

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
August 28, 2007

CALL TO

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

COUNCIL

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

COUNCIL

ABSENT: Councilmember Schmalz

STAFF

PRESENT: City Administrator Torkelson, City Attorney Ihle, Public Works Director Lindberg, Community Development Director Moore, Finance Director Johnson, Director of Utilities Rude, Liquor Store Manager Olson, MIS Director Froiland, Electric Superintendent Narlock, Parks and Recreation Director Vigen, Building and Grounds Supervisor Howe, Fire Co-Chiefs Stenseth and Newton, Streets Supervisor Konickson, Building Official Erickson, Marketing and Events Coordinator Wennberg, Airport Manager Josephson, Deputy Police Chief Mattson, Engineering Technician Borseth, Water Foreman Johnson, Wastewater Superintendent Swanson, and Sgt. Puetz.

PRESS

PRESENT: KTRF Radio, The Times

OTHERS

PRESENT: Tony Dorn, Jr., President of TRFAHA
Michael Jorgenson, Attorney for the MAPS Union

The following items were presented and discussed:

1. Tony Dorn, Jr., President of TRFAHA, appeared to discuss TRFAHA's agreement with the City to provide concessions staffing and TRFAHA's proposed changes to that agreement. He also stressed the great working relationship with the city staff at the REA.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 8-227-07: DELETION OF AGENDA ITEM "DISCUSSION ON 19 POINTS FOR DISCUSSION" AND MAYOR AUTHORIZATION TO FORM RESEARCH GROUP**

Mayor Nordhagen asked for a motion to delete the agenda item "Discussion on 19 points for discussion on City organization and operation" from the agenda and to allow him to select a group who can research this issue and bring to the council their findings.

The motion was made by Councilmember Kajewski and seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed unanimously.

3. Request from Baseball Association to move baseball backstop from Annie Park to Franklin Middle School.
4. An energy efficient lighting proposal for the Huck Olson Memorial Civic Center was presented. Six quotes were received. A recommendation was made by Utilities Director Rude to accept the quote from Dakota Electric Supply Group in the amount of \$15,780.15 and to purchase three transformers for \$733.35 for a total project cost (including tax) of \$17,586.88. The electric department's Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) would fund \$15,086.88 of the project and the parks and recreation department budget of \$2,500.00 would fund the remainder.
5. Request for proposals from groups or individuals to lease space at, or purchase, the Carnegie Library. An advertisement will be placed in The Times to give interested parties an opportunity to submit proposals for utilizing the space at the Carnegie Library.
6. Family Bowl proposal to serve intoxicating liquor in a patio area compact and contiguous to their current building.
7. 2008 Budget/Tax Levy. A 1.8% decrease in health insurance premiums for 2008 was discussed and staff were directed to include any estimated savings in the city's reserve fund in accordance with the recommendation by the auditors to build up existing reserves.
8. Fire Department request to apply for three grants for equipment was presented. The three grants would be from the Red Lake Electric's Operation Roundup program for \$500, the Enbridge Energy company's 911 Fund for \$725, and the Minnesota DNR's Rural Fire Department Grant program for a 50/50 grant match toward budgeted turnout gear.
9. Contract for grant writing with Joan Abercrombie for a Small Cities Development Program grant for housing rehabilitation. Funding for the grant writing would come from the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB).

Items for Information

- A. City Council calendar for September
- B. Northrop Park playground equipment was installed this week thanks to the Kiwanis.

Motion by Councilmember Cullen and seconded by Councilmember Lee to adjourn at 5:30pm until Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 5:00pm in Council Chambers at City Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Nordhagen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator

