

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

July 25, 2006

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., on July 25, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Blacklance, Cullen, Holten, Kajewski, Schmalz, Worker, and Acting Mayor Carlson. Acting Mayor Carlson chaired the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

The City Council reviewed the July 11, 2006 Council Proceedings. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, to approve the July 11, 2006 Council Proceedings as presented. On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7-144-06: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Councilmembers Schmalz and Cullen indicated they reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 7-144-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the second half of July bills in the amount of \$328,300.50, the July 1-7, 2006 prepayments in the amount of \$413,394.02 and the July 8-14, 2006 prepayments in the amount of \$516,005.50. 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. 7-145-06: APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF ANDY HART, PATROL OFFICER**

The City Council was presented with a recommendation from the Civil Service Commission and the Public Safety Committee for filling a Patrol Officer vacancy. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 7-145-06, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the appointment of Andy Hart, Patrol Officer, and pending successful completion of all background, psychological, drug and alcohol tests. Mr. Hart shall be placed at Step 1 of the Patrol Officer salary schedule for a starting wage of \$16.64 per hour, effective July 31, 2006.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

### **BURNING BAN AND WATER CONSERVATION DISCUSSION**

In light of the drought conditions being experienced in the Thief River Falls area, the City Council discussed whether a ban on recreation burning within the City limits was necessary and also whether limits should be placed on watering of lawns. Following discussion, the City Council recommended that the public take extreme caution when using outdoor grills, fire pits, and other recreational fires and follow sensible conservation of water.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7-146-06: APPROVAL OF JURISDICTIONAL APPROVAL FOR LEGENDS SPORTING GOODS**

The City Council reviewed a request from the Northwest Regional Development Commission and the Administrative Services Committee. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 7-146-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Administrative Services Committee recommendation and approve the Resolution of Jurisdictional Approval as required by the Northwest Regional Development Council for a loan request from Legends Sporting Goods.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7-147-06: APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TRI-VALLEY HEARTLAND EXPRESS**

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 7-147-06, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Works Committee's recommendation to approve a letter of support for Tri-Valley Heartland Express's application for federal funds to provide transportation services to connect Thief River Falls to Jefferson Lines in Grand Forks and Crookston.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-148-06: APPROVAL OF BID BY HANSON CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS**

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 7-148-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to an advertisement for bids for the Library Improvement Project, bids were received, opened and tabulated according to law, and the following bids were received complying with the advertisement:

Gustafson & Goudge, Inc.	\$130,435.00
Ram Building Systems	\$125,420.00
Schmitz Builders, Inc.	\$109,300.00
Kraus Anderson Construction Co.	\$105,000.00
Hanson Construction, Inc.	\$ 73,195.00

WHEREAS, Hanson Construction, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder;

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

- 1) The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Hanson Construction, Inc. for Thief River Falls, Minnesota, for the Library Improvement Project according to the Plans and Specifications approved by the City Council and on file in the Office of the City Administrator.
- 2) The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to return forthwith to all bidders the deposits made with their bids, except that the deposits of the successful bidder and the next lowest bidder shall be retained until a contract has been signed.
- 3) A contract amount of \$73,195.00 is being awarded by this resolution.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-149-06: APPROVAL OF GARBAGE PACKER BID OPENING**

A Public Works Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 7-149-06, being seconded by Councilmember Worker, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Public Works Committee's recommendation to request bids on the purchase of a garbage packer and to open said bids on August 16, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-150-06: APPROVAL OF BEER IN THE PARK PERMIT FOR EAGLES PICNIC**

An Administrative Services Committee recommendation was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 7-150-06, 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 the Eagles Club on July 27, 2006 at Oakland Park.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-151-06: APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF DAVID B. CARLSON TO FILL TERM ON VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS**

As a result of the resignation of Dale Wennberg as Mayor, several vacancies exist on city appointed boards and commissions. Following discussion, Councilmember Worker introduced Resolution No. 7-151-06, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to appoint Acting Mayor David B. Carlson to fill positions on the Pennington County Historical Society, MN Department of Transportation Variance Board, and Community Development Advisory Board (ex officio) until January 1, 2007.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Blacklance, to adjourn the meeting until 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2006. On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned.

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David B. Carlson, Acting-Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator