During the June 11, 2020, North Oaks City Council meeting, Mayor Gregg Nelson commented on the tragic death of George Floyd and the need for our community to respond. The Council shares this sentiment and believes it is important to go on record condemning the egregious actions of the police officers involved in Mr. Floyd's death. We are hopeful that justice will be served.

The Council also denounces the additional tragedies following the tragic death of Mr. Floyd, including the activities of the lawless individuals that looted and destroyed public and private property and businesses, many of which were minority owned.

As a Council, we strongly support policing that upholds a duty to protect and to serve. We also support the constitutional right to peacefully protest.

It is important that we promote an inclusive community and work with our police leaders to ensure compassionate policing. The North Oaks City Council will begin a dialogue with our residents, initiating important discussions on policing policy, inclusive leadership, and fair city processes. The discussions impact our community and should include the voices of our residents and the North Oaks Home Owners' Association (NOHOA) as our sister governing body.

The Council is committed to charting a path forward and resolves to include input from any interested stakeholder, so that meaningful change can be made. Implementation will include a community discussion and will seek community feedback.