

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

November 8, 2005

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., on November 8, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Blacklance, Carlson, Cullen, Holten, Kajewski, Schmalz, Worker, and Mayor Wennberg. No Councilmembers were absent. Mayor Wennberg chaired the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

The City Council reviewed the October 25, 2005 Council Proceedings. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker moved, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, to approve the October 25, 2005 Council Proceedings as presented. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 11-224-05: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Councilmembers Kajewski and Worker indicated they reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 11-224-05, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the first half of November bills in the amount of \$445,935.26 and the October 24-31, 2005 prepayments in the amount of \$27,714.29. 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.

### **NCTC STUDENTS AND FACULTY REGARDING RECYCLING DISCUSSION WITH COUNCIL**

Kathy Huschle, representing students and faculty at Northland Community and Technical College, appeared before the City Council to discuss an Academic Service Learning Project involving the City's recycling program. This was information only and no action taken.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 11-225-05: APPROVAL OF THIEF RIVER FORD QUOTE FOR AN AIRPORT 2006 EXTENDED CAB PICKUP**

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented with regard to the purchase of a vehicle for the Thief River Falls Regional Airport. Following discussion, Councilmember Holten introduced Resolution No. 11-225-05, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Works Committee recommendation and approve the low quote submitted by Thief River Ford for a 2006 extended cab/four-wheel drive pickup in the amount of \$19,249. One other quote was received from Northern Motors in the amount of \$19,416.45.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-226-05: APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AIRPORT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION**

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 11-226-05, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Works Committee's recommendation to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Administrator to execute Mn/DOT Agreement No. 88446, whereby the City of Thief River Falls shall receive reimbursement for 2/3rds of the direct, actual maintenance, and operation costs of the Thief River Falls Regional Airport, not to exceed \$102,274 for state fiscal year 2006 and 2007.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-227-05: APPROVAL OF INCREASE OF ELECTRIC CHARGE FOR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS WITH STANDBY GENERATORS**

A Public Utilities Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 11-227-05, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept a Public Utilities Committee recommendation to amend the electric fee for commercial customers with standby generation (Rate No. CG1 – Section D.), effective with the December 2005 billing, as follows:

- D. As an alternative to operating the generator for certain designated control periods, the customer may pay an additional \$0.075/KWH for the hours designated as control hours. If the cost to the City is less than \$0.075/KWH the customer will be billed the lower amount. The customer shall make a written "Buy Through" agreement as provided by the City for this service.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-228-05: APPROVAL OF PROGRESSION RAISE FOR BRIAN JACOBSON, SYSTEMS MANAGER**

A Public Utilities Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Carlson introduced Resolution No. 11-228-05, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept a Public Utilities Committee recommendation to grant Brian Jacobson, Systems Manager, a progression raise. Mr. Jacobson shall progress to Step 7 of the Systems Manager salary schedule for a new salary of \$20.46 per hour, effective November 14, 2005.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-229-05: APPROVAL OF WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

A Public Utilities Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 11-229-05, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Utilities Committee recommendation to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Administrator to execute Exhibit A, Revision 3 and Exhibit B, Revision 2 to the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Contract No. 90-BAO-419. Said amendments allow WAPA to adjust the summer and winter contract rates of delivery by up to one percent beginning January 1, 2006.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-230-05: APPROVAL OF LAWFUL GAMBLING LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR HERITAGE COMMUNITY CENTER**

The City Council reviewed an application submitted by the Heritage Community Center to conduct lawful gambling. Following discussion, Councilmember Carlson introduced Resolution No. 11-230-05, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve a Minnesota Lawful Gambling License Renewal Application submitted by the Heritage Community Center, effective February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2008. Said application will also require approval by the State of Minnesota Gambling Control Board.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-231-05: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PROWLER FOOTBALL TEAM**

The Thief River Falls High School Prowler Football team has qualified to play in the Minnesota State football playoffs. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 11-231-05, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve a resolution of support of the Thief River Falls High School Prowler football team as they play in the Minnesota State Football playoffs.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**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 at 5:27 p.m.

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Dale Wennberg, Mayor

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