

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 7, 2007

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., on August 7, 2007 in the Pioneer Village's Asphalt Church basement. The following Councilmembers were present: Bendickson, Cullen, Erickson, Holten, Lee, Schmalz, and Mayor Nordhagen. Councilmember Kajewski was absent. Mayor Nordhagen chaired the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-203-07: APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council reviewed two sets of Council Proceedings. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 8-203-07, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the July 24, 2007 Council Proceedings and the July 31, 2007 Committee of the Whole Proceedings, as presented.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-204-07: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilmembers Cullen and Bendickson indicated they reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Bendickson introduced Resolution No. 8-204-07, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the first half of August bills in the amount of \$293,030.43 and the July 16 - 31, 2007 prepayments in the amount of \$325,671.17. 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. 8-205-07: APPROVAL OF REVISED WATER PLANT OPERATOR JOB DESCRIPTION AND FILLING OF VACANCY

Arlo Rude, Director of Utilities, discussed a vacant Water Plant Operator position. Following discussion, Councilmember Erickson introduced Resolution No. 8-205-07, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve a revised Water Plant Operator job description, noting that the revisions do not affect more than 15% of the task frequencies therefore, a grade level re-evaluation is not be required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council, to open the vacant Water Plant Operator position for filling through the internal Teamster #320 process. If the City is unable to fill the position through the internal process, the City shall publicly advertise through the Minnesota Workforce Center.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-206-07: AUTHORIZATION TO FILL LINEWORKER POSITION VACANCY

Arlo Rude, Director of Utilities, discussed a vacant Lineworker position. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 8-206-07, being seconded by Councilmember Erickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to open the vacant Lineworker position for filling through the internal Teamster #320 process. If the City is unable to fill the position through the internal process, the City shall publicly advertise through the Minnesota Workforce Center.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-207-07: ACCEPTING LEE PLUMBING QUOTE FOR FURNACE REPLACEMENT IN AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, presented the City Council with quotes received for replacement of the furnace at the airport terminal building. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 8-207-07, being seconded by Councilmember Holten, that:

WHEREAS, the following two quotes were received for a new furnace at the Thief River Falls Airport terminal building:

Johanneck Plumbing and Heating	\$29,371.00
Lee Plumbing and Heating	\$16,700.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the low quote submitted by Lee Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$16,700.00 to furnish and install a Munchkin natural gas boiler furnace system at the Thief River Falls Regional Airport terminal building.

It should be noted that the City has received a positive response from conversations with Mn/DOT to the City's request for 70% funding of this purchase.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-208-07: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT LOADER AND SNOW BROOM

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, presented information with regard to funding of an airport loader and snow broom. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen in-

roduced Resolution No. 8-208-07, being seconded by Councilmember Erickson, that:

WHEREAS, federal funds have been transferred to Mn/DOT to fund 95% of the cost of an airport loader and snow broom being purchased by the City, noting that the City share of \$25,737.11 shall be budgeted 50% in 2008 and 50% in 2009.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, that the City of Thief River Falls approves the State of Minnesota Agreement No. 91579 "Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition" for State Project No. 5701-69 at the Thief River Falls Regional Airport; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator and Mayor are authorized to execute this agreement and any amendments on behalf of the City of Thief River Falls.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-209-07: ACCEPTING BID OF FERGUS POWER PUMP FOR LIME SLUDGE REMOVAL, HAULING, AND APPLICATION

Arlo Rude, Director of Utilities, presented the City Council with bids received for lime sludge removal. Following discussion, Councilmember Erickson introduced Resolution No. 8-209-07, being seconded Bendickson, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 7-182-07, bids were accepted for the annual removal of lime sludge at the Water Treatment Plant ponds; and,

WHEREAS, the following bids were opened on August 6, 2007:

Michael Skjerven	\$0.047 per gallon
Fergus Power Pump	\$0.0455 per gallon

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the bid submitted by Fergus Power Pump in the amount of \$0.0455 per gallon to remove lime sludge from the Water Treatment Plant ponds. Fergus Power Pump shall also haul the removed sludge to airport land and apply the sludge to the fields.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-210-07: AUTHORIZATION FOR ANTHONY BOLDOC, TEMPORARY PATROL OFFICER, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PERA POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT FUND

Kim Murphy, Chief of Police, informed the City Council that temporary Patrol Officer, Anthony Bolduc, has qualified for participation in the Public Employees Retirement

Association. Following discussion, Councilmember Erickson introduced Resolution No. 8-210-07, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

RESOLVED, that the City Council declares that Anthony Bolduc, temporary Patrol Officer, meets all of the Public Employees Retirement Association requirements and hereby requests that Anthony Bolduc be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Retirement Association Police and Fire Plan, effective the August 16, 2007 payroll.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-211-07: APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ARLO RUDE TO THE MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSOCIATION AND BARRY FROILAND, DALE NARLOCK, AND JODIE TORKELSON AS ALTERNATES

The City of Thief River Falls has been requested to appoint a delegate to the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA). Following discussion, Councilmember Bendickson introduced Resolution No. 8-211-07, being seconded by Councilmember Erickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to appoint Arlo Rude, Director of Utilities, as the City's delegated representative to the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to appoint Barry Froiland, MIS Director, Dale Narlock, Electric Superintendent, and Jodie Torkelson, City Administrator, as alternate representatives to the MMUA.

The above appointments shall remain in effect until amended by the City Council.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 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