

**CITY OF BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 22, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**PURPOSE:** To approve/enact Section 408 of Birchwood City Code regarding Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council members: Bill Hullsiek, Randy LaFoy, Mark Anderson, and Kevin Woolstencroft

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mayor Mary Wingfield

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Anderson, City Administrator; Alan Kantrud, City Attorney

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Residents of Birchwood, DOC Representative Mark Bliven

**Council Member LaFoy** called the special meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOLSTENCROFT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL AYES. MOTION PASSED.**

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:**

**Residents:** Multiple residents of Birchwood spoke at the podium for 3.5 hours on their concerns of having a level III sex offender move into the community. Many spoke about the safety of the children in town, the location of the residency in close proximity to a local park, and the desire to not have this level III sex offender move into Birchwood.

**Mark Bliven & Alan Kantrud:** Both the DOC Representative, Mark Bliven, and City Attorney Kantrud answered resident's questions and offered the council legal analysis on the proposed code language.

**Council:** Council considered the proposed ordinance that was adopted by a few other communities to limit the residency of a level III sex offender in Birchwood. Council approved the first reading of the ordinance with 5E removed and the exclusion distance enlarged to 1500'. Council moved to hold a second special city council meeting, at a date to be determined, for a second reading of the ordinance.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HULLSIEK TO APPROVE FIRST READING AND PLACE ITEM ON A FUTURE MEETING AGENDA WITH PUBLIC HEARING. ALL AYES. MOTION PASSED**

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOLSTENCROFT, SECONDED BY  
COUNCILMEMBER HULLSIEK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL AYES. MOTION PASSED.  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:45 P.M.**

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Mary Wingfield  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mike Anderson  
City Administrator-Clerk