

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

February 3, 2009

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2009 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Bendickson, Erickson, Holten, Kajewski, Lee, Schmalz, and Mayor Nordhagen. Councilmember Cullen was absent. Mayor Nordhagen chaired the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Nordhagen presented Jerry and Marilyn Wigness with a key to the City along with a Resolution of Thanks for co-chairing the Ralph Engelstad Arena fundraiser entitled "Wrapping Up the Gift". Councilmember Kajewski moved, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, to formally thank Jerry and Marilyn Wigness for their extraordinary dedicated service to the City of Thief River Falls. On vote being taken, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Bendickson motioned, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, to approve the agenda as presented. On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously approved and the agenda adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-25-09: APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 2-25-09, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the January 20, 2009 Council Proceedings as presented.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-26-09: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Lee introduced Resolution No. 2-26-09, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of bills and disbursements in the total amount of \$2,305,578.06. 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. 2-27-09: APPROVAL OF LEASE WITH NORTHWEST ACCELERATION FOR RENTAL OF RALPH ENGELSTAD ARENA LOWER LEVEL FOR FITNESS CENTER

A lease to conduct a fitness center business in the lower level of the Ralph Engelstad Arena was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 2-27-09, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Administrator to execute a lease with Northwest Acceleration, Tim Bergland, owner, for lease of 3,000 sq. ft. of space in the lower level of the Ralph Engelstad Arena for the purpose of conducting fitness center activities. The lease shall be effective February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010 with a rental fee of \$600.00 per month.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-28-09: APPROVAL OF LEASE WITH HDR ENGINEERING FOR RENTAL OF OFFICE SPACE AT 324 SECOND STREET EAST

The renewal of a lease for office space by HDR Engineering was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 2-28-09, being seconded by Councilmember Kajewski, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Administrator to execute a Lease with HDR Engineering, Inc. whereby HDR Engineering shall lease, from the City, office space located at 324 Second Street East. Said lease shall be effective March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2011 with a rental fee of \$1,726 per month.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tri-Cities Meeting – February 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Eating Emporium.
- Public Utilities Committee Meeting – February 9, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation/Public Safety Committee Meeting – February 10, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
- Public Works Committee Meeting – February 11, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
- Administrative Services Committee Meeting – February 12, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
- City Council Meeting – February 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Citizen Task Force to evaluate options for cutting city budgets.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Kajewski moved, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. until Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for a Tri-Cities Meeting. On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned.

Steve Nordhagen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jodie R. Torkelson, City Administrator