

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 5, 2008

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on August 5, 2008 at the Pioneer Village Asphalt church basement. The following Councilmembers were present: Bendickson, Cullen, Erickson, Holten, Kajewski, Lee, and Mayor Nordhagen. Councilmember Schmalz was absent. Mayor Nordhagen chaired the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-186-08: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Stacy Myhrer, Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the City Council to present an amendment to the Downtown Beautification Project. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 8-186-08, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 3-67-08 supported the proposed Chamber of Commerce Downtown Beautification Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce has now amended the original project to include tree plantings on the north side of Third Street East.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, to support the amendment to the Downtown Beautification Project by including tree plantings along the north side of Third Street East.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Bendickson motioned, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, to approve the agenda with the addition of three items. On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously approved and the agenda adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-187-08: APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-187-08, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the July 15, 2008 Council Proceedings as presented.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-188-08: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-188-08, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of the bills and disbursements in the total amount of \$1,633,186.96. A printout of the approved payments and disbursements is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-189-08: APPROVAL OF BEER IN THE PARK PERMIT TO MARLENE RODRIGUEZ

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-189-08, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to grant Rodriguez a Beer in the Park Permit for Oakland Park on Saturday, August 2, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-190-08: APPROVAL OF A BEER IN THE PARK PERMIT FOR THE EAGLES CLUB AND AN EXTENSION OF LICENSED PREMISES

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-190-08, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to grant the Eagles Club a Beer in the Park Permit for Oakland Park on Thursday, August 7, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve a temporary liquor license premises extension for the Eagles Aerie 2368 on Friday, August 15, 2008, to facilitate an outdoor barbeque.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-191-08: APPROVAL OF ELKS LODGE 1308 TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-191-08, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the following Temporary Intoxicating Liquor Licenses to the Elks Lodge 1308:

- August 29, 30, and 31, 2008 at the Pennington County Fairgrounds (Kick'n Up Kountry); and
- October 11, 2008 at the Thief River Falls Armory (Wedding Dance)

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-192-08: APPROVAL OF JANICE DAVIS, FOOD & BEVERAGE SPECIALIST (PART-TIME) PROGRESSION RAISE

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-192-08, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve a progression raise for Janice Davis, Food & Beverage Specialist (Part-Time). Ms. Davis shall progress to Step 5 of the Grade Level 4/Pay Range 4 Salary Schedule, retroactive to July 14, 2008.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-193-08: APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF ON-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE FROM LGH VENTURE, INC. TO HENMAR, INC. d.b.a. THE KNOTTY PINE EATERY & PUB

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-193-08, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the transfer of an On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License and Sunday Liquor License from LGH Venture Inc. to Henmar Inc. d.b.a. The Knotty Pine Eatery & Pub, effective August 6, 2008.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-194-08: ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF RESIGNATION FOR OFFICER TERESA MATTISON

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-194-08, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the resignation of Officer Teresa Mattison effective August 15, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council thanks her for her many years of dedicated service as a patrol officer and juvenile officer for the City of Thief River Falls.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-195-08: APPROVAL OF COURT SURFACES AND REPAIR, INC. QUOTE FOR ENGELSTAD PARK TENNIS COURT REPAIR

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-195-08, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to accept the low quote submitted by Court Surfaces & Repair, Inc. in the amount of \$16,850.00 for repair of the Engelstad Park tennis courts. One other quote was received in the amount of \$27,560 from Tennis Court Doctor.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-196-08: APPROVAL OF PROGRESSION RAISES FOR PATROL OFFICERS: RYAN BASSETT, MARISSA ADAM, ANDREW HART, AND SETH VETTLESON

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-196-08, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the following progression raises:

Ryan Bassett, Patrol Officer: Mr. Bassett shall progress to Step 6 of the Grade Level 6 Patrol Officer Appendix A salary schedule, retroactive to August 1, 2008;

Andrew Hart, Patrol Officer: Mr. Hart shall progress to Step 3 of the Grade Level 6 Patrol Officer Appendix B salary schedule, retroactive to July 31, 2008;

Marissa Adam, Patrol Officer: Ms. Adam shall progress to Step 2 of the Grade Level 6 Patrol Officer Appendix B salary schedule, effective August 6, 2008;

Seth Vettleson, Patrol Officer: Mr. Vettleson shall progress to Step 2 of the Grade Level 6 Patrol Officer Appendix B salary schedule, effective August 13, 2008.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-197-08: APPROVAL OF OFF-SITE GAMBLING APPLICATION FOR KARLSTAD EAGLES CLUB TO CONDUCT RAFFLE AT THE PENNINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-196-08, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize the Karlstad Eagles Club to conduct a raffle at the Pennington County Fairgrounds, property located in the City limits of Thief River Falls, on Sunday, August 31, 2008.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-198-08: APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY IN THE GILBERT INDUSTRIAL PARK TO THIEF RIVER FALLS JOBS INCORPORATED, A/K/A JOBS, INC.

The City Council reviewed a proposed transfer of property to Jobs, Inc. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-198-08, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Administrator to execute any and all documents related to the transfer of City-owned property, described as Lot Two (2), Block One (1), Gilbert Industrial Addition to Thief River Falls Jobs Incorporated, a/k/a Jobs, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transfer of the real property does not affect the Comprehensive Plan and therefore this transfer does not have to be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-199-08: APPROVAL TO CALL FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR OPERATION OF RALPH ENGELSTAD ARENA PRO-SHOP

The lease for the operation of the pro-shop at the Ralph Engelstad Arena has expired. Following discussion, Councilmember Kajewski introduced Resolution No. 8-199-08, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize the City Administrator to seek proposals from those interested to operate the pro-shop located in the Ralph Engelstad Arena, effective January 1, 2009.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-200-08: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BID OF FERGUS POWER PUMP INC. FOR LIME SLUDGE REMOVAL

Director of Utilities Rude presented a summary of bids received for lime sludge removal, hauling, and application. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 8-200-08, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, that:

COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

- CGMC – Elvera Cullen attended summer conference in Mankato/New Ulm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- National Night Out – August 5th at 5:00 p.m.
- Budget & Finance Committee – August 7, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.
- Administrative Services Committee – August 11, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation/Public Safety Committee – August 12, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.
- Public Works Committee – August 13, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.
- Public Utilities Committee – August 14, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission – August 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – August 19, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Kajewski moved, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned.

Steve Nordhagen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator