

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

May 4, 2010

The City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on May 4, 2010 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Bendickson, Cullen, Erickson, Holten, Lee, Schmalz, and Mayor Nordhagen. Councilmember Kajewski was absent. Mayor Nordhagen chaired the meeting.

PROCLAMATION

Spring Clean-Up Week: Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Bendickson, to proclaim May 2-8, 2010 as "Spring Clean-Up Week" in Thief River Falls urging citizens to clean up yards and alleys and offering assistance to neighbors who may need help with clean-up. On vote being taken, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Lee motioned, being seconded by Councilmember Cullen, to approve the agenda with the addition of one item. On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously approved and the agenda adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-93-10: APPROVAL OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 5-93-10, being seconded by Councilmember Erickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve the April 20, 2010 Council Proceedings.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-94-10: APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Schmalz introduced Resolution No. 5-94-10, being seconded by Councilmember Erickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize payment of bills and disbursements in the total amount of \$645,694.52. 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. 5-95-10: APPROVAL OF 2010 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND CALLING FOR BIDS

The City Council reviewed the Plans and Specifications for the 2010 Improvement Project. Following discussion, Councilmember Bendickson introduced Resolution No. 5-95-10, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 4-71-10, Widseth, Smith, and Nolting and the City's Engineering Technical Services Department have prepared plans and specifications for the following improvements:

- 1) Water main replacement: State Avenue - 3rd Street to 7th Street;
- 2) Water man replacement: Duluth Avenue - 4th Street to 6th Street;
- 3) Replace seven existing water main gate valves in Noreen's First Addition (Southtown).
- 4) Storm sewer repair: 11th Street between LaBree Avenue and Horace Avenue;
- 5) Bituminous paving adjacent to Street Department salt/sand storage;
- 6) First Street water main replacement: Crocker Avenue to Spruce Avenue, and Crocker Avenue water main replacement: First Street to Third Street.

AND WHEREAS, they have presented such plans and specifications to the City Council for approval.

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

- 1) Such plans and specifications, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Administrator, are hereby approved; and,
- 2) The City Administrator shall prepare and cause to be published in The Times newspaper an advertisement for bids upon the making of such improvements under such approved plans and specifications. The advertisement shall be published for 21 days, shall specify the work to be done, shall state that bids will be publicly opened, tabulated, and the responsibility of the bidders will be considered in the Council Chambers of City Hall on June 10, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. by the City Administrator and Engineering Services Director. They shall present their recommendation to the City Council on June 15, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, at which time the City Council may act upon the recommendation. Any bidder whose responsibility is questioned during consideration of the bid will be given an opportunity to address the Council on the issue of responsibility. No bids will be considered unless sealed and filed with the City Administrator and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond, or certified check payable to the City Administrator for five percent of the amount of such bid.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-96-10: APPROVAL OF PLUMBING PERMIT FEE AMENDMENT

A recommendation from the Building Official was presented. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 5-96-10, being seconded by Councilmember Erickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to approve a rate structure change for Plumbing Permits issued by the City. Effective immediately, the charge for Plumbing Permits shall be \$50.00 for the first 10 fixture openings, plus \$5.00 for each additional fixture opening thereafter.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-97-10: APPROVAL TO CALL FOR BIDS FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT CHEMICALS

The City Council considered a request from the Director of Utilities. Following discussion, Councilmember Cullen introduced Resolution No. 5-97-10, being seconded by Councilmember Erickson, that:

RESOLVED, by the City Council, to authorize calling for bids for water treatment plant chemicals, with bids to be opened on June 1, 2010 at 2 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Public Utilities Committee – May 10, 2010 at 7:00 a.m.
- Parks & Recreation/Public Safety Committee – May 11, 2010 at 7:00 a.m.
- Public Works Committee – May 12, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.
- Administrative Services Committee – May 13, 2010 at 7:00 a.m.
- Tri Cities Meeting at Crookston – May 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

- City Clean Up Day – May 8, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Solid Waste Facility located on Highway 32).
- TRForward Kick Off Celebration – Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Cullen moved, being seconded by Councilmember Lee, to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 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