

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

June 27, 2006

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., on June 27, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Blacklance, Carlson, Cullen, Holten, Kajewski, Schmalz, and Mayor Wennberg. Councilmember Worker was absent. Mayor Wennberg chaired the meeting.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council reviewed a set of Council Proceedings. Following discussion, Councilmember Blacklance moved, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, to approve the June 13, 2006 Council Proceedings with corrections. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-123-06: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Wennberg and Councilmember Holten indicated they reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Holten introduced Resolution No. 6-123-06, being seconded by Councilmember Carlson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the second half of June bills in the amount of \$302,352.77 and the June 12 - 23, 2006 prepayments in the amount of \$812,271.00. 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. 6-124-06: APPROVING VACATION OF A PORTION OF NELSON AVENUE

The City Council discussed the findings from a public hearing conducted prior to the Council Meeting with regard to vacating a portion of Nelson Avenue. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 6-124-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

WHEREAS, The City Council of Thief River Falls has determined to vacate that part of Nelson Avenue located North of 11th Street and South of County Road No. 77 in the City of Thief River Falls, Pennington County, Minnesota, reserving an easement for utility purposes under and over vacated Nelson Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 27, 2006 before the City Council in the City Council Chambers, 405 3rd Street East, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, after publication on May 31, 2006 and June 7, 2006, after posted notice on June 12, 2006, and after personal notice to all affected property owners, and all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that it will be in the best interest of the City to vacate such street; and,

WHEREAS, four-fifths of all members of the City Council concur in this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the portion of Nelson Avenue located North of 11th Street and South of County Road No. 77 in the City of Thief River Falls, Pennington County, Minnesota, is hereby vacated, subject to City reserving an easement for utility purposes under and over vacated Nelson Avenue, together with the right to install, maintain, repair, and replace said utilities.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-125-06: APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF JAMES VAN SCHAICK AS INVESTIGATOR

A Public Safety Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 6-125-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Safety Committee's recommendation to approve the employment of James Van Schaick as an Investigator in the Police Division. Mr. Van Schaick shall begin employment at the Grade Level 7 LELS Investigator salary, effective July 6, 2006.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-126-06: APPROVAL OF LEASE WITH HANSEN LEASE & RENTAL OF FARGO D.B.A HERTZ RENT-A-CAR FOR SERVICES AT REGIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 6-126-06, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, 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 a lease with Hansen Lease & Rental of Fargo, dba Hertz Rent-A-Car, effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-127-06: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF STREET SWEEPER FROM SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC.

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 6-127-06, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Works Committee's recommendation to accept the state bid and approve the purchase of an Elgin street sweeper in the amount of \$111,337.00 (including trade-in of the 1991 Elgin street sweeper) from Sanitation Products, Inc.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-128-06: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AIRPORT ADVERTISING GRANT THROUGH MNDOT

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Holten introduced Resolution No. 6-128-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Works Committee's recommendation to authorize the Public Works Director to apply for a \$16,000 airport advertising grant through the Minnesota Department of Transportation. If approved, the City would be reimbursed 70% from MnDOT.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-129-06: APPROVAL OF STOREFRONT RENOVATION LOAN TO DBM PROPERTIES

A Community Development Advisory Board recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 6-129-06, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Community Development Advisory Board's recommendation to grant DBM Properties a \$7,800 Storefront Renovation Loan amortized at three percent (3%) for five (5) years for renovation of properties located at 322 Horace Avenue North and 324 Horace Avenue North, legally described as Lots 13, 14, 15, 16 of Block 31 of Original Townsite of Thief River Falls.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-130-06: APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF LYNN SKIBICKI, CAD OPERATOR

A Public Utilities Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 6-130-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Utilities Committee's recommendation to approve the employment of Lynn Skibicki as a CAD Operator, effective July 24, 2006. Mr. Skibicki shall begin employment at Step 2 of the Teamster's Union Contract CAD Operator's salary schedule.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

MAYOR WENNBERG VACATED CHAIR FOR DISCUSSION

At this time Mayor Wennberg vacated the chair to Vice-Mayor Carlson during discussion of the Marketing and Events Coordinator position.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-131-06: APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF DALE WENNBERG AS MARKETING AND EVENTS COORDINATOR

The City Council discussed the selection of the Marketing and Events Coordinator from the applications and interview process. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 6-131-06, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the employment of Dale Wennberg as the Marketing and Events Coordinator, effective July 3, 2006. Mr. Wennberg's salary shall be set at the Grade Level 8 MAPS salary.

On vote being taken, the resolution was passed by a six-yes vote, with Mayor Wennberg abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-132-06: ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF MAYOR DALE WENNBERG

As a result of the approval of Dale Wennberg being employed as the Marketing and Events Coordinator, Mayor Wennberg offered his resignation as Mayor of the City of Thief River Falls. Following discussion, Councilmember Blacklance introduced Resolution No. 6-132-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the resignation of Dale Wennberg as Mayor of the City of Thief River Falls, effective July 3, 2006.

On vote being taken, the resolution was passed by a six-yes vote, with Mayor Wennberg abstaining.

MAYOR WENNBERG RESUMED CHAIR

At this time Mayor Wennberg resumed the Chair for remaining Council business.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-133-06: APPROVAL OF A TEMPORARY 3.2% MALT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE ELKS CLUB AT THE TRF ARMORY

An application for a temporary 3.2% Malt Liquor License was approved. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 6-333-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to grant the Elk's Lodge No. 1308 a Temporary 3.2% Malt Liquor License at the TRF Armory, effective July 6, 2006.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-134-06: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF SANITATION CHASSIS AND PACKER

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, presented information with regard to the proposed purchase of a new Sanitation Department packer and chassis. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 6-134-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize and direct the Public Works Director to purchase a Sanitation Department chassis through the State Bid process and a packer by quote.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Kajewski moved, being seconded by Councilmember Carlson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned until 7:00 p.,.m. on June 29, 2006 for a area community summit meeting to be held at the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Dale Wennberg, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator