

**CITY OF COKATO  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers**
  - Acting Mayor Harju called the Cokato City Council to order Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Members present were Acting Mayor Harju, Council Members Martinson, Sebring, and Wilson. Mayor Erickson attended via video conference. Also present were members of the Public and Staff.
  
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
  - **Motion** by Wilson to approve the agenda with the additions of 5f. Res No 2022-11 Accepting of Donation, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.
  
- 3. Public Forum**
  - Manda Goldsberry, Brooks Lake Area Association, appeared before the council with an update on association activity. They have applied for two grants to help with costs, water testing will continue to be done through R&B Labs as well as the MN DNR. They are planning to have a clean-up day on September 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30am at Veterans Park. More info can be found at [www.brookslake.info](http://www.brookslake.info).
  
- 4. Presentation – Wright County Sheriff s 2021 Report**
  - Wright County Lt. Jeremy Wirkkula presented the 2021 Sheriff’s Report to the council. He noted that service calls were remaining consistent with previous years and there were no unusual concerns.
  
- 5. Consent Agenda Items**
  - a. Approval of Minutes from January 10, 2022 City Council Meeting**
  - b. Sheriffs Report**
  - c. Res No 2022-08 Resignation of Al Jones from Planning and Zoning Commission**
  - d. \*\*Concept Plan Kenny Raisanen – No action required Moved to Mayors Report item e.\*\***
  - e. Res No 2022-07 Accepting Donation**
  - f. Res No 2022-11 Accepting Donation**
    - **Item a. pulled for discussion**
    - **Motion** by Wilson to approve items b through f, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
    - Item a. Councilmember Martinson noted that the press was not present at the previous meeting and asked the minutes be changed to reflect that.
    - **Motion** by Martinson to approve item a., seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
  
- 6. Mayors Report**
  - a. Request of US Charger Solar to rezone and a conditional use permit for a solar garden. The property is 4825 Omer Avenue NE.**
    - **Motion** by Wilson to approve rezoning the property to Industrial, seconded by Harju. Voting Aye – Erickson, Harju, Wilson, Voting Nay – Martinson, Sebring. Motion fails, a 4/5ths majority is needed to change land use.
    - Resolution 2022-06 is adopted denying rezoning and conditional us permit.
  - b. Request of Request of DIVOCSG 2 LLC to for a conditional use permit to allow a solar garden in the I, Industry District – NO ACTION recommended**
    - No action taken by council.
  - c. Request of Juan Garza for a conditional use permit to allow a duplex at the house at 245 5<sup>th</sup> Street SW. Res No 2022-09.**
    - **Motion** by Wilson to approve Res No 2022-09 Conditional Use Permit 245 5<sup>th</sup> St SW, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

- d. Request of Ecker Property Management for a conditional use permit to allow a duplex at the property at 235 Mooers Avenue SE**
  - Item is tabled until a future date, council asked Mr. Ecker to rework the parking design for the property.
- e. Concept Plan Kenny Raisanen**
  - Kenny Raisanen presented a possible development plan for Jenks Ave and 7<sup>th</sup> St SE. He asked if the city would be willing to contribute to the cost of extending Jenks Ave (approx. 150 ft). Council would be willing to look into the possibility when more information is available.

**7. Public Works/Parks**

- a. Recoating Water Tower Bid Process**
  - **Motion** by Wilson to approve bidding for the Water Tower Recoating Project, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

**8. Financial Reports**

- a. Approval of Claims – \$209,419.98**
  - **Motion** by Sebring to approve claims in the amount of \$209,419.98, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
- b. Cash and Budget Reports**
  - **Motion** by Sebring to approve Cash & Budget reports, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

**9. Reports & Information**

- a. Reminder – City Hall Closed Monday, February 21, 2022, for President’s Day Holiday**

**10. Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Martinson to adjourn, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

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Andrew Carlson, City Clerk



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Carl Harju, Acting Mayor