

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

September 18, 2007

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., on September 18, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Bendickson, Cullen, Erickson (arrived at 5:25 p.m.), Holten, Kajewski, Lee, Schmalz, and Mayor Nordhagen (arrived at 5:08 p.m.). Absent was Councilmember Kajewski. Vice-Mayor Cullen chaired the meeting.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 9-245-07: APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

The City Council reviewed three sets of Council Proceedings. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 9-245-07, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the August 21, 2007 Hearing Proceedings, the September 4, 2007 Council Proceedings, and the September 11, 2007 Committee of the Whole Proceedings, with corrections as directed by the City Council.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 9-246-07: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Councilmembers Holten and Erickson had reviewed the bills prior to the meeting. Following discussion, Councilmember Holten introduced Resolution No. 9-246-07, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the second half of September bills in the amount of \$640,027.02 and the September 3 - 14, 2007 prepayments in the amount of \$830,714.53. 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.

Mayor Nordhagen arrived at this time.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 9-247-07: APPROVAL TO SEEK LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR AIRPORT MASTER PLAN PROJECTS**

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, presented information with regard to pursuing federal funding of proposed airport projects. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 9-247-07, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

WHEREAS, an updated Airport Master Plan has been submitted to the FAA and the State of Minnesota for a required comment period. Consultants have indicated the Airport Master Plan will be available for City Council action sometime in October 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the City needs to begin the process of pursuing federal funding of the projects contained in the proposed updated Airport Master Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to direct the Mayor to submit a request to local governmental officials for legislative support in obtaining federal funding of projects identified in the proposed Airport Master Plan.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-248-07: APPROVAL OF VARIANCE FOR KIM PANEK, 111 CROCKER AVENUE SOUTH**

The City Council reviewed a Board of Adjustments and Appeals recommendation. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 9-248-07, being seconded by Councilmember Holten, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to proper notice, the Board of Adjustments and Appeals conducted a public hearing on a request submitted by Kim Panek, 111 Crocker Avenue South for a sideyard variance to allow for the proposed extension of the eaves of home; and,

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the Board of Adjustments and Appeals recommends approval of the request as submitted, noting that the request meets all criteria for granting variances and the fact that the home is in the older section of town and was constructed prior to the City ordinance regulating sideyard setback requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Board of Adjustments and Appeals recommendation and grant Kim Panek a four-foot variance to the seven-foot Interior Sideyard Setback as required by City Code Chapter 152.025(E)(1) on property legally described as Lots 19 and 20 of Block 29 in Red Lake Rapids Addition.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-249-07: WOMEN OF TODAY WEEK PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Nordhagen presented a proclamation with regard to the Women of Today. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 9-249-07, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Women of Today and United States Women of Today have set aside the week of September 23–29, 2007 to celebrate the many community activities and dedicated membership and,

WHEREAS, the Thief River Falls Women of Today are dedicated to promoting community service such as their annual Halloween Carnival; and,

WHEREAS, the Thief River Falls Women of Today have been a vital part of this community for 24 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Thief River Falls Women of Today have provided personal enrichment and leadership development to the members of this community through services; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Women of Today and United States Women of Today are "united by our friendship and belief in the future".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven Nordhagen, Mayor of the City of Thief River Falls, do hereby proclaim the week of September 23-29, 2007 to be Minnesota Women of Today week.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Councilmember Erickson arrived at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-250-07: APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE AWARD AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AT THE REGIONAL AIRPORT**

The City Council reviewed an assistance award for the City of Thief River Falls from the Transportation Security Administration. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 9-250-07, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve a Law Enforcement Officer Assistance Reimbursement Agreement from the Transportation Security Administration. The Transportation Security Administration shall reimburse the City of Thief River Falls up to \$121,665.09 for law enforcement services at the Thief River Falls Regional Airport between the period October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2012.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-251-07: APPROVAL TO PURSUE AQUATIC CENTER FUNDING PROPOSAL IN STATE BONDING PACKAGE**

Discussion was again held with regard to the possibility of financial assistance of Phase II (aquatic center) at the Multi-Events Center. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 9-251-07, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, that:

WHEREAS, the City requested consideration by the State of Minnesota for financial assistance for the proposed aquatic center as Phase II of the Multi-Events Center project; and,

WHEREAS, the City withdrew its proposal for financial consideration after discussions with the Joint Power Board; and,

WHEREAS, the City needs to take this opportunity to showcase our community and potential future needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to rescind the action taken by Resolution No. 9-240-07 and to continue to pursue Phase II as part of the Capital Budget process.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

#### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

1) Mayor Nordhagen, Councilmember Lee, Public Works Director Lindberg, Community Development Director Moore, and Parks and Recreation Director Vigen shall be a part of the presentation to the House Bonding Committee at 4:45 p.m. on September 19, 2007.

2) The Mayor-appointed committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2007 to continue the review of the City Administrator's job description.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Bendickson moved, being seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned until September 25, 2007 at Noon.

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Steve Nordhagen, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator