

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 15, 2007

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., on May 15, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Bendickson, Cullen, Erickson, Holten, Lee, Schmalz, and Mayor Nordhagen. Councilmember Kajewski (arrived at 7:35 p.m. during budget discussions) was absent. Mayor Nordhagen chaired the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-121-07: APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council reviewed two sets of Council Proceedings. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 5-121-07, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the May 1, 2007 Council Proceedings and the May 8, 2007 Committee of the Whole Proceedings, as presented.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-122-07: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilmembers Holten and Erickson indicated they reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Holten introduced Resolution No. 5-122-07, being seconded by Councilmember Erickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the second half of May bills in the amount of \$522,932.66 and the May 1 - 11, 2007 prepayments in the amount of \$409,659.12. 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. 5-123-07: APPROVAL TO CONDUCT SITE PREPARATION FOR NORTHROP PARK

Pete Johnson of the Kiwanis Club and Dave Owen, Landscape Structures, presented information with regard to playground equipment to be located at Northrop Park. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 5-123-07, being seconded by Councilmember Erickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize site preparation at Northrop Park be accomplished and protective surfacing installed at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 with the cost being funded by the dedicated Northrop Park funds.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-124-07: ACCEPTANCE OF WAGNER CONSTRUCTION, INC. BID FOR SCHEDULE "A" OF THE 2007 STREET, SIDEWALK, AND UTILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, presented bids received for Schedule A of the 2007 Street, Sidewalk, and Utilities Improvement Project. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 5-124-07, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to an advertisement for bids for the 2007 Street, Sidewalk, and Utilities Improvement Project, bids were received, opened, and tabulated according to law and the following bids for Schedule "A" (as authorized by Resolution No. 3-68-07) were received complying with the advertisement:

Wagner Construction, Inc.	\$ 905,343.60
Spruce Valley Corporation	\$ 916,858.25
Christianson Industrial Developers, Inc.	\$ 926,735.80
Davidson Construction, Inc.	\$ 955,807.10
R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc.	\$1,081,666.85

WHEREAS, Wagner 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 in the amount of \$905,343.60 with Wagner Construction, Inc., of International Falls, Minnesota, for Schedule "A" of the 2007 Street, Sidewalk and Utilities 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.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-125-07: APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SCHEDULE "B" OF THE 2007 STREET, SIDEWALK, AND UTILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, presented the Plans and Specifications for Schedule "B" of the 2007 Street, Sidewalk, and Utilities Improvement Project. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 5-125-07, being seconded by Councilmember Holten, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2-48-07, Widseth, Smith, and Nolting and the City's Engineering Technical Services Department have prepared plans and specifications (Schedule "B") for the following improvements:

- 1) MMCDC Phase I Housing Site Development; and,
- 2) East Greenwood Street Housing Development Area.

AND WHEREAS, they have presented such plans and specifications to the City Council for approval.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, that the Schedule "B" plans and specifications of the 2007 Street, Sidewalk, and Utilities Improvement Project, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Administrator, are hereby approved

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-126-07: CALLING FOR BIDS FOR SCHEDULE "B" OF THE 2007 STREET, SIDEWALK, AND UTILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, requested the City call for bids for Schedule "B" of the 2007 Street, Sidewalk, and Utilities Improvement Project. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 5-126-07, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, that the City Administrator shall prepare and cause to be published in The Times newspaper and in the Construction Bulletin an advertisement for bids upon the making of such improvements under such approved plans and specifications for Schedule "B" of the 2007 Street, Sidewalk, and Utilities Improvement Project. The advertisement shall be published for 21 days, shall specify the work to be done, shall state that bids will be publicly opened, tabulated, and the responsibility of the bidders will be considered in the Council Chambers of City Hall on June 14, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. by the City Administrator and Public Works Director. They shall present their recommendation to the City Council on June 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, at which time the City Council may act upon the recommendation. Any bidder whose responsibility is questioned during consideration of the bid will be given an opportunity to address the Council on the issue of responsibility. No bids will be considered unless sealed and filed with the City Administrator and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond, or certified check payable to the City Administrator for five percent of the amount of such bid.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-127-07: CALLING FOR QUOTES TO CONDUCT A TELEVISED INSPECTION AND CLEANING OF STORM SEWER PIPES

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, requested to call for quotes for the annual televising and cleaning of storm sewer pipes. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 5-127-07, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to call for quotes to televise and clean 15,000 feet of 12-inch to 36-inch diameter storm sewer pipes. Sealed quotes shall be accepted at City Hall until 11:00 a.m. on June 12, 2007 at which time they will be opened and reviewed.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-128-07: APPROVAL OF PROGRESSION RAISES FOR CHRISTOPHER HOGLIN AND KEVIN BERG, PATROL OFFICERS

The City Council reviewed two proposed progression raises. Following discussion, Councilmember Erickson introduced Resolution No. 5-128-07, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the following two progression raises:

Kevin Berg, Patrol Officer: Progress to Step 6 of 7 of the Patrol Officer's Grade Level 6 salary schedule, effective May 27, 2007; and,

Christopher Hoglin, Patrol Officer: Progress to Step 6 of 7 of the Patrol Officer's Grade Level 6 salary schedule, effective May 27, 2007.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-129-07: ACCEPTANCE OF GARDEN VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY QUOTE FOR WATER DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Arlo Rude, Director of Utilities, presented a recommendation to replace the telephone system at the Water Plant. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 5-129-07, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

WHEREAS, the phone system at the Water Treatment Plant was installed in 1985 and no longer is supported by the company the phone system was purchased from and the phone system needs repairs; and,

WHEREAS, the following two quotes have been received:

Garden Valley Telephone Company:	\$135.50 per month
JA Technologies	\$218.00 per month

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council to accept the quote submitted by Garden Valley Telephone Company in the amount of \$135.50 per month for an Avaya Partner ACS telephone system at the Water Treatment Plant. The Mayor is authorized to enter into a five-year lease after which the City will retain ownership of the phone system.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-130-07: APPROVAL OF ENERGY CONSERVATION LOANS AND GRANT TO FORSBERGS, INC.

Arlo Rude, Director of Utilities, presented a Conservation Improvement Program loan and grant. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 5-130-07, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

WHEREAS, the Director of Utilities has determined that an application submitted by Forsbergs, Inc., for financing of a lighting improvement project to save energy costs meets the criteria for energy conservation funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to grant Forsbergs, Inc. an \$8,000 loan at 0% (zero percent) interest, a \$27,570 loan at 5% (five percent) interest, and a \$2,000 grant from the Conservation Improvement Program to assist in the financing of the installation of new lighting in the production and office areas at their facility.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-131-07: APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE

Arlo Rude, Director of Utilities, presented a proposed increase of electrical rates in response to increased costs of purchased power. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 5-131-07, being seconded by Councilmember Erickson, that:

WHEREAS, the City of Thief River Falls owns and operates a municipal electric utility; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council sets the rates for the sale of electricity to retail customers; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that a change in certain electric rates is needed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to amend certain rates for the sale of electricity at retail, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rates listed below be in effect for the June 2007 electric utility billing and thereafter until amended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certain rates in effect prior to the June 2007 electric utility billing are hereby amended as set forth below.

ELECTRIC UTILITY RATES EFFECTIVE JUNE 2007 BILLING

State Sales Tax: Where applicable, the rates shown below are subject to State sales tax.

Customer Charge: The customer charge is the minimum charge and is in addition to any energy used.

Power Factor Correction: When required by the City, the customer shall provide power factor correction as follows.

Power Factor: The customer shall at all times take and use power in such a manner that the average power factor shall be as near 100% as possible.

1. After the customer's power factor has been determined by the City, the City will not be obligated to take additional readings until the customer has taken action to correct his power factor.
2. The City may take power factor readings at its discretion.
3. The customer shall correct the power factor to a minimum of 95%.

Power Factor Correction Charge:

Power Factor Below 95%. Any establishment where the power factor is below 95% will be required to correct same to a minimum of 95%. An additional charge will be added to the customer's monthly bill according to the following until the correction has been made:

95% to 100% P.F.	No additional charge
85% through 94% P.F.	4% additional charge
0 through 84% P.F.	5% additional charge

Transformer discount: A customer who owns a transformer metered at primary voltage may receive a 1% (one percent) discount off the net billing for service.

Determination of Rate: As provided by City Ordinance, the City shall determine the rate at which a customer is served. The City may combine multiple meter readings into one reading and treat the combined reading

as one meter. The City may use submeters and subtract meter readings and treat the readings as a separate meter.

ELECTRIC RATES

Rate R1. Electric Residential Service - All Purpose Uncontrolled.

A. Availability. The following rate shall be charged and collected for the use of electricity for light and power in private residences and in all flats and rooms used solely for private residence purposes on an uncontrolled basis (without a City provided load control device).

B. Rate No. R1 (Software Billing No. 1)

Customer Charge:	\$4.25 per month
Energy Charge:	
For the first 1,500 KWHs per month	5.740 cents/KWH
Excess KWH's per month	6.490 cents/KWH

Rate R3. Electric Residential Service - Dual fuel - 100% Controlled.

A. Availability. Available to all present and future space heating with/without electric water heater installations. In order to qualify for Rate R3, 100% interruptible electric heating rate, the customer must agree that electric heat and electric water heater shall be controlled on an interruptible basis without notice and that the customer shall have an alternate source of heat acceptable to the City. The alternate heating source shall heat the residence for an indefinite period of time.

B. Rate No. R3 (Software Billing No. 3)

Winter Months (Bills due in November, December, January, February, March, April, May and June)

Customer Charge:	\$4.25 per month
Energy Charge: (With load control - 100%)	
For the first 1000 KWHs per month	5.740 cents/KWH
Excess KWHs per month	3.710 cents/KWH

Summer Months (Bills due in July, August, September and October)
The rate shall be Rate R1.

Rate R4. Electric Residential Service - Residential Heating Dual Fuel - 100% Controlled - Separately Metered.

A. Available to all present and future space heating installations that are separately metered. In order to qualify for Rate R4, 100% interruptible electric heating rate, the customer must agree that electric heat and electric water heaters shall be controlled on an interruptible basis without notice and that the customer shall have an alternate source of heat acceptable to the City. The alternate heating source shall heat the residence for an indefinite period of time. This meter may be a submeter.

B. Rate No. R4 (Software Billing No. 4)

Customer Charge: None

Energy Charge: (With load control - 100%)
All KWHs per month 3.710 cents/KWH

Rate CH3. Commercial Heat - 100% controlled

A. Availability. Available only for customers with electricity as the primary heat source. Available to commercial heating service installation supplied through a separate meter for the use of electric energy in all establishments other than that used solely for residential purposes.

B. Rate No. CH3 (Software Billing No. 13, 30)

Winter months (Bills due in November, December, January, February, March, April, May and June)

Customer Charge: \$11.50 per month

Energy Charge: (With 100% Load Control)
All KWHs per month 3.710 cents/KWH

Summer Months (Bills due in July, August, September and October)
The rate shall be Rate C1.

Rate C1. Commercial - General Service

A. Availability. Available to commercial customer for single phase or three phase electric service supplied through one meter. For the use of electric energy in all churches and in all buildings, stores, offices, manufacturing plants, and other places occupied for business or commercial and manufacturing purposes and for any other use other than residential.

B. Rate No. C1 (Software Billing No. 14)

Customer Charge: \$11.50 per month

Energy Charge:	
For the First 1000 KWHs per month	6.710 cents/KWH
Excess KWHs per month	5.660 cents/KWH

Rate CG1. Commercial, with Standby Generation.

A. Availability. Available in the City to any commercial, industrial, and institutional customer for single or three phase electric service supplied through one meter. For the use of electric energy in all churches and in all buildings, stores, offices, manufacturing plants, and other places occupied for business or commercial and manufacturing purposes and for any use other than residential.

B. To qualify, the customer shall provide:

- 1) A standby generator sized to provide capacity sufficient to supply the power and energy for the customer's total electric load;
- 2) The customer's load factor shall be acceptable to the City;
- 3) The customer's generator shall be controlled by a load control device furnished by the City and installed by the customer at the direction of the City.
- 4) The generator shall be sized and capable of providing the customers energy for an indefinite amount of time.
- 5) The customer shall be billed for any coincidental demand the customer has connected.

C. Rate No. CG1 (Software Billing No. 19, 20 and 25)

Customer Charge:	\$11.50 per month
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Coincidental Demand:	
Winter demand	\$6.31/KW
Summer demand	\$3.98/KW

Energy Charge: All KWH's per month	4.130 cents/KWH
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Coincidental Billing Demand:

Winter: In no month shall the demand to be billed be less than the greatest demand in kilowatts registered from November 20 through March 20 during Northern Municipal Power Agency and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s controlled coincidental billing demand periods. To be in effect for one year from March 20th to March 19th of the following year.

Rate I2. Industrial - Controlled

- A. Availability. Closed to new installations. Available in the City to any commercial, industrial, and institutional customer as single business establishments for all power and lighting requirements, when all service hereunder is provided through one meter to determine the general service demand, annual system coincidental billing peak demand and energy, all at a single point of entry.
- B. Applicable. To commercial, industrial, and institutional customers for combined lighting and power purposes. Service will be rendered for combined lighting and power purposes. Service will be rendered at the utility system standard secondary voltage, three phase, or at primary voltage designated by the utility system at the service voltage available in the area for the size of load to be served. Special voltage transformers for lighting and other purposes shall be owned and maintained by the customer. Load control receivers will be furnished by the City and installed by the customer.
- C. Rate No. I2 (Software Billing No. 17, 18, 19, 35, 36 and 37).
(Closed to new installations)

Customer Charge:	\$ 11.50 per month
General Service Demand - Uncontrolled	\$0.27/KW
Coincidental Demand:	
Winter Demand	\$6.31/KW
Summer Demand	\$3.98/KW
Energy Charge: All KWH's per month	3.580 cents/KWH

General Service Demand - Uncontrolled: The maximum demand in kilowatts for billing purposes shall be the greatest 15 minutes demand load during the billing period for which the bill is rendered.

Coincidental Billing Demand:

Winter Demand: In no month shall the demand to be billed be less than the maximum demand in kilowatts registered from November 20 through March 20 during Northern Municipal Power Agency and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s coincidental billing demand periods. To be in effect for one year from March 20th to March 19th of the following year.

Summer Demand: In no month shall the demand to be billed be less than the greatest demand in kilowatts registered from March 20 through November 20 during Northern Municipal Power Agency and

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s controlled coincidental billing demand periods. To be in effect for one year from March 20th to March 19th of the following year.

- D. Primary Service Discount. Customer's receiving service at primary distribution voltage may receive a 2% (two percent) discount off the net billing for service.
- E. Power Factor Correction. Power Factor Correction can be required as described above.

Rate I3. Industrial

- A. Availability. Available in the City to any commercial, industrial, and institutional customer as single business establishments for all power and lighting requirements.
- B. Applicable. To commercial, industrial, and institutional customers for combined lighting and power purposes. Service will be rendered for combined lighting and power purposes. Service will be rendered at the utility system standard secondary voltage, three phase, or at primary voltage designated by the utility system at the service voltage available in the area for the size of load to be served. Special voltage transformers for lighting and other purposes shall be owned and maintained by the customer.
- C. Rate No. I3 (Software Billing No. 19, 22, 24, 37, 38 and 39).

Customer Charge: \$ 11.50 per month

General Service Demand \$1.08/KW

Controlled Coincidental Demand:

Winter demand \$6.31

Summer demand \$3.98/KW

Energy Charge: All KWH's per month 3.900 cents/KWH

General Service Demand: The maximum demand in kilowatts for billing purposes shall be the greatest 15 minutes demand load during the billing period for which the bill is rendered.

Coincidental Billing Demand:

Winter Demand: In no month shall the demand to be billed be less than the maximum demand in kilowatts registered from November 20 through March 20 during Northern Municipal Power Agency and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s coincidental billing demand

periods. To be in effect for one year from March 20th to March 19th of the following year.

Summer Demand: In no month shall the demand to be billed be less than the greatest demand in kilowatts registered from March 20 through November 20 during Northern Municipal Power Agency and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s controlled coincidental billing demand periods. To be in effect for one year from March 20th to March 19th of the following year.

- D. Primary Service Discount. Customer's receiving service at primary distribution voltage may receive a 2% (two percent) discount off the net billing for service.
- E. Power Factor Correction. Power Factor Correction can be required as described above

Rate IH1. Industrial Electric Heat Rate.

A. Availability. Available in the City to any customer with an annual electric heat usage of one million KWHs or more. If one million KWHs are not used, the customer shall have the option of paying on the basis of Rate CH3 or paying for one million kilowatt hours on this rate or the City may waive the one million KWHs on this rate. The electric heat must be 100% controlled and shall switch to an alternate fuel or heating during control periods. Service will be rendered at the utility system standard voltage or at primary voltage.

B. Rate No. IH1 (Software Billing No. 21)

Customer Charge:	\$11.50 per month
Energy Charge: For KWHs	2.880 cents/KWH

Summer Months (Bills due in July, August, September and October)
The rate shall be Rate C1.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-132-07: APPROVAL OF 2007-2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The City's Division Directors presented their department's sections of the proposed 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Plan. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 5-132-07, being seconded by Councilmember Erickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Thief River Falls.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-133-07: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY EMPLOYEE WORK SCHEDULE PARAMETERS

The City Council continued their discussion on work hours of City employees. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 5-133-07, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

WHEREAS, the City retains the full and unrestricted right to operate and manage all manpower, facilities, and equipment; to establish functions and programs; to set and amend budgets; to determine the utilization of technology; to establish and modify the organizational structure; to select, direct and determine the number of personnel; to establish work schedules; and to perform any inherent function not specifically limited by any bargaining agreements; and,

WHEREAS, the City's employees wish to change their work schedules from May 21, 2007 through September 14, 2007 to allow certain employees to work four nine-hour days and one four-hour day; and,

WHEREAS, the City's Division Directors have assured the City Council that all departments will remain open during core work hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., that there will be no effect on services to the public, and that productivity will remain high; and,

WHEREAS, the City shall not incur any overtime, call back, standby, or other premium pay due to adjusted work schedules.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes Division Directors to set work schedules within these parameters and that these schedules may be reassessed at any time.

On vote being taken, the resolution was passed by a five-yes, two-no (Cullen and Erickson) vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-134-07: RESOLUTION ALLOWING ONLY THE BURNING OF CITY SUPPLIED WOOD AT TOURIST PARK

Myles Olson, Park Maintenance/Forester, discussed the concern of the Emerald Ash Bore being brought in with firewood from outside sources to Tourist Park. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 5-134-07, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

WHEREAS, there is an eminent threat to our urban forest presented by the Emerald Ash Bore; and,

WHEREAS, it can be easily introduced to our City by transported firewood; and,

WHEREAS, the burning of firewood is allowed in the City's Tourist Park.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Thief River Falls hereby prohibits burning wood at the Tourist Park from any source other than that purchased at the Thief River Falls Tourist Park, effective immediately.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-135-07: MATTER OF DEDICATED PARK LANDS OR CASH IN LIEU OF REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 5-135-07, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, that the City's ordinance on public land dedication be referred to the City's Planning Commission for review and a recommendation on whether to uphold or abolish this ordinance.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-136-07: PROCLAMATION ON RED LAKE RIVER RENDEZVOUS

The Mayor presented a proclamation. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 5-136-07, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

WHEREAS, the "Red Lake River Rendezvous" is a major celebration recognizing the 40th anniversary of the designation of the Red Lake River as a canoe route in the State of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, the goals of the Red Lake River Corridor group, sponsor of this event, are to create awareness, promote access, and connect communities throughout the 193 mile stretch of the Red Lake River; and,

WHEREAS, rivers are the "life blood" of the land whose beauty inspires citizens, whose waters provide homes for many wildlife species, and whose waters bear potential to connect the next generation to a sense of place within their watershed; and,

WHEREAS, the Red Lake River and the communities it supports has significant historic relevance related to the settling of Northwest Minnesota and noting that the headwaters at Lower Red Lake, (the largest lake in Minnesota and deemed as Red Lake Nation tribal waters) are the "life blood" supporting the Red Lake River; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Thief River Falls as a member of the Red Lake River Corridor group supports the "Red Lake Rendezvous" and the strat-

egy to connect communities in our watershed region and promote a sustainable future for Minnesota's important natural resources.

THEREFORE, I, Steve Nordhagen, Mayor, on behalf of the City of Thief River Falls, do hereby proclaim May 28 - June 10, 2007 as the official celebration of "Red Lake River Rendezvous".

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-137-07: APPROVAL OF BEER IN THE PARK PERMIT FOR WOMEN'S SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

The City Council reviewed an application for a Beer in the Park Permit. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 5-137-07, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to grant the TRF Women's Softball Association a Beer in the Park Permit at the MEC Softball Complex, effective May 23 - August 16, 2007.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RECESS

A five-minute recess was taken at this time.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

The City Council conducted a review of the following proposed 2008 budgets: Engineering Technical Services, Government Buildings, Streets, Storm Water Utility Fund, and TRF Branch Library.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned.

Steve Nordhagen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator