

ADJOURNED COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 24, 2006

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in adjourned session at 6:00 p.m., on August 24, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Cullen, Holten, Kajewski, Schmalz, Worker, and Acting Mayor Carlson. Absent was Councilmember Blacklance. Acting Mayor Carlson chaired the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-167-06: APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ELECTION JUDGES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION

A list of proposed election judges, in addition to those approved by Resolution No. 8-161-06, were presented to the City Council. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 8-167-06, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the following persons as election judges for the September 12, 2006 primary election:

WARD ONE

Val Johnson
Barb Storm
LeAnn Engelstad

WARD FOUR

Myrtle Lee
Linda Ramsey
Mary Holmes
Dorene Enge

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION THAT SEPTEMBER 10-16, 2006 BE DECLARED AS NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

A proposed proclamation was presented to promote the special bond between the elderly and disabled and staff at assisted living facilities. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, to proclaim September 10-16, 2006 as National Assisted Living week. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-168-06: APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE TO EDWARD AND MARY WALSETH, 717 CROCKER AVENUE SOUTH

A Board of Adjustments and Appeals recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 8-168-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to proper notice, the Board of Adjustments and Appeals conducted a hearing on August 24, 2006 on a Variance request submitted by Edward and Mary Walseth, 717 Crocker Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701 to allow for the construction of an addition onto their existing home; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Adjustments and Appeals recommends that the City Council authorize such Variance as requested.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves a four-foot Variance to the Side Yard Setback requirement of City Code Section 152.025(E)(1) on property owned by Edward and Mary Walseth and legally described as the North 50' of Lot Three (3), Block Nine (9), of Conley's Third Addition. The Variance will allow the for the construction of a 24' x 16' addition onto the back-side of their existing home.

Approval is based upon the Planning Commission's recommendation and the fact that the six criteria for granting Variances are met.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-169-06: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 24, 3rd SERIES, AN ORDINANCE REZONING LOTS 3 AND 4 IN BLOCK 1 OF VALLEY-OMDAHL ADDITION

A Planning Commission recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski moved, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, to call for the first reading of Ordinance No. 24, 3rd Series. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried. Following the reading of the ordinance by City Attorney, Paul Ihle, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 8-169-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to proper notice, the Planning Commission conducted a hearing on July 14 and August 24, 2006 on a zoning amendment request submitted by Donald Omdahl on behalf of Paul and Rhonda Lofberg for rezoning of property located at the west corner of East Greenwood and Hanson Drive to allow for the proposed construction of a commercial building; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance approving the zoning amendment request.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and adopt Ordinance No. 24, 3rd Series, an ordinance rezoning Lots 3 (Three) and 4 (Four) in Block One (1) of Valley-Omdahl Addition to the City of Thief River Falls from Multi-Family Residential (R-4) to General Commercial District (C-2). Said ordinance shall be on file in the Office of the City Administrator and published in The Times newspaper.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-170-06: APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR JOEL HALLSTROM, LOT 19 IN BLOCK 2 OF OAKLAND PARK THIRD ADDITION

A Planning Commission recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution 8-170-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to proper notice, the Planning Commission conducted a hearing on August 24, 2006 on a Conditional Use Permit request submitted by Joel Hallstrom dba Hallsy, Inc., 1080 Hwy 32 South, Thief River Falls, to allow for the construction and operation of storage units on property located east of the Black Cat Grill along Wendt Drive in Thief River Falls; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council grant the Conditional Use Permit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to grant Joel Hallstrom a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a storage rental unit on property legally described as Lot 19 (Nineteen), Block 2 (Two) in Oakland Park Third Addition.

Approval is based upon the Planning Commission's recommendation, the fact that the eight criteria for granting a Variances are met, and upon the stipulation that a final site plan satisfying buffering requirements be submitted and accepted by the Community Development Director.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-171-06: APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

A Planning Commission recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 8-171-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to proper notice, the Planning Commission conducted a hearing on August 24, 2006 on a Conditional Use Permit request submitted by the Evangelical Free Church, 211 Arnold

Avenue North, Thief River Falls, MN 56701 to allow for the construction of a sanctuary and narthex addition to the existing building; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council authorize such Conditional Use Permit as requested.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves a Conditional Use Permit to the Evangelical Free Church to allow for the construction of a 10,900 square foot addition to the west side of the existing building located at 211 Arnold Avenue North, property legally described as Lots 1-24 of Block 40 in the Original Townsite of Thief River Falls.

Approval is based upon the Planning Commission's recommendation, the fact that the eight criteria for granting a Conditional Use Permit were met, and the inclusion of an approved Site Plan.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-172-06: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 25, 3rd SERIES, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

As the result of the adoption of Ordinance No. 24, 3rd Series, approved by Resolution No. 8-169-06, the City's Comprehensive Plan is required to be updated. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 25, 3rd Series. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried. Following the reading of the Ordinance by City Attorney, Paul Ihle, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-172-06, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to adopt Ordinance No. 25, 3rd Series, an ordinance amending the City's Comprehensive Plan to include the zoning amendment of Lots 3 (Three) and 4 (Four) in Block One (1) of Valley-Omdahl Addition to the City of Thief River Falls from Multi-Family Residential (R-4) to General Commercial District (C-2). Said ordinance shall be on file in the Office of the City Administrator and published in The Times newspaper.

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 6:35 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. on September 11, 2006 at the Best Western Inn for a City Council/Pennington County Commissioner meeting . On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned.

David B. Carlson, Acting-Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator