

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 10, 2005

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., on May 10, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Kajewski, Worker, Carlson, Holten, Blacklance, Cullen, Schmalz, and Mayor Wennberg. No Councilmembers were absent. Mayor Wennberg chaired the meeting.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council reviewed the April 26, 2005 Council Proceedings. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, to approve the April 26, 2005 Council Proceedings as presented. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-80-05: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilmembers Kajewski and Worker indicated they reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 5-80-05, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the April prepayments in the amount of \$1,163,045.20 and the first half of May bills in the amount of \$367,989.17. A printout of the bills approved for payment is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-81-05: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PROPOSED GREENWOOD STREET BRIDGE

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, along with Dave Kildahl of Widseth Smith Nolting (WSN), presented a Public Works Committee recommendation to accept an agreement with WSN to provide engineering services for the proposed Greenwood Street Bridge construction. Mr. Kildahl presented the basic fee schedules and engineering services required. Following discussion, Councilmember Carlson introduced Resolution No. 5-81-05, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Works Committee's recommendation and authorize and direct the Mayor and City Administrator to execute an Engineering Services Agreement with Widseth Smith Nolting and Associates, Inc., (WSN) at an estimated cost of \$33,249, whereby WSN shall provide engineering services for the proposed construction of a bridge over the Red Lake River at Greenwood Street.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

MATTER OF 2005 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BIDS TABLED

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, requested that a Public Works Committee recommendation to accept the low bid submitted for the 2005 Street and Utilities Improvement Project be tabled at this time. The City is waiting for an agreement from Wal-Mart to be executed prior to the City accepting the improvement project bid. Following discussion, Councilmember Holten moved, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, to table this matter. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-82-05: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 16, 3rd SERIES, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF A RESTAURANT

An Administrative Services Committee recommendation was presented to amend the definition of a restaurant as it pertains to the sale of alcoholic beverages. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski moved, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 16, 3rd Series. On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously carried.

Following the reading of the ordinance by City Attorney, Paul Ihle, and discussion by the City Council, Councilmember Carlson introduced Resolution No. 5-82-05, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Administrative Services Committee recommendation and adopt Ordinance No. 16, 3rd Series, an ordinance amending City Code Section 111.001(V) defining a restaurant as it pertains to the sale of alcoholic beverages. Said ordinance shall be published in The Times newspaper and will be on file in the Office of the City Administrator.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-83-05: APPROVAL OF CITY POLICY FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT OF EMPLOYEE PAYROLL CHECKS

An Administrative Services Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 5-83-05, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

WHEREAS, in 2004 the Minnesota State Legislature gave city governments the ability to make direct deposit of payroll checks mandatory for its employees and the City has found that direct deposit would be a cost savings benefit to the City.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Administrative Services Committee recommendation that effective with the May 26, 2005 payroll that mandatory direct deposit of payroll checks will be required for all employees.

On vote being taken, the resolution was passed by a seven-yes, one-no (Blacklance) vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-84-05: APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION OF AQUILA'S MINNESOTA ASSET SALE

A Public Utilities Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 5-84-05, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept a Public Utilities Committee recommendation to approve the City's participation in the cost of conducting an assessment and evaluation of the purchase of Aquila's Minnesota assets. The City's share of the estimated \$50,000 assessment and evaluation cost is \$5,000.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-85-05: APPROVAL OF PROGRESSION RAISE FOR BRIAN JACOBSON, ELECTRIC SYSTEMS MANAGER

A Public Utilities Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 5-85-05, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept a Public Utilities Committee recommendation to grant Brian Jacobson, Electric Systems Manager, a progression raise. Mr. Jacobson shall progress to Step 6 of the Electric Systems Manager's salary schedule, for a new salary of \$19.05 per hour effective May 14, 2005.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-86-05: APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE AND CIGARETTE LICENSE FROM PENNCO, INC. TO THE LANTERN OF TRF, INC. AND APPROVAL OF SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE

The City Council reviewed a request for a transfer of an On-Sale Liquor License and a Cigarette License and approval of a Sunday Liquor License at The Lantern Restaurant and Lounge. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 5-86-05, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the transfer of the On-Sale Liquor License and the Cigarette License currently held at The Lantern Restaurant and Lounge from PENNCO, Inc. to the Lantern of TRF, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to authorize issuance of a Sunday Liquor License to the Lantern of TRF, Inc., to expire December 31, 2005.

On vote being taken, the resolution was passed with a seven-yes vote, with Councilmember Schmalz abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-87-05: APPROVAL OF SUBMITTAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET ON SLUDGE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

Noting that the City Council conducted a public meeting on April 26, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. with regard to sludge management alternatives, Councilmember Carlson introduced Resolution No. 5-87-05, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the submittal of an Environmental Information Worksheet on sludge management alternatives to the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 1) The City Council received information with regard to a proposed change in electric rates for their review.
- 2) A joint Planning Commission/City Council meeting will be held on May 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers for review of the Comprehensive Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Carlson moved, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned until May 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Dale Wennberg, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator