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CITY OF HAM LAKE CITY COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

The Ham Lake City Council and Economic Development Authority met for its regular meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brian Kirkham and Councilmembers Jim Doyle, Andrew Hallberg, Al Parranto, and Mike Van Kirk

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney, Mark Berglund; City Engineer, Dave Krugler; Finance Director, Andrea Murff; and Deputy City Clerk, Dawnette Shimek

1.0 CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M. – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kirkham called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Gina Saucedo, 1530 150th Avenue NE, was present to apologize to the City Council and the entire city for her actions regarding property that she believed the City had taken, but she has recently discovered that her ex-husband had sold the property.

Derek Lind, a member of ACEIT (Anoka County Election Integrity Team), gave members of the City Council a handout named “Call to Action: Save Ham Lake Autonomy”. Mr. Lind stated that the State of Minnesota does not mandate electronic rosters and if the county decides they want to use them, they need to ask the city.

Sue Peterson, a member of ACEIT (Anoka County Election Integrity Team), was present and stated they want the election process to go back to the people and to stop using electronic poll pads.

Roxann Henderson, a member of ACEIT (Anoka County Election Integrity Team), was present and read portions of a book titled “The Doctrine of The Lesser Magistrates”. Ms. Henderson stated that she would suggest to the City Council that the time to take a stand is now and to stop using electronic poll pads.

3.0 SPECIAL APPEARANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

These items are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in normal sequence. (All items listed on the Consent Agenda are recommended for approval.)

4.1 Approval of minutes of August 4, 2025 and Special Meeting minutes of August 11, 2025

- 4.2 Approval of claims in the amount of \$451,617.73
- 4.3 Approval of a Proclamation proclaiming September 17-September 23 as Constitution Week
- 4.4 Approval of Resolution No. 25-26 supporting the Anoka County Submittal of a FY27-28 Transportation Economic Development (TED) Program and the Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure (TEDI) Program Funding Application for the Trunk Highway 65 and CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) Improvement Project
- 4.5 Approval of Resolution No. 25-27 supporting the Anoka County Submittal of a FY29-30 Minnesota Highway Freight Program (MNHFP) Funding application for the Trunk Highway 65 and CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) Improvement Project
- 4.6 Approval of Resolution No. 25-28 ordering the preparation of the assessment roll and scheduling a Public Hearing for Street Light Assessments for 2026
- 4.7 Approval of Resolution No. 25-29 scheduling a Public Hearing for Uncollected Fees
- 4.8 Approval of Resolution No. 25-30 accepting the low bid for the construction of 143rd Avenue NE from Trunk Highway 65 to 108 feet West of Lincoln Street NE

Motion by Van Kirk, seconded by Parranto, to approve the Consent Agenda as written. All in favor, motion carried.

5.0 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Marta Nandlall of Nishan Auction and Sales LLC, requesting a Certificate of Occupancy to operate a used car dealership at 15035 Aberdeen Street NE

Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Hallberg, to recommend approval of the Certificate of Occupancy for Nishan Auction and Sales LLC as presented by Marta Nandlall, to operate a used car dealership at 15035 Aberdeen Street NE, subject to the location being used for used auto sales only, all vehicle inventory on the property must be capable of obtaining applicable licenses and all motor vehicles shall be completely assembled motor vehicles as customarily delivered from the factory, no damaged vehicles are to be kept at this location, all vehicle parking to be as shown on the parking diagram and is not to exceed 15 vehicles, no auto repair is to be performed onsite other than general maintenance, such as headlight or windshield replacement, the property not being used as an impound lot, hours of operation being Mondays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and Tuesday to Saturday by appointment only, Marta Nandlall or Neyvash Nandlall to be the only employees to work onsite, and meeting all State and City Codes and requirements. All in favor, motion carried.

- 5.2 John Markquart of Markquart Ham Lake, LLC, requesting Commercial Site Plan approval to expand the hard surface parking area at 14525 Highway 65 NE

Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Doyle, to recommend approval of the request of John Markquart of Markquart Ham Lake, LLC, for the Commercial Site Plan to reconstruct and expand the hard surface parking area at 14525 Highway 65 NE, subject to obtaining a permit for the 50-foot extension of the chain link fence along the northwestern property line, submitting a request for an amendment to the Conditional Use Permit related to business hours, meeting the requirements of the City Engineer, meeting the requirements of the Building Official, meeting all city, state and county requirements. All in favor, motion carried.

6.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – None

7.0 APPEARANCES – None

8.0 CITY ATTORNEY

8.1 Discussion of other types of Cannabis Businesses

Attorney Berglund stated that he had a brief memo included in the packet regarding cannabis businesses. These businesses include retail sales, microbusinesses, retailers, mezzo businesses and medical cannabis combo facility. Attorney Berglund stated that other businesses that do not include retail sales include a wholesaler or transporter. Attorney Berglund stated that previously, the council had limited the number of retail business licenses to one per every 7,500 citizens. Attorney Berglund stated that this is more permissive than is required under the State Statute, so the City has complied with the States licensure whether, if allowed, a non-retail sales business would use one of the limited number of licenses the City will issue. Attorney Berglund stated that upon further research of this question, it appears that any cannabis business that does not include retail sales will not require the issuance of one of the City retail licenses. Attorney Berglund stated that it appears from review of the State Statute, that the non-retail cannabis businesses are permitted under the State Statute and that the City primary regulation of these non-retail businesses is limited to making zoning decisions on where they are permitted to occur. Attorney Berglund stated that he recommends that the Code Committee meet to make a determination of how the City wants to zone for various cannabis businesses to ensure that if any further cannabis business are allowed to locate in the City of Ham Lake, and doing so in a manner consistent with other business types and locations that already exist in the City. Discussion followed regarding other types of cannabis business being allowed in Industrial Park Zoning. Attorney Berglund stated that the state does have some guidelines, but it is up to the city to make sure these businesses meet the requirements of the zoning code. Attorney Berglund asked that the code committee meet to further discuss cannabis businesses.

9.0 CITY ENGINEER – None

10.0 CITY ADMINISTRATOR – None

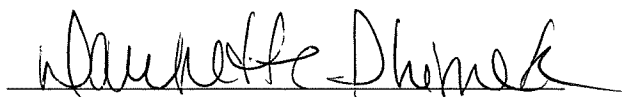
11.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS

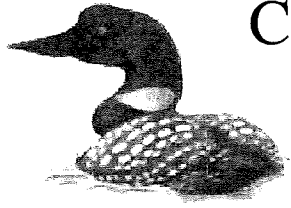
11.1 Committee Reports – None

11.2 Announcements and future agenda items

Mayor Kirkham stated that he received a phone call from a gentleman who owns billboards along Highway 65. Mayor Kirkham stated that this gentleman told him that going through the process of obtaining a permit that there is a 100 square foot maximum size for billboards. The gentleman stated that he has his company name on the bottom of the billboard and that this it is considered to be included in the 100 square foot maximum size. Discussion followed. **It was the consensus of the City Council to request the Attorney draft an ordinance that would not include the billboard company identification on the bottom of the billboard to be included in the maximum 100 square foot maximum billboard size.**

Motion by Parranto, seconded by Hallberg, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.


Dawnette Shimek, Deputy City Clerk



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: September 17, 2025, marks the two hundred thirty-eighth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE I, Brian Kirkham by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of Ham Lake, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

AND ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 18th day of August of the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five.



Brian Kirkham, Mayor