

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

July 11, 2006

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., on July 11, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Blacklance, Cullen, Kajewski, Schmalz, Worker, and Acting Mayor Carlson. Councilmember Holten was absent. Acting Mayor Carlson chaired the meeting.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council reviewed two sets of Council Proceedings. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, to approve the June 27, 2006 Council Proceedings and the June 27, 2006 Hearing Proceedings as presented. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-135-06: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilmembers Worker and Kajewski indicated they reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 7-135-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the first half of July bills in the amount of \$521,449.21 and the June 26 – June 30, 2006 prepayments in the amount of \$129,919.98. 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. 7-136-06: ACCEPTANCE OF 2005 AUDIT REPORT

Colleen Hoffman of Hoffman, Dale & Swanson, appeared before the City Council to present the City's 2005 audit report. Following the presentation and discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 7-136-06, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the 2005 Audit and shall take in account the following findings: 1) to develop a policy to reconcile inventory at the arenas; 2) to address the crosswind runway deficit; 3) to closely monitor deposits in excess of collateral; and 4) to change the accounting presentation for the Electric Department to the same format as all other departments.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-137-06: ACCEPTANCE OF NORTHROP PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DONATIONS

As per City policy, the City is authorized to accept donations for designated community projects. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 7-137-06, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept a Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation that the City of Thief River Falls accept donations for playground equipment at Northrop Park with all donations distributed for the benefit of the project by June, 2010. Any unused funds shall revert to the general park maintenance account after that date.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RALPH ENGELSTAD ARENA SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM PURCHASE

This item was pulled from the agenda as no quotes were available at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-138-06: APPROVAL TO WRITE OFF PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT UNCOLLECTIBLE PAYMENT

A Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 7-138-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation to write off to "Bad Debts Expense" an uncollectible payment in the amount of \$169.41 owed by Lance Kennedy for an unpaid hockey camp fee.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-139-06: APPROVAL OF BEER IN THE PARK PERMIT FOR TITTLE TATTLE LUNCHEON NEWS

An Administrative Services Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Blacklance introduced Resolution No. 7-139-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Administrative Services Committee's recommendation to grant a Beer in the Park Permit to Tittle Tattle Luncheon News on July 27, 2006 at L.B. Hartz Park.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-140-06: APPROVAL OF BEER IN THE PARK PERMIT FOR DFL PARTY

An Administrative Services Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 7-140-06, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Administrative Services Committee's recommendation to grant a Beer in the Park Permit to the DFL Party on August 3, 2006 at Oakland Park.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-141-06: APPROVAL OF BEER IN THE PARK PERMIT FOR VFW POST #2793

An Administrative Services Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 7-141-06, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Administrative Services Committee's recommendation to grant a Beer in the Park Permit to the VFW Post #2793 on July 23, 2006 at Oakland Park.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-142-06: APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ELVERA CULLEN AS ACTING VICE-MAYOR

As a result of former Vice-Mayor Carlson being appointed as Acting Mayor, the Council discussed the appointment of a new Vice-Mayor. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 7-142-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to appoint Councilmember Elvera Cullen as Acting Vice-Mayor until January 1, 2007.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-143-06: CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR VACATING A PORTION OF AN EASEMENT LOCATED IN BARNICK'S FIRST ADDITION

The City Council reviewed a proposal to vacate a portion of an easement in Barnick's First Addition. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 7-143-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, that the City Council will consider the vacation of a portion of an easement located in Barnick's First Addition, and a public hearing shall be held on such proposed vacation on the 8th day of August, 2006 before the City Council in the City Council Chambers, 405 3rd Street East, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, at 4:55 p.m. and the City Administrator shall give published and posted notice as required by law.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned.

David B. Carlson, Acting-Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator