

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 23, 2007

CALL TO

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

COUNCIL

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

COUNCIL

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: City Administrator Torkelson, Public Works Director Lindberg, Assistant Public Works Director Borseth, Director of Utilities Rude, Finance Director Johnson, Street Supervisor Konickson, Community Development Director Moore, Electric Superintendent Narlock, Building and Grounds Supervisor Howe, Parks and Recreation Director Vigen, MIS Director Froiland, Liquor Store Manager Olson, Marketing and Events Manager Wennberg, Sergeant Puetz, Co-Fire Chief Stenseth, Deputy Police Chief Mattson, Chief of Police Murphy, Wastewater Supervisor Swanson, Interim Water Supervisor Johnson, Payroll/Secretary Engelstad

OTHERS

PRESENT: City Attorney Ihle, City Engineer Kildahl, Donald Barron, Ken Murphy, David Carlson

PRESS

PRESENT: KTRF Radio, The Times

The following items were presented and discussed:

1. Proposed Council agenda format.
2. Campus Courts land.
3. Heritage Center gambling license renewal.
4. Recommendation from Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee.
5. Proposed ordinance relating to the recommended change in City structure.
6. City Policy for removal of snow from streets, alleys, sidewalks, and parking lots.
7. Filling vacant Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO) position in the Street Department.

** It should be noted that Councilmembers Cullen and Erickson left the meeting during discussion of Item No. 7 and Councilmember Schmalz left the meeting at the conclusion of Item No. 7.

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-280-07: APPROVAL OF EXCAVATION AND AGGREGATE BACKFILLING OF WILLOW COURT**

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, presented a Decision Memorandum recommending that street improvements be accomplished in Willow Court to serve a newly constructed residence. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 10-280-07, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

WHEREAS, a homeowner has requested street improvements to Willow Court, including curb and gutter and bituminous paving in 2008; and,

WHEREAS, the City contributes 40% of the cost of street improvements in residential areas and the City may provide force account excavation and aggregate backfilling of the improvements to reduce the City's cash outlay; and,

WHEREAS, excavation and backfilling will define the limits of the street surface and be easier for snow plowing operations during the winter. Installation of sub-drain tile will also improve drainage of the area. A developer has indicated he will accept the excavated material at no cost to the City.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to instruct the Street Department to excavate and backfill Willow Court during the fall of 2008, noting that the City will document the cost of the Street Department labor and materials and include that value in the computations for future curb and gutter and bituminous paving of Willow Court.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 10-281-07: APPROVAL OF COST PARTICIPATION WITH MNDOT FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY 32 IMPROVEMENTS**

Ron Lindberg, Public Works Director, presented a request from the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Following discussion, Councilmember Bendickson introduced Resolution No. 10-281-07, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to participate in the cost of 2008 bituminous milling and overlay of Highway 32 through the City of Thief River Falls at a lump sum local cost of \$5,782.10.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Cullen, seconded by Councilmember Schmalz, to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

Steve Nordhagen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator