### **CARES ACT**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act is an economic stimulus bill passed into law in March 2020 in response to the economic fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic. The CARES ACT provides some reimbursement to cities for police salaries, and Mayor Chappell will apply for this money.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Phyllis Onachilla, City Clerk
Attest:

The next meeting of the Northfield City Council will be held on Monday, September 28, 2020.

Randolph L. Chappell, Mayor City of Northfield