

MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL CHARTER MEETING
May 6, 2002
5:30 P.M.
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Rietz, Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, Council Members Goodnature, Jorgenson, Christopherson, Poppe, Nordin and Lang.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Media. Public. Fran Skinness. Mark Burrell. Scott Sheldon

Added to the agenda: 1) A resolution approving a gambling premises permit renewal for Kay Sea Club at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting the agenda as amended. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, approving the charter council meeting minutes of April 15, 2002 and special council meeting minutes of April 22, 2002. Carried.

Mayor Rietz introduced a new reporter for the Austin Post Bulletin, Jim Troyer.

Steve (Mark) Burrell, 1604 E. Oakland, spoke to Council regarding boats and trailers which were removed from his properties by the City. Mr. Burrell contended that these vehicles were licensed and that the plates were not on the vehicles at the time. Mr. Burrell also questioned the billing for the towing of these vehicles. Community Development Director Craig Hoium said these vehicles were originally on the 200 block of South Main Street. The City has been trying to work with the Burrells since mid summer 2001. Mr. Hoium said the day before or the day of the towing, these vehicles were moved to the Mr. Burrell's East Oakland address. The Burrells were sent a letter addressing the violations and the timeframe in which they were required to remove the vehicles. The vehicles were removed on April 19. City Attorney David Hoversten said this matter is more appropriate for the Planning Department to review with the City's Attorney's office as pursuant to city ordinance.

Scott Sheldon, 104 – 24th Street NW, spoke to Council objecting to a survey, which the Planning Department required him to have performed. Mr. Sheldon contended that his property is not within the flood fringe border, as shown in an original survey he provided

from 1979. The recent survey also differs from the City map regarding the building's size. Mr. Sheldon also provided an elevation certificate which states his property is one foot above the flood plain. He asked that his fees for the survey be refunded. Community Development Director Craig Hoium said the city ordinance states when a property owner enlarges or alters his/her property, he/she owner must provide a survey if the property is in or adjacent to the flood plain. Mr. Hoium added that some city surveys are not accurate; a certificate is required.

Fran Skinness, 2001 – 11th Avenue NE, spoke to Council regarding pollution in East Side Lake. Mr. Skinness would like to see the City continue to look at providing a watershed coordinator.

Mr. Skinness also asked what the results were of the sewer telescoping in the Dobbins Creek/Nature Center area. City Engineer Jon Erichson said the area from the lift station to 21st Street was televised with some defects. Some new lining will be put in from the lift station to 21st Street. Sewer lines at the Nature Center were in good shape.

Mayor Rietz requested that the watershed coordinator position be discussed at the next City/County meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 at 3:15 in the HRA conference room. Council Member Goodnature said the Austin City Council is in favor of the watershed coordinator; the impetus being from Jon Erichson. Council Member Goodnature believes it is the County that is not interested in this position. Council Member Nordin concurred, saying she believes the City and County should start this for a four-county area. City Administrator Pat McGarvey noted that he believes East Side Lake is the property of Minnesota, as lakes of ten acres and larger are the State's property. Council Member Lang feels the County should be involved and would like to see the 4th District Commissioner, Len Miller, attend the next City/County meeting to discuss this position.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

Temporary food: Order of Eastern Star, June 15 and July
Austin Rotary Club @ Corcoran Hall, August 13
Food: Austin Park & Rec Pool, 121 4th Avenue NE
Kay Sea Club, 211 1st Street SE

3.2 Beer On-sale: Austin Softball Association

Food: Austin Softball Association

Novelty machine owner: Superior Vending, 6480 318th St., Cannon Falls, MN

Sign: Bird Sign Inc., 17811 Peru Road, Dubuque, IA

Tree removal: Wilson Tree, 905 – 3rd Street, W. Cresco, IA

Commercial hauler: Wehner Rolloff, Inc., 705 3rd Avenue NW

Freedom Fest temporary food licenses for July 4, 5, 6

Mower County Pork Producers, RR1, Box 84a, Taopi, MN

Godfather's Pizza, PO 2800, Spirit Lake, IA

Piggy Blues BBQ, 323 N. Main St.
 Waseca Sno-Biz, 32718 128 Street, Waseca, MN
 Tommy's Concessions, 10967 Cty Rd. 8 SW, Stewartville, MN
 Regal's Concessions, 215 18 St., Rochester, MN
 Mountain Mike's, 1522 267½ Ave. NE, Isanti, MN
 Peterson Mini-Donuts, 13665 Hwy 169, Blue Earth, MN
 Kiwanis Kettle Korn, Austin Noon Kiwanis
 4-Reasons Kettlekorn, 1705 120 Ave. St. Croix Falls, WI
 Faith Evangelical Free Church, 1800 12 St. SW
 Mower County Dairy Association, 30111 620 Ave., Waltham, MN
 Apple Lane Child Care Center, 2000 1st Ave. NW
 St. Peter's Rosary Society, 400 Ash St., Rose Creek, MN
 St. John's Lutheran Church, 1200 13 Ave. NW
 First United Methodist Church, 204 1st Ave. NW
 Dave's Concession, 25134 555th Ave.
 Snak Fair Foods, 54317 160
 The Snack Shack, 23269 610 Ave.
 Taste of Greece, 4017 80 Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN
 Faye's Concessions, 804 19 St. NE
 Boy Scout Troop #113, 89052 Oakland Ave.
 Bonnie's Concession, RR 1, Box 242A, Browns Valley, MN
 Team Lucy's, PO 175, Zumbrota, MN
 Charlie's Concessions, 19684 34 St. NE, St. Charles, MN
 Spam Museum celebration temporary food license
 Early Risers Kiwanis % Roger Boughton for June 14 & 15

Claims:

- a. Pre-list of bills.
- b. Erica Diez, 915 – 10th Avenue SE. This claim has been referred to the city attorney to protect the city's interest.
- c. Douglas Kleschold, 6500 Humboldt Avenue So, Richfield, MN. This claim has been referred to the city attorney to protect the city's interest.

Carried.

Bids were accepted on April 18 for Project 7-A-97, Oakland Avenue West (Main Street to 12th Street). If approved, the project will start in approximately one week. Project bids are as follows:

Contractor	Bid Amount
Hoffman Concrete Inc. Mankato, MN	\$251,481.25
Midwest Concrete Specialties Rosemount, MN	\$267,929.78

PCI Contractors Inc. St. Michael, MN	\$282,544.92
Engineer's Estimate	\$309,171.00

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution awarding the bid to Hoffman Concrete in the amount of \$251,481.25. 7-0. Carried.

The City received bids for the trail projects on April 25. The bid was in two parts: the Nature Center Trail (14th Street to 17th Street NE), and the East Side Lake Trail which will extend the trail on the east side of the lake from the Mower County Shop to the box culverts. The budget for each project is \$100,000 of which \$50,000 is a DNR grant and \$50,000 is city funding. The award of the Nature Center Trail bid is contingent upon land acquisition.

One bid was received:

Contractor	Bid Amount
Ulland Bros.	\$ 71,116.98 – East Side Lake <u>\$ 30,776.13</u> – Nature Center \$101,893.11

Moved by Council Member Goodnature, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution awarding the bid to Ulland Bros. Inc. in the amount of \$101,893.11. 7-0. Carried.

A public hearing was held on the extension of sanitary sewer, water main, and extension of 27th Avenue NW east of Highway 218 as phase one infrastructure for Austin Business Park. Approximately five feasibility reports have been prepared for this area over the last ten years. For this feasibility study, reports were prepared for off-site infrastructure and on-site infrastructure. The Austin City Council reviewed this study at a council works session on April 22 at which no consensus was arrived. Infrastructure improvements have been broken down into the following phases:

Phase I – 2002

- Sanitary sewer would be extended north along T.H. 218 from 21st Avenue to the lift station.
Estimated cost: \$600,000
- Austin Utilities would complete water main installation along 4th Street NW to CSAH 25.

Phase II – 2003

- Sanitary sewer would be extended from the lift station to 27th Avenue NW.
- Construction of 27th Avenue NW from T.H. 218 east 1000 feet.

3. Development of future pond areas.
Estimated cost: \$750,000

Phase III

Water, gas and electric extensions to service developed property would be provided as required. Austin Utilities would provide these services as needed and can provide them in a timely manner.

Phase IV

Sanitary sewer extension south of 21st Avenue NW. This would be dependent upon development and discharge flows.

Currently there are no plans for platting. Costs of the infrastructure for the entire 152 acres would range from \$6.4M to \$2.7M depending on platting. Mr. Erichson added that this project is a little different in that the City is assessing itself. Finance Director Tom Dankert has prepared a schedule of payments for paying off bonds. The Minnesota legislature is currently reviewing industrial park development funding so we may be able to obtain matching grants, whether or not the development will need buyers first remains to be seen.

Council Member-at-Large Chaffee stated that the Northeast Industrial Park is filled, and this site has been noted as an industrial site in the Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Goodnature asked what the finance position is for this project. Finance Director Tom Dankert said the building fund has money available for phase one and two, but may require re-prioritizing projects such as the Central Park and Riverland Ball Diamonds.

DCA Board Member Craig Johnson urged Council to approve the infrastructure, saying the Industrial Park is full and the railroad yard is becoming full. The Cook Farm site is the logical and agreed-upon site; the DCA Board of Directors is recommending proceeding with both phase one and phase two infrastructure. Mr. Johnson said when businesses come in, they want to be up in 6-8 months. Without sanitary sewer, there is a large time delay. Additionally, if phase two is not approved, the DCA has nothing to sell. Street lights and a lighted sign make a difference in marketing.

Council Member Jorgenson questioned the \$125,000 which is not currently going to the airport. Finance Director Tom Dankert said financing for both phases could be accomplished but might involve some rearranging, some pushing back of funding.

Council Member-at-Large Chaffee stated the City should stay with just phase one right now, noting unsure budget outcomes of the State Legislature.

Council Member Jorgenson asked if Council could vote on phase one now, and then phase two at a later date. Mr. Erichson said this is possible; there is no connection between the two and they would most likely be separate contracts.

City Administrator Pat McGarvey suggested ordering the phase one infrastructure and then ordering the phase two infrastructure contingent upon favorable State Legislature budget outcomes.

Mr. Erichson said since the City is assessing itself, we could continue the hearing to the next meeting. Council Member-at-Large Chaffee said he would like to approve Phase I and then review Phase II in the next Finance/Personnel Committee meeting. Mr. Erichson said if this is not approved tonight, the City would have to go through the public hearing process again, a delay of a couple of weeks. The hearing could be continued.

DCA Board Member Craig Johnson requested that the City adopt the improvements subject to revocation of phase two.

Council Member Goodnature said once Council approves Phase I, it is committed to the whole project.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a resolution ordering improvement, approving plans and specs and ordering advertisement for bids for Austin Business Park, Phase I infrastructure. 7-0. Carried.

Council Member Poppe questioned if she should vote Phase I down so as to include Phase II in the motion.

City Attorney David Hoversten stated if they desire, Council could make motions on two separate resolutions for Phase I and Phase II.

Moved by Council Member Goodnature, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution ordering improvement, approving plans and specifications, and ordering advertisement for bids for Phase II infrastructure for Austin Business Park contingent upon favorable State Legislature budget outcomes for the City of Austin. 6-1. Carried. Council Member Lang voting nay.

The Engineering Department has conducted informational meetings for the street improvement projects. The assessment process is underway now rather than in the fall. The City will assess based on the recently adopted assessment rates. Residential rate assessment per linear foot is \$25, which is actually less than announced at the informational meetings.

City Engineer Jon Erichson said property owners have received bills for these proposed projects. Mr. Erichson explained credits given for age of the street, curb and gutter, width and strength and the corner lot policy. Mr. Erichson also explained the four payment options.

A public hearing for street improvement assessment was held for Project 2-A-02: 8th Street SW (1st Avenue to 9th Avenue). The amount to be assessed is \$76,862.00 at 6.5% for 15 years. No objections were received.

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution declaring cost. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution adopting the assessment roll. 7-0. Carried.

A public hearing was held for street improvement assessment on Project 3-A-02: 4th Avenue NE, 5th Avenue NE, 6th Avenue NE, and 7th Street NE. The amount to be assessed is \$37,635.25 at 6.5% for 15 years. Fourth Avenue will not be assessed. Cost per linear foot is \$25.00. One written objection was received from Danny Lee, 804 – 5th Avenue NE, Austin.

Mr. Lee objected to the proposed street saying the proposed asphalt is a downgrade. He fears that with the truck traffic, the road may have to be redone in five to ten years. City Engineer Jon Erichson said, although this won't solve all traffic, the City plans to place signs to direct traffic from 7th and 8th Streets to the new arena. Mr. Erichson added that if the street is rebuilt in less than 35 years (premature failure), property owners would receive a prorated credit.

Council Member Goodnature asked Mr. Erichson if these streets would be rebuilt if the arena was not being built. Mr. Erichson replied saying yes, these roads are in very poor shape. As far as a downgrade, Mr. Erichson said there are arguments to the contrary: concrete streets are more prone to being icy, asphalt streets are less expensive, etc. In addition, the type of soil in this area is more appropriate for asphalt.

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, to adjourn and continue the hearing on properties of which written objections to the assessment have been filed. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution declaring cost. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution adopting the assessment roll. 7-0. Carried.

A public hearing was held for street improvement assessment on Project 5-A-02: 3rd Avenue SW (7th Street to 12th Street). The amount to be assessed is \$56,608.75 at 6.5% for 15 years. Seventh and Eighth Streets will be widened to 36 feet. Concrete will be removed and replaced with asphalt.

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting the resolution declaring cost. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting the assessment roll. 7-0. Carried.

A public hearing was held for street improvement assessment on Project 6-A-02: 6th Avenue SE (4th Street SE to 9th Street SE (10th Drive to 8th Avenue SE). The amount to be assessed is \$111,541.00 at 6.5% for 15 years. Streets will be widened to 36 feet. The City will also improve the geometrics on 9th Street SW. Whether parking will be limited to one side is yet to be determined.

Rhonda Benson, 509 – 6th Avenue SE, spoke against the widening of this street. She fears that a wider street will cause traffic to go even faster than it is now. This, she said, would be unsafe, especially considering the number of children in the area. Sixth Avenue SE is a shortcut to Ellis. The City plans to paint crosswalks at 6th and 8th Street. Mr. Erichson said wider streets could be considered safer because wider streets allow for a greater recovery area as crossing pedestrians are noticed earlier. Council Member Poppe asked whether the City would consider using speed bumps. City Engineer Jon Erichson said the City does not allow these on city streets. Rubble strips would not be a solution either, as it appears drivers are just driving too fast. Another solution is that the City could sign better.

Ms. Benson asked if a large number of trees would be felled. Mr. Erichson said only a couple of trees on 9th Street would need to be removed.

Council Member-at-Large Chaffee said Council should direct the police department to look into the speeding problem.

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution declaring cost. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting the assessment roll. 7-0. Carried.

Currently the Port Authority has seven members, including the two council members on the Port Authority. In 1998, Port Authority By-laws were changed from eight voting members to seven, allowing the president to vote only in the event of a tie. Recently one member resigned (Don Brezicka), and the Port Authority is requesting that the voting go back to the original seven members and unconditionally allowing the president to vote. This action would help in getting a quorum at meetings. The Port Authority has voted to change their by-laws subject to the city council's approval.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, for the city attorney to prepare the ordinance. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, to move the ordinance to the first reading. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, for adoption of the first reading. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, to move the ordinance to the second reading. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, to move the ordinance to the third reading. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, for adoption and publication of the ordinance. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, adopting a resolution approving gambling premises permit renewal application for Queen of Angels Church, 912 – 1st Avenue NE. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Christopherson, adopting a resolution approving gambling premises permit renewal application for the Lyle American Legion Post 105 at the Austin Moose Lodge, 208 Main Street South (May 1 – June 30, 2002). 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Christopherson, adopting a resolution approving a gambling premises permit renewal application for the Lyle American Legion Post 105 at the Austin Moose Lodge, 208 Main Street South (July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2004). 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Christopherson, adopting a resolution approving a gambling premises permit renewal application for the Lyle American Legion Post 105 at Traders Bar & Grill, 119 – 3rd Avenue NE. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Christopherson, adopting a resolution approving a gambling premises permit renewal application for the Kay Sea Club at the KC Hall, 211 – 1st Street SE. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Christopherson, adopting a resolution approving wine on-sale license for El Palacio de la Cumbia. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Nordin, seconded by Council Member Christopherson, adopting a resolution authorizing the mayor and city recorder to enter into an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for trail assistance. 7-0. Carried.

The Austin Downtown Business Association has requested street closings on Saturday, June 15. City Engineer Jon Erichson noted that this is the same day as the Spam Museum Grand Opening and its activities and street closings. Mayor Rietz said both parties are aware of this and are working together.

The areas requested to be blocked are Main Street at 4th Avenue (Granle's Framing), Maint Street at 2nd Avenue (Curves for Women), and 3rd Avenue NW (one-way) from Main Street (to alley back of Town Center).

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, approving the street closings. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, setting a public hearing for Monday, May 20 for preliminary plat review of property to be known as the Hormel Austin Plant Subdivision, petitioned by Hormel Foods Corporation and the City of Austin. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, setting a public hearing for Monday, May 20 for preliminary plat review of property to be known as the Milwaukee Roundhouse Addition, petitioned by the Austin Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Poppe, resolving the Common Council into the Sign Board of Appeals. Carried.

A sign appeal at Hanson Tire, 1200 North Main Street was reviewed and discussed by Council at the April 15, 2002 council meeting. This item was tabled to this meeting. The sign appeal was requested by Walt Baldus and Bruce Turner due to restrictions in setbacks and the minimum distance required from adjacent residential districts. The requested sign would be 5' high by 4' wide. Concerns expressed at the April 15th council meeting involved obstruction for oncoming vehicles. Community Development Director Craig Hoium has had discussions with Walt Baldus who came up with an alternate plan. Mr. Baldus said he originally wanted to place a sign on this corner which would be similar to the Hormel Foods sign on the opposite corner. Mr. Baldus presented several options/drawings to Council. One suggestion by Council was to place the sign directly underneath the Goodyear sign. Because this is a corporate sign, Mr. Baldus believes approval for this would be difficult. Mayor Rietz suggested the matter be referred to the Street Committee. Mr. Hoium suggested Mr. Baldus contact the Goodyear company. Mr. Hoium questioned City Attorney David Hoversten on the 60-day rule. Mr. Hoversten said previously the 60-day ruling was applied to zoning; recently there have been cases being litigated including sign applications and building permits. To be on the safe side, Mr. Hoium should prepare the necessary letters for extension of the 60-day rule.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Nordin, tabling the sign appeal and referring the matter to the Street Committee and to direct Mr. Hoium to prepare necessary letters for extension of the 60-day rule.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Poppe, adjourning the Sign Board of Appeals back into the Common Council. Carried.

The Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the Developer’s Agreement for Keenan Acres. The Developer’s Agreement spells out necessary improvements for Keenan Addition and who is responsible for them.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a resolution approving the Developer’s Agreement for Keenan Acres. 7-0. Carried.

The Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the Developer’s Agreement for Fagen/Pulsifer Addition. This agreement is in connection with the expansion of the Charter Communications facility and includes the public road on East Oakland. The Developer’s Agreement spells out who would be responsible for the development of East Oakland for the west half of 22nd Street SE.

Joe Fuhrman, representing the developers, spoke to Council saying the \$92,000 of improvements are excessive and he may have to come back to Council in the future and request a deferral. According to the agreement, the development costs must be paid by November 30, 2003. Mr. Hoium said language in the agreement allows for an extension of time for infrastructure to be completed. Mr. Erichson said generally the City does not like to be involved with finances because if the project fails, the City is stuck with the payments.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a resolution approving the Developer’s Agreement for Fagen/Pulsifer – Charter Communications. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a resolution approving the Developer’s Agreement for Fagen/Pulsifer Addition. 7-0. Carried.

City Engineer Jon Erichson is recommending six work change directives for the WWTP industrial expansion as follows:

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| 1. Change pipe type to push joint versus mechanical joint | \$ -10,500.00 |
| 2. Excavate unsuitable soil below original excavation limits | |
| 3. Substitute hand-operated chain hoist in lieu of specified electric hoist | \$ - 4,500.00 |
| 4. Revise roofing plan | \$ + 4,846.00 |
| 5. Remove underground storage tanks | \$ + 8,100.00 |
| 6. Modify piping layout | \$ - 1,000.00 |

Mr. Erichson is requesting Council approve these changes as Change Order No. 1.

Moved by Council Member Christopherson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Waterwater Treatment Plant industrial expansion. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Christopherson, adopting a resolution approving gambling premises permit renewal application for the Mower Council for the Handicapped at Danny's, 613 – 10th Drive SE. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, adopting a resolution approving gambling premises permit renewal application for the Mower Council for the Handicapped at Hiawatha Bar, 433 – 10th Street NE. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a resolution receiving the feasibility report on the 4th Avenue NE emergency crossing and calling a hearing for June 3, 2002. 7-0. Carried.

REPORTS:

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Goodnature , to explore funding at a higher level for the CVB and for this matter to be placed in Matters in Hand of the Finance/Personnel Committee. Carried.

A Community Relations Committee meeting was set for May 13 at 4:30.

An Ordinance Committee meeting was set for June 3 at 4:15.

A Finance/Personnel Committee meeting was set for May 20 at 3:30.

A Special Port Authority meeting was set for May 13 at 4:30.

The Public Works Committee will meet on Thursday, May 16 at 4:30.

Parks and Rec: May 23 is the date for summer program sign-up. The department is working on completing the bike trails. The Nature Center has requested and received funding for a screech owl. The owl is blind in one eye.

Finance Director Tom Dankert said the City is waiting on the Minnesota Legislature budget outcomes before any work is begun on the budget for 2003.

The L.E.C. will be commemorating Memorial Week with a program, displays and a short service in front of the L.E.C. on May 15 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Groundbreaking for the new ice arena is scheduled for May 20 at 4:30.

Mayor Rietz announced her decision to run another term as mayor. She listed some goals for her next term in office: infrastructure for the Cook Farm site, downtown revitalization, and quality of life (parks, trails, flowers, safety).

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, to adjourn the meeting to Monday, May 20, 2002.

Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

Approved: May 20, 2002

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____