

MINUTES OF THE MINNEOTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PURSUANT TO CALL AND DUE NOTICE THEREOF, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNEOTA, COUNTY OF LYON, STATE OF MINNESOTA, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor John Rolbiecki
Council Member Travis Gillund
Council Member Tim Koppien
Council Member Amber Rodas

COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Nancy Reisdorfer

STAFF PRESENT: William Bolt, Shirley Teigland

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy DeVlaeminck, Jeremy Paxton

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Rolbiecki called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2: ADOPT AGENDA

Koppien motioned, seconded by Rodas to adopt the agenda as presented. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 3: PUBLIC HEARING

The matter came before the City Council following a written determination by Chief Bill Bolt that a dog owned by Jeremy Paxton is a dangerous dog as defined by Minneota ordinances and after demand for a hearing by Jeremy Paxton. A hearing to receive evidence on this matter was scheduled for April 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Offices of the City of Minneota. Notice of the hearing was served upon Jeremy Paxton by U.S. mail on April 7, 2020 by City Attorney John Engels.

The hearing was called to order by Mayor John Rolbiecki at 6:30 p.m. Upon calling the hearing to order, Jeremy Paxton stated that he did not intend to contest the determination that his dog is a dangerous dog and admitted that the dog met the definition of a dangerous dog as set out in city ordinances.

City Attorney John Engels and Chief Bolt explained to Mr. Paxton that all conditions set out in the ordinances and State law must be met. Mr. Paxton was given a copy of the relevant portions of MN Statutes section 317.50 et.seq. and was in possession of a copy of the relevant City ordinance. He acknowledged knowing what was required to comply with the ordinance.

Mr. Paxton was informed that it was his duty to obtain a license for his dog and provide vaccination records as required by City ordinances. Mr. Paxton agreed to comply with all requirements and invited Chief Bolt to inspect his property and insure it was in compliance with the City code. Mr. Paxton was further informed that failure to comply with ordinance requirements may result in impounding the dog.

Based on the stipulations on record, Jeremy Paxton's dog meets the definition of a dangerous dog. After review of the relevant police reports and documents made available to the Council, Koppien motioned, seconded by Gillund to affirm Chief Bolt's determination that Mr. Paxton's dog is a dangerous dog as defined in the Minneota ordinance and that the dog caused physical harm to another domesticated animal, specifically Timothy DeVlaeminck's Labrador Retriever, on or about March 29, 2020 by biting the DeVlaeminck dog on the face and causing injury requiring veterinary care. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A copy of this determination shall be served upon Jeremy Paxton in accordance with city ordinances. Pursuant to city ordinances, Jeremy Paxton shall be in full compliance with all requirements to keep a dangerous dog in the City of Minneota not more than 10 days from the date of these findings and order. Failure to comply with the dangerous dog ordinance, licensing and vaccination ordinance may result in the dog's impoundment.

ADJOURNMENT

Koppien motioned, seconded by Rodas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTEST:

Shirley Teigland, City Administrator

John Rolbiecki, Mayor

Council Approved May 11, 2020