

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

May 8, 2007

CALL TO

ORDER: 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Nordhagen

COUNCIL

PRESENT: Councilmembers Bendickson, Cullen, Erickson, Lee, Kajewski, Schmalz, Holten, and Mayor Nordhagen

COUNCIL

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: City Administrator Torkelson, Parks and Recreation Director Vigen, Public Work Director Lindberg, Finance Director Johnson, Public Works Assistant Director Borseth, Police Chief Murphy, Utilities Director Rude, Liquor Store Manager Olson, MIS Director Froiland, Electric Superintendent Narlock, City Attorney Ihle, Community Development Director Moore, City Forester Olson, Buildings and Ground Supervisor Howe, Fire Co-Chief Stenseth, Airport Supervisor Josephson, Systems Manager Jacobson, and Sergeant Puetz

PRESS

PRESENT: KTRF Radio, The Times

OTHERS

PRESENT: Leon Heath, Executive Director of the NWRDC
Nate Dalager and Randy Knott of HDR Engineering

The following item were presented and discussed:

1. Proposed work program for the Community Partnership effort - Leon Heath, Northwest Regional Development Commission.
2. Proposed construction of a building to consolidate staff and operations from the Streets, Sanitation, Parks and Recreation and Utilities departments – Nate Dalager and Randy Knott, HDR Engineering
3. Review of bids for 2007 Improvement Project – Public Works
4. Need to accept plans and specifications and call for bids for Schedule B of the 2007 Improvement Project – Public Works

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 5-119-07: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF SNOW BROOM FOR TRF REGIONAL AIRPORT BY STATE BID**

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, indicated that the Thief River Falls Regional Airport is in dire need of a high speed broom for winter runway maintenance and the city has an opportunity to access 95% federal cost participation for the equipment purchase if the City Council takes action before May 11, 2007. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 5-119-07, being seconded by Councilmember Holten, that:

RESOLVED, to approve purchase of a snow broom off the State bid list subject to the proposed broom being deemed by the Airport Supervisor as satisfactory for the airport's needs and the availability to Thief River Falls of excess federal entitlement funds from Grand Rapids.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

6. Quotes for contracted annual cleaning and inspection of storm sewers - Public Works
7. Progression raises for officers Hoglin and Berg – Police Department
8. Replacement of telephone system for Water Department – Utilities
9. Energy conservation loan and grant for Forsbergs, Inc. – Utilities

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 5-120-07: APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF MPCA WASTEWATER DISCHARGE APPLICATION**

Arlo Rude, Director of Utilities, indicated that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is requesting information and an application for the Water Treatment Plant wastewater discharge from the water processing plant. Following discussion, Councilmember Bendickson introduced Resolution No. 5-120-07, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve submission of an application form to the MPCA for wastewater discharge by the water treatment plant.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

11. Review of 2007-2012 Capital Improvements Plan – All Departments
12. Summer hours - All Departments
13. Paid breaks – All Departments

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Statement of Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 112
2. Parks Tour – Thursday, May 10th at 5 p.m. Depart from City Hall

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Schmalz, Second by Councilmember Lee, to adjourn until 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2007 for a parks tour. The motion was passed unanimously.

Steve Nordhagen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator