

# COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

October 11, 2005

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., on October 11, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Kajewski (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), Holten, Worker, Carlson, Blacklance, Cullen, Schmalz, and Mayor Wennberg. Councilmember Holten was absent. Mayor Wennberg chaired the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

The City Council reviewed the September 27, 2005 Council Proceedings. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz moved, being seconded by Councilmember Carlson, to approve the September 27, 2005 Council Proceedings as presented. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 10-204-05: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Councilmembers Carlson and Blacklance indicated they reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Carlson introduced Resolution No. 10-204-05, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the first half of October bills in the amount of \$244,128.40 and the September 26-30, 2005 prepayments in the amount of \$1,217,151.07. 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. 10-205-05: APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE SANITATION RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2006 BILLING**

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 10-205-05, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Works Committee's recommendation and approve the revised sanitation rate schedule, effective with the January 2006 billing as follows:

<b><u>LEVEL</u></b>	<b><u>BAGS/YR</u></b>	<b><u>STICKERS</u></b>	<b><u>RATE/MO</u></b>
Level 1	75	3	\$14.25
Level 2	100	4	\$15.75
Level 3	150	6	\$19.25
Level 4	200	8	\$22.75
Level 5	250	10	\$26.25
Level 6	300	12	\$29.75

Level 7	350	12	\$33.25
Level 8	400	12	\$36.75
Level 9	500	12	\$43.75

**HARDSHIP CASES:** 50 bags/year \$9.00/month

A consumer shall qualify for the rate for the next regular billing and thereafter while qualifying by filing a sworn or affirmed statement on forms supplied by the Utilities Billing Office:

- A. That such consumer is 65 years of age or older, or handicapped, or physically disabled; and,
- B. That such consumer is on a fixed income and that occupants of the household or housekeeping unit come within the following income and net worth standards:
  - 1. Individual Occupancy: An individual with an annual income of less than \$10,740.00; or
  - 2. Double Occupancy: An annual income of less than \$14,515.00.and,
- C. That payment of the regular charge for refuse collection would be a hardship.

**SENIOR CITIZEN MULTI-FAMILY:** 37 bags/year \$7.00/month  
A refuse collection charge of \$7.00 per month per housekeeping unit shall be added to, and billed with, the charge for electrical service to said housekeeping unit in residential facilities housing 60 or more consumers 65 years of age or older in a single complex with four or less pickup points.

**STICKERS** (additional): \$5.00 plus tax

**BAGS** (additional): \$1.50 plus tax

**DUMPSTER RENTAL:**

3 cubic yard dumpster	\$ 82.00 + \$8.50
6 cubic yard dumpster	\$155.00 + \$8.50

(Dumpster rates are for twice a week pickup at 100% capacity)

On vote being taken, the resolution was passed by a five yes, one no (Cullen) vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-206-05: APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF VACATION USE FOR MARK JOSEPHSON, AIRPORT SUPERVISOR, AND IRVIN SCHMITKE, PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE (AIRPORT) EMPLOYEE**

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 10-206-05, being seconded by Councilmember Carlson, that:

WHEREAS, due an injury at the TRF Regional Airport, two employees may not have the opportunity to use accrued vacation as required by employment contract; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee recommends that they be granted an extension of time to use their accrued vacation hours.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Works Committee's recommendation and grant an extension of 90 days for Mark Josephson, Airport Supervisor, and Irvin Schmitke, Public Works Maintenance (Airport) employee, to use their accrued vacation.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-207-05: ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF LYLE OLSON, STREET SUPERVISOR**

The City Council reviewed a letter of resignation submitted by Lyle Olson, Street Supervisor. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 10-207-05, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the resignation of Lyle Olson, Street Supervisor, effective November 30, 2005.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-208-05: APPROVAL OF SUBMITTAL OF A PRE-PROPOSAL TO THE NORTHWEST MINNESOTA FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING FOR THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Mike Moore, Community Development Director, requested that a pre-proposal be submitted to the NMF to receive funding toward the update of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 10-208-05, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the submittal of a pre-proposal to the Northwest Minnesota Foundation for funding up to 50% of the estimated \$50,000 project cost (maximum of \$25,000 grant) to update the City's Comprehensive Plan.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**MAYOR WENNBERG VACATED CHAIR FOR PARKS AND RECREATION DISCUSSION**

At this time Mayor Wennberg vacated the chair to Vice-Mayor Carlson during discussion of Parks and Recreation Committee business.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-209-05: APPROVAL OF A THREE-MONTH AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH TIM BERGLAND FOR REA AND HOMCC ADVERTISING SERVICES**

A Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 10-209-05, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1-31-05, adopted on January 25, 2005 approved an agreement with Tim Bergland for REA and HOMCC advertising services, with the agreement expiring on October 31, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee has requested that the agreement be extended for three months.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation and grant a three-month extension of the agreement with Tim Bergland for REA and HOMCC advertising services, with the agreement expiring on January 31, 2006.

On vote being taken, the resolution was passed by a five yes, one no (Schmalz), vote, with Mayor Wennberg abstaining.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-210-05: APPROVAL OF A FACILITY USE LEASE WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT #564**

A Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 10-210-05, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept a Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Administrator to execute a Facility Use Lease with Independent School District No. 564, whereby School District #564 may lease the REA, HOMCC, Engelstad Park Tennis Courts, MEC Softball and Baseball Complex, and the Thief River Falls Auditorium at agreed upon times, for a fee of \$90,000 for the 2004/2005 school year, with a three percent (3%) increase for the 2005/2006 school year, and an additional three percent (3%) increase for the 2006/2007 school year. The Facility Use Lease shall expire on August 31, 2007.

On vote being taken, the resolution was passed with a seven yes vote, with Mayor Wennberg abstaining.

**MAYOR WENNBERG RESUMED CHAIR**

At this time Mayor Wennberg resumed the Chair for the remaining Council business.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- 1) A revised Mesaba flight schedule at the TRF Regional Airport was presented to the City Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Schmalz moved, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, to adjourn the meeting. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned until October 13, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at the Swenson House in Thief River Falls.

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Dale Wennberg, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator