

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

August 14, 2007

CALL TO

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

COUNCIL

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

COUNCIL

ABSENT: Councilmembers Kajewski and Holten

STAFF

PRESENT: City Administrator Torkelson, City Attorney Ihle, Public Works Director Lindberg, Community Development Director Moore, Finance Director Johnson, Chief of Police Murphy, Director of Utilities Rude, Liquor Store Manager Olson, MIS Director Froiland, Electric Superintendent Narlock, Parks and Recreation Director Vigen, and Building and Grounds Supervisor Howe.

PRESS

PRESENT: KTRF Radio, The Times

OTHERS

PRESENT: Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Diana Josephson and Board Member Larry Rohlf
County Commissioners Skip Swanson and Don Jensen, County Auditor Ken Olson and Sheriff Mike Hruby.

The following items were presented and discussed:

1. Presentation by Diana Josephson and Larry Rohlf of the Convention and Visitors Bureau on completion of the Marketing Area, Regional and State Sports (MARSS) Project. Because the project was completed under budget, the CVB notified the Council that the second \$2,500 installment would not be needed.
2. Kick'n Up Kountry Dance and Parade Permits for Labor Day Weekend.
3. Service Territory Compensation for Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc. for annexed land and the need to appoint council members to a negotiating team.
4. Installation of wiring on non-municipal property.
5. Progression Raise for Brian Benitt, Public Works Maintenance Street/Sanitation Employee.
6. Quotes on mudjacking the concrete pad at the Ralph Engelstad Arena entrance.

7. Quotes on replacement of two evaporative condensers for the HOMCC ice plant.
8. Frappier lease agreement renewal with Northwest Medical Center.
9. Bills for the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) roof and radio system were presented by Commissioners Swanson and Jensen, Auditor Olson and Sheriff Hruby. Council representatives will meet with the county commissioners on a new agreement for payment of expenses at the LEC. The matter of the radio system bills will be brought before the council at the next meeting.
10. Presentation by Roy Lunde, Brady Martz, on the city's 2006 annual audit. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Bendickson and then withdrawn on actions to be taken based on the audit recommendations. The resolution will be brought forward at the next meeting to allow the council ample time for review.
11. 2008 Preliminary Levy. The Council instructed the division directors and department heads to develop a plan to decrease the levy by 2% and report back at the August 28th Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Cullen, Seconded by Councilmember Bendickson to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Nordhagen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator