

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

February 14, 2006

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., on February 14, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Carlson, Cullen, Holten, Schmalz, Worker, and Mayor Wennberg. Councilmembers Blacklance and Kajewski were absent. Mayor Wennberg chaired the meeting.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council reviewed the January 24, 2006 Council Proceedings. Following discussion, Councilmember Carlson moved, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, to approve the January 24, 2006 Council Proceedings as presented. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-28-06: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilmember Carlson indicated he reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Carlson introduced Resolution No. 2-28-06, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the first half of February bills in the amount of \$303,445.48 and the January 17 - 31, 2006 prepayments in the amount of \$446,603.27. 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. 2-29-06: APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF LAWFUL GAMBLING LICENSE FOR COMMUNITY CHARITIES OF MINNESOTA (FAMILY BOWL)

An Administrative Services Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 2-29-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve a Gambling License Renewal Application, License No. 2650, being submitted to the State of Minnesota Gambling Control Board by the Community Charities of Minnesota, Box 819 Mankato, MN 56001 to allow for gambling activities located at the Family Bowl, 906 Highway 32 South, Thief River Falls, effective April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2008.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-30-06: APPROVAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES UNION 2006-2008 CONTRACT

An Administrative Services Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 2-30-06, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Administrative Services Committee's recommendation to approve the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Contract effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

On vote being taken for the Consent Agenda, the resolution was unanimously passed.

AUTHORIZATION TO CALL FOR BIDS FOR A USED HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL-BORING MACHINE

A Public Utilities Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Carlson moved, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, to authorize that bids be called for the purchase of a used horizontal directional boring machine, electronic locating tracking equipment, mud system, trailer, training, manuals, and drawings. Bids will be opened March 15, 2006 at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO CALL FOR QUOTES FOR PLASTIC REFUSE BAGS

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz moved, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, to accept the Public Works Committee's recommendation to authorize that quotes be called for the purchase of 402,500 plastic refuse bags. Quotes shall be opened at 11 a.m. on March 7, 2006 at City Hall. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO POST A FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE (AIRPORT) POSITION

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz moved, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, to post a full-time Public Works Maintenance (Airport) position to qualified Teamster #320 employees. If no qualified Teamster #320 employees apply for the position, the position will be opened to the public for filling. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-31-06: APPROVAL OF SANITATION SUPERVISOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 2-31-06, being seconded by Councilmember Holten, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Works Committee's recommendation to approve the Sanitation Supervisor position job description as presented and authorize that it be submitted for grade level evaluation.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-32-06: ORDERING THE 2006 STREET AND UTILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, discussed the findings presented at a hearing on the 2006 Street and Utilities Improvement Project. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 2-32-06, being seconded by Councilmember Carlson, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 1-27-06, adopted on January 24, 2006 a date was established to conduct a public hearing on the following proposed assessments:

- 1) Brooks Avenue – bituminous reclamation and turn lanes;
- 2) First Street, Second Street, and Atlantic Avenue – bituminous reclamation/milling;
- 3) Oakland Park Road, Baken Street, and MMCDC Housing Area – bituminous wearing course paving;
- 4) Countryside Mobile Home Park – streets bituminous reclamation;
- 5) Highway 59 West Frontage Road Improvements;
- 6) Hanson Drive - street and storm sewer construction;
- 7) Hanson Drive – utilities extension;
- 8) Alley West of Main Avenue - improvements;
- 9) Greenwood Street and Housing Site – utilities extension;
- 10) Four Street and Davis Avenue – storm sewer replacement;
- 11) First Street Bridge Repairs;
- 12) Greenwood Street East relocation; and,
- 13) Cleaning and televising a portion of storm sewer, installing miscellaneous, street sub drain tile, miscellaneous water system repairs.

WHEREAS, ten days' mailed notice and two weeks' published notice of the hearing was given, the hearing was held on the 13^h day of February, 2006 at which time all persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to be heard thereon.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, that:

- 1) Such improvements are necessary, cost-effective, and feasible as detailed in the Feasibility Report;
- 2) Such improvements are hereby ordered as proposed, except for items #9, #12, and #13 listed above.
- 3) The Engineering Technical Services Division shall assist Widseth, Smith, & Nolting, as the designated engineers for these improvements. They shall prepare plans and specifications for the making of such improvements; and,
- 4) The City Council declares its official intent to provide interim financing of the improvements through the use of reserves.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-33-06: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH RICK KARBOVIAK AND TIM BERGLAND FOR REA FITNESS CENTER SERVICES

A Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 2-33-06, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Administrator to execute an Independent Service Contract with Rick Karboviak and Tim Bergland for services relating to the Ralph Engelstad Arena's Fitness Center. Said contract is effective March 1, 2006 through February 28, 2007.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-34-06: APPROVAL OF LEASE WITH GEORGE DAVIS FOR MINI-DONUTS AT THE REA AND HOMCC

A Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 2-34-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Administrator to execute a Lease with George Davis, whereby Mr. Davis shall sell mini-donuts at the Ralph Engelstad Arena and Huck Olson Memorial Civic Center, effective March 4, 2006 through March 17, 2006 at mutually agreed upon events.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-35-06: ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF GARY MARTINSON, ARENAS MARKETING AND EVENTS MANAGER

A Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 2-35-06, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation to accept the resignation of Gary Martinson, Arenas Marketing and Events Manager.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed

RESOLUTION NO. 2-36-06: APPROVAL OF TERMINATION DATE OF GARY MARTINSON, ARENAS MARKETING AND EVENTS MANAGER

Discussion was held with regard to the termination date for Gary Martinson, Arenas Marketing and Events Manager. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 2-36-06, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve February 10, 2006 as the termination date for Gary Martinson, Arenas Marketing and Events Manager.

On vote being taken, the resolution was passed by a four-yes, two-no (Carlson and Wennberg) vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-37-06: APPROVAL OF SUBMITTAL OF CITY'S ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

The City Council was informed that an application needs to be submitted to the State of Minnesota for an Electrical Contractor's License. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 2-37-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize the submittal of the City's Electrical Contractor's License to the State of Minnesota.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 1) The Preservation Alliance of Minnesota has announced that the Soo Line Depot restoration was one of Minnesota's 25 best preserved historic properties.
- 2) The regular City Council meeting scheduled for February 28, 2006 shall begin at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Carlson moved, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned.

Dale Wennberg, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator