



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting (Northfield News Building)

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pownell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- Present:** 5 - Mayor Rhonda Pownell, Council Member Jami Reister, Council Member Kathleen Holmes, Council Member Davin Sokup, and Council Member Jessica Peterson White
- Absent:** 2 - Council Member Brad Ness, and Council Member George Zuccolotto

Also present: City Administrator Ben Martig, Police Chief Mark Elliott, Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson and City Clerk Lynette Peterson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Peterson White, seconded by Council Member Reister, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTION

1. [24-280](#) Public Hearing on Sale of Property Located at 115 5th Street W. Northfield, Minnesota.

Mayor Pownell declared the public hearing open at 6:03 p.m. Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson and Ehlers Senior Financial Advisor Nick Anhut introduced the item giving background information on the purchase and sale of the Northfield News Building including financing and tax abatement of the purchase.

Mark Schiller and Simeon Rossi, Loon Liquors owners, addressed the Council giving background information on the business and purchase.

Tammy and Bryan Lips, 9306 190th Street E., Faribault, farmers who provide the organic grains for Loon Liquors, addressed the Council in support of the sale of the Northfield News Building to Loon Liquors.

CC Linstroth, 408 Lockwood Drive, addressed the Council in support of the sale of the Northfield News Building to Loon Liquors.

Council Members thanked Loon Liquors for their commitment to Northfield and staff for working on this sale.

A motion was made by Council Member Peterson White, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to close the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

2. [Res. 2024-046](#) Consider Resolution Approving the Sale of City-Owned Real Property Located at 115 5th Street West in Northfield, Minnesota and Dispensing with Review of the Sale by the Northfield Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Sokup, seconded by Council Member Reister, to approve Resolution No. 2024-046 Approving the Sale of the City-Owned Real Property in Northfield, Minnesota and Dispensing with Review of the Sale by the Northfield Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

3. [24-281](#) Consider Authorizing Staff to Apply for Tax Abatement with Rice County.

A motion was made by Council Member Peterson White, seconded by Council Member Holmes, to authorize staff to make an application to Rice County to consider tax abatement related to the sale of 115 5th Street W., Northfield, MN. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Holmes, seconded by Council Member Peterson White, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pownell, C. Reister, C. Holmes, C. Sokup, and C. Peterson White