

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

February 28, 2006

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 4:00 p.m., on February 28, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Blacklance, Carlson, Cullen, Holten, Kajewski, Schmalz (arrived later in meeting) and Mayor Wennberg. Councilmember Worker was absent. Mayor Wennberg 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 Kajewski, to approve the February 13, 2006 Hearing Proceedings and the February 14, 2006 Council Proceedings as presented. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-38-06: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilmember Holten and Mayor Wennberg indicated they reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Holten introduced Resolution No. 2-38-06, being seconded by Councilmember Carlson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the second half of February bills in the amount of \$194,876.92 and the February 1–17, 2006 prepayments in the amount of \$1,314,856.74. 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 by the six members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-39-06: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH NORTHWEST ASSOCIATED CONSULTANTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

An Administrative Services Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 2-39-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept an Administrative Services Committee recommendation to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Administrator to execute an Agreement for Professional Planning Services with Northwest Associated Consultants, Inc., for assistance in the update of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed by the six members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-40-06: ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCESSIBILITY AND CONSTRUCTION GRANT

An Administrative Services Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Carlson introduced Resolution No. 2-40-06, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the Administrative Services Committee's recommendation to accept a \$70,000 Public Library Accessibility and Construction Grant from the Minnesota Department of Education for renovations to the Thief River Falls Public Library.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed by the six members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-41-06: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 22, 3rd SERIES, ALLOWING ENGINEERING OFFICES BY CONDITIONAL USE WITHIN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

A Planning Commission recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Carlson moved, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 22, 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 Blacklance introduced Resolution No. 2-41-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt Ordinance No. 22, 3rd Series, an ordinance amending City Code Sections 152.034 and 152.035C(5) to allow engineering offices by Conditional Use within the Industrial Districts of the City. Said ordinance shall be published in The Times newspaper and on file in the Office of the City Administrator.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

APPROVAL TO CALL FOR BIDS FOR UNDERGROUND CABLE FOR 2006 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The City Council reviewed a request to call for bids for underground cable for use during the 2006 Street Improvement Project. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, to authorize calling for bids for high voltage primary (15,000 volt) cable, with bids to be opened at 10 a.m. on March 23, 2006 at the City Administrator's Office. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-42-06: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BOY SCOUT TROOP #59 TO PARK CARS AT THE REA DURING BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

The City Council reviewed a proposed agreement. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 2-42-06, being seconded by Councilmember Carlson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Administrator to execute an agreement with Boy Scout Troop #59, whereby the Boy Scouts shall provide car parking services during the basketball tournaments being held at the Ralph Engelstad Arena on March 4, 6, 10, 11, 14, and 17, 2006 for a fee of \$25 per person/per session.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed by the six members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-43-06: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH RICK KARBOVIK AND TIM BERGLAND FOR REA FITNESS CENTER

A Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Carlson introduced Resolution No. 2-43-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2-33-06, adopted February 14, 2006 approved a contract with Rick Karboviak and Tim Bergland for REA Fitness Center services; and,

WHEREAS, Karboviak and Bergland have requested amendments to the approved contract.

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

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed by the seven members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-44-06: APPROVAL OF DESIGNATION OF WORD PROCESSING TECHNICIAN POSITION IN POLICE DEPARTMENT AS FULL-TIME AND CLASSIFICATION OF LYNETTE DEROUIN AS A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE

A Public Safety Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 2-44-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to designate the non-union position of "Word Processing Technician", as a full-time position, effective March 13, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lynette Derouin, Category II Word Processing Technician, be approved as a full-time, non-union employee, effective March 13, 2006.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed by the seven members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-45-06: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF TWO 2006 FORD CROWN VICTORIA PATROL VEHICLES

A Public Safety Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 2-45-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept a Public Safety Committee recommendation to approve the low bid of Thief River Falls Ford for the purchase of two 2006 Ford Crown Victoria patrol vehicles at a cost of \$20,992 each (plus applicable fees and taxes). One other bid was received from Westside Motors in the amount of \$22,711. It should be noted that the state bid, plus cost of transporting the vehicles to Thief River Falls, was higher than the Thief River Falls Ford bid.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed by the seven members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-46-06: APPROVAL OF PROGRESSION RAISE FOR VERN WITTENBERG, PATROL OFFICER

A Public Safety Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 2-46-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Safety Committee's recommendation to grant Vern Wittenberg, Patrol Officer, a progression raise. Mr. Wittenberg shall progress to Step 3 of 7, Patrol Officer's salary schedule, retroactive to February 22, 2006.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed by the seven members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-47-06: APPROVAL OF PROGRESSION RAISE FOR GINGER ALBY, PATROL OFFICER

A Public Safety Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 2-47-06, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Safety Committee's recommendation to grant Ginger Alby, Patrol Officer, a progression raise. Ms. Alby shall progress to Step 3 of 7, Patrol Officer's salary schedule, retroactive to February 15, 2006.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed by the seven members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-48-06: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR TRF HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS AT STATE WRESTLING MEET

The City Council was informed that several wrestlers from Lincoln High School qualified for the Minnesota State High School wrestling tournament to be held at this end of this week. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 2-48-06, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve a resolution of support for the Lincoln High School wrestlers that qualified for participation in the Minnesota State High School wrestling tournament.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed by the seven members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-49-06: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REGARDING SALES TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES

The City Council reviewed a letter from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities requesting support for an amendment increasing funding toward highways from the motor vehicle sales tax collected. Following discussion, Councilmember Blacklance introduced Resolution No. 2-49-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to contact our county officials and Chamber of Commerce officials indicating the City's support for a change to the proposed constitutional amendment that will guarantee 60% of the motor vehicle sales tax for highways in the same way 40% is already guaranteed in the amendment for transit.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed by the seven members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Blacklance moved, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned until 7:00 a.m. on March 6, 2006.

Dale Wennberg, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator