

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 6, 2007

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., on March 6, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Bendickson, Cullen, Erickson, Holten, Kajewski, Lee, Schmalz, and Mayor Nordhagen. No Councilmembers were absent. Mayor Nordhagen chaired the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

The City Council reviewed three sets of Council Proceedings. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee moved, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, to approve the February 15, 2007 Hearing Proceedings, February 20, 2007 Council Proceedings, and the February 27, 2007 Committee of the Whole Proceedings, as presented. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 3-53-07: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Councilmembers Kajewski and Schmalz indicated they reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 3-53-07, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the first half of March bills in the amount of \$277,746.67 and the February 19-28, 2007 pre-payments in the amount of \$216,690.89. 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. 3-54-07: APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW PUMPER TRUCK AND REGIONAL GRANT FOR DIGITAL RADIOS**

The Fire Department requested support in applying for grants for purchases. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 3-54-07, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City of Thief River Falls, to authorize the Fire Department to submit a 2007 assistance grant to obtain funds for the purchase of a new engine/pumper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to authorize the Fire Department to submit a regional grant application for the purchase of digital radios to cover all of Pennington County fire services.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-55-07: ADOPTION OF CITY EMPLOYEES' DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY**

The City Council reviewed a recommendation from the Employee Safety Committee. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 3-55-07, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to adopt the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for City of Thief River Falls' employees, to ensure the City's conformance to the requirements of state laws and the Federal Drug-Free Work-Place Act of 1988.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-56-07: APPROVAL TO APPOINT MAYOR STEVE NORDHAGEN TO THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COUNCILMEMBER EMERY LEE AS ALTERNATE**

The City Council reviewed a request from Mike Moore, Community Development Director. Following discussion, Councilmember Erickson introduced Resolution No. 3-56-07, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to appoint Mayor Steve Nordhagen to the Community Partnership Board of Directors and to appoint Councilmember Emery Lee as an alternate.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-57-07: APPROVAL OF PROMOTION OF PATROL OFFICER DOUGLAS WILLIAMS TO SERGEANT**

A recommendation from the Police Civil Service and Chief of Police was reviewed. Following discussion, Councilmember Erickson introduced Resolution No. 3-57-07, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the promotion of Patrol Officer Douglas Williams to the position of Sergeant, effective March 19, 2007. Sergeant Williams salary shall be at the LELS Grade Level 7 hourly salary.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-58-07: SUPPORT OF NORTHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE MEN'S' AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS IN NATIONAL PLAYOFFS**

Jodie Torkelson, City Administrator, presented a proposed resolution of support. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 3-58-07, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, that:

WHEREAS, the Northland Community and Technical College men's basketball team won the Region XIII Championships with a 64-52 win over Central Lakes College; and,

WHEREAS, the Northland Community and Technical College women's basketball team won the Region XIII Championships with a 66-64 win over Itasca Community College; and,

WHEREAS, this is only the second time in the history of National Junior College Athletic Association that both men's and women's teams from Minnesota have gone to the National Championships from the same school in the same year; and,

WHEREAS, the hard work, talent, and dedication of both teams brought them this successful season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, recognizes the extraordinary accomplishments of the Northland men's and women's basketball teams and wishes them continued success as they head to the National Championships in New York March 15-17, 2007.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- 1) The City Council congratulated the Street Department for getting streets cleared from the latest snowfall event for all the tournament action taking place last week end.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned.

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Steve Nordhagen, Mayor

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Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator