

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
September 25, 2007

CALL TO

ORDER: 12:00 p.m. by Mayor Nordhagen

COUNCIL

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

COUNCIL

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: Director of Utilities Rude, Chief of Police Murphy, Electric Superintendent Narlock, Community Development Director Moore, Finance Director Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director Vigen, Public Works Director Lindberg, and Deputy Chief of Police Mattson

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PRESENT: KTRF Radio, The Times

The following items were presented and discussed:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 9-252-07: APPROVAL TO EXTEND NO PARKING AREA ALONG PORTION OF 100 BLOCK OF ARNOLD AVENUE SOUTH**

A request by Hartz Foods, Inc. to extend a “no parking” area on a portion of Arnold Avenue South to accommodate tractor-trailers attempting to back into the Hartz Foods docking areas was reviewed. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 9-252-07, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

WHEREAS, currently 48’ of the east side of the 100 block of Arnold Avenue South is designated as a “no parking” area; and,

WHEREAS, Hartz Foods has indicated that in order to accommodate the tractor trailer’s ability to back into the docking area, the designated “no parking” area along Arnold Avenue South needs to be extended southerly.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to extend southerly an additional 120’ of no parking along the easterly side of the northerly end of the 100 block of Arnold Avenue South. The no parking area shall be painted yellow and uniform “no parking” signage shall be placed along this area.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 9-253-07: ADOPTION OF ELEMENTARY FIRST ADDITION FINAL PLAT**

A Planning Commission recommendation to adopt the Final Plat of Elementary First Addition was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 9-253-07, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a meeting on September 17, 2007 to review the Final Plat of Elementary First Addition; and,

WHEREAS, after review and discussion, the Planning Commission recommends approval of the Final Plat of Elementary First Addition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Final Plat of Elementary First Addition, legally described as:

A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 153 North, Range 43 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Pennington County, further described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the said Northwest Quarter thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 40 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the north line of the said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 1,342.21 feet; thence South 0 degrees 42 minutes 50 seconds West, parallel with the west line of the said Northwest Quarter; a distance of 1,106.88 feet; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds West, along an easterly extension of the southerly line of a tract described in Document No. 164216 of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Pennington and State of Minnesota, a distance of 890.00 feet to the southeast corner of said tract described in Document No. 164216, the same being 452.00 feet distant from the said west line; thence North 0 degrees 42 minutes 50 seconds East, parallel with the said west line and along the east line of said tract described in Document 164216, a distance of 750.00 feet to the northeast corner of that tract described in Book 93 of Deeds on page 347, of record in said office of the County Recorder, thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 10 seconds West, along the north line of said tract described in Book 93 of Deeds on page 347, a distance of 452.00 feet to the said west line; thence North 0 degrees 42 minutes 50 seconds East, along the said west line, a distance of 333.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 25.95 acres, more or less, and being subject to easements, restrictions, or reservations of record, if any.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council also accepts the Planning Commission recommendation that the City shall:

- 1) Accept the trail and bridge in lieu of cash, and as consideration for the public land dedication with the design acceptable to the Public Works Director;
- 2) Dedicate the pond and trails for public use with the City responsible for ownership and future maintenance.

- 3) Maintain the trails and bridge, with snow removal being at the discretion of the City Council; and,
- 4) Authorize that the bridge credit will be available for this development only.

On vote being taken, the resolution was passed by a seven-yes, one-no (Nordhagen) vote.

3. Progression Raise for Michael Olson, Parks/Arena.
4. Water Emergency and Conservation Plans.
5. Salvation Army Heat Share Program.
6. Extension of vacant Lineworker position from September 28, 2007 to October 26, 2007.
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 9-254-07: APPROVAL FOR TRAFHA TO CONDUCT RAFFLE AT THE RALPH ENGELSTAD ARENA**

The City Council reviewed an application to allow a raffle to be held at the Ralph Engelstad Arena by the Thief River Falls Amateur Hockey Association. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 9-254-07, being seconded by Councilmember Erickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize the Thief River Falls Amateur Hockey Association (TRFAHA) to conduct a raffle at the Ralph Engelstad Arena on April 19, 2007.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously approved.

8. Request by Evergreen Eating Emporium to extend Liquor License to outdoor seating area.
9. LEC Radios.
10. **RESOLUTION NO. 9-255-07: RESOLUTION DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE 2007 STREET, SIDEWALK, AND UTILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, presented information with regard to the 2007 Street, Sidewalk, and Utilities Improvement Project. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 9-255-07, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

WHEREAS, contracts have been let for the 2007 Street, Sidewalk, and Utilities Improvement Project (Schedules A and B) and the contracts price for such improvements is \$1,204,932.35 for Schedule A and \$905,343.60 for Schedule B for a total of \$2,110,275.95 and the expenses incurred or to be incurred in the making of such improvements amount to \$340,000.00 so that the total cost of the improvements will be \$2,450,275.95.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, that:

- 1) The portion of the cost of such improvements to be paid by the City is hereby declared to be \$1,015,275.95 and the portion of the cost to be assessed or invoiced against benefited property owners is declared to be \$1,435,000.00.
- 2) Assessments shall be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of 12 years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January, 2008, and shall bear interest rate of five and one-half percent (5.5%) per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment roll;
- 3) The City Administrator, with the assistance of the Public Works Director, shall forthwith calculate the proper amount to be specially assessed for such improvement against every assessable lot, piece, or parcel of land within the area affected, without regard to cash valuation as provided by law, and the City Administrator shall file a copy of such proposed assessment in the Office of the City Administrator for public inspection; and,
- 4) The City Administrator shall, upon the completion of such proposed assessments, notify the City Council of its completion.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Cullen, seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, to adjourn at 1:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Nordhagen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator