

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
LITTLE CANADA, MINNESOTA**

APRIL 24, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the City Council of Little Canada, Minnesota was convened on the 24th day of April, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the City Center located at 515 Little Canada Road in said City.

Mayor John Keis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the following members of the City Council were present at roll call:

CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor	Mr. John Keis
Council Member	Mr. Tom Fischer
Council Member	Mr. Christian Torkelson
Council Member	Mr. Mike McGraw
Council Member	Mr. Rick Montour

ALSO PRESENT:

City Administrator	Mr. Chris Heineman
Park & Rec/Comm. Services Mgr.	Mr. Bryce Shearen
City Clerk	Ms. Heidi Heller

MINUTES Torkelson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

***RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4-48 – APPROVING THE MINUTES OF
THE APRIL 10, 2019 WORKSHOP MEETING AND THE APRIL 10,
2019 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED***

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by McGraw.

Ayes (5).

Nays (0). Resolution adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Keis congratulated Little Canada resident Maggie Nichols for winning the NCAA All-Around Title in gymnastics for the second year in a row.

Keis read the resolution proclaiming April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day and the month of May as Arbor Month. He announced that an observance of Arbor Day and Arbor Month will be held on Friday, May 3 at 1:00pm in Pioneer Park in Little Canada.

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Keis read the resolution proclaiming National Police Week as May 12-18, 2019 in Little Canada, and thanking law enforcement, with special recognition of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department.

**PUBLIC HEARING –
ORDINANCE 838
CONSIDER RAISING
THE MINIMUM AGE
TO 21 TO PURCHASE
TOBACCO AND
TOBACCO PRODUCTS
IN LITTLE CANADA**

The City Clerk explained that at the March 13 Council Workshop, the Council heard a presentation from the Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota. She stated that the Council then directed staff to draft an ordinance that raises that age limit to purchase tobacco in Little Canada to age 21. She noted that as of April 2, 2019, 31 Minnesota cities and counties have raised their tobacco age to 21. She explained that the Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota has a partnership with the Public Health Law Office at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, and they reviewed our tobacco chapter in the city code and recommended the appropriate language changes to increase the minimum age, along with updating definitions and language for best practice and clarity. The City Clerk stated that a draft of Ordinance 838 was in the packet in a form that showed the proposed changes, along with a final draft. She stated that there are seven tobacco licenses in Little Canada and all of the licensees were mailed notification letters about this ordinance on April 2.

The City Clerk explained that there will be two public hearings for this ordinance, tonight and at the next Council meeting on May 8. She stated that the Council can then opt to take action at the May 8, 2019 City Council meeting. She noted that the Council should only take comments and discuss the proposed ordinance language tonight.

Chris Turner, Association for Nonsmokers-Minnesota gave a presentation about raising the tobacco sales age to 21. Turner stated that so far 31 Minnesota cities and counties, along with 12 states have raised their age to 21, and youth tobacco use has starting increasing again after 17 years of decline. Turner stated this increase is due to e-cigarettes.

Keis opened the public hearing. There were 22 attendees in support of raising the age to 21 to purchase tobacco in Little Canada. There were no attendees against this ordinance.

Alexis Bylander, representing Clearway Minnesota and also Minnesota for a Smokefree Generation, stated that the future is Tobacco 21 and by cities supporting this now, it sends a message to the state legislature.

Curtis Johnson, a Little Canada resident and Roseville School Board Member, stated that he was here to show his support in raising the age to 21. He stated that the FDA is calling youth use of e-cigarettes an epidemic, and noted that it is a big distraction in the schools. He submitted a letter to the City from the Roseville Area Schools Superintendent Dr. Aldo Sicoli.

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Vicari, a senior at Roseville Area High School, stated that many of her classmates use e-cigarettes and think they are safe and cool. She noted that it is easy to have an 18 year old friend get them tobacco, but much harder for high school kids to have access to a 21 year old.

Max, a Little Canada resident and a junior at Roseville Area High School, stated there are many kids that vape in the bathrooms, and many are younger freshman and sophomore students. He stated that he has a friend who is very addicted to nicotine.

Annie, with Twin Cities Medical Society, which represents 4,500 physicians and medical students in the metro area. She stated that people think E-cigarettes are safer but they also have unsafe ingredients in them.

Kelly Johnson, 165 E. County Road B2, stated she started smoking when she was 16 years old, but has been a non-smoker now for 4 months and it is very hard to quit. She stated the Council has a chance now to prevent youth from starting. She thanked the Council for supporting this change.

Keis stated that he lost a family member to lung cancer, so this issue is very personal to him and he will support the ordinance.

Torkelson stated that it is obvious the coalition has done a lot to help cities raise the age to 21, but he asked if they have done anything to help educate parents and provide resources for parents to help their kids quit nicotine. Chris Turner stated that they have provided presentations and educational materials across the state for parent groups and helping them know what to look for.

Upon motion by Keis, seconded by McGraw, the public hearing was closed.

CONSENT Fischer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:
AGENDA

***RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4-49 – APPROVING THE CONSENT
AGENDA WHICH CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:***

****APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS;
*APPROVE CONTRACT FOR LITTLE CANADA FIRE STATION
REMODEL PROJECT***

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by McGraw.

Ayes (5).

Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

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**CTV
NEIGHBORHOOD
NETWORK
PROGRAMMING**

The Parks & Rec/Community Services Manager reported that this is a follow up to the discussion that was had at the City Council meeting on March 27, 2019, in regards to prioritizing and determining what events should be covered by CTV and the cost of having CTV cover those events. He explained that CTV has added the 5K Sap Run on May 4 and the Spooner Park Playground Community Build on June 22 and 23 to their calendar and will provide production services per our contract of the Neighborhood Network Services. He stated that from the list that was provided to the Council, staff was able to come up with an estimated duration of each completed event and obtain a quote for services from CTV. He stated that preliminary discussions with Canadians Days Committee and the LCRA about productions of their events and they have indicated that at this time they will be putting their resources elsewhere. He noted that there may be an opportunity to do some video production in-house, although a new computer and editing software would be needed. He stated that due to staff changes, there is about a \$26,000 savings for 2019 from the cable fund at this point.

The Council discussed options for video productions this year.

Montour introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

***RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4-50 – APPROVE PROCEEDING WITH
THE 2019 VIDEO PRODUCTIONS UP TO A COST OF \$8500***

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Fischer.

Ayes (5).

Nays (0). Resolution declared adopted.

**NEW COUNCIL &
STAFF PHOTOS**

The Community Services stated that he received a bid for \$400 to do head shots of the Council and department heads in order to have quality photos and asked if the Council was supportive of doing this. There was Council consensus to move forward with new photos of the Council and City Staff.

ADJOURN There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

John T. Keis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Christopher Heineman, City Administrator