

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members McAlister, Austin, Pacholl, King, Clennon and Martin. Council Member-at-Large Anderson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Jon Erichson, Craig Hoium, Tom Dankert, Jeanne Howatt, David Hoversten, Kim Underwood, Dave Scheik, Brian Krueger, Steven Lang.

OTHERS PRESENT: Austin Post Bulletin, Austin Daily Herald. Fran Skinness. Public

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Added to the consent agenda: Licenses: Master Plumber: DMC Plumbing & Heating, Pine Island, MN, and Master Plumber: Albert Lea Mechanical, Inc., Albert Lea, MN

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Pacholl, approving the agenda as amended. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Pacholl, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, approving the minutes of February 1, 2010. Carried.

Finance Director Tom Dankert accepted the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. Mr. Dankert noted that this is the 24<sup>th</sup> straight year the City has received this award. He recognized the entire Finance Department as well as department heads who all lend a hand in meeting the auditors' requirements.

Mayor Stiehm has received a letter from Robert Stratton who commended the work of police officers Jim Lunt, Ryan Leif and April Kline who helped save his life during a recent medical emergency.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Pacholl, approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

Cab Driver: Kevin Paaverud, 903 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Austin  
Concrete: M&N Concrete, 111 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Austin  
Excavation: Freeborn Construction, Albert Lea, MN  
Food: Austin Dairy Queen-Weins, Inc., 1200 W. Oakland Avenue, Austin  
Massage Establishment: Golden Tress, 104 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Austin  
Master Plumber: James McDermott & Sons, 1105 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Austin  
Master Plumber: 1<sup>st</sup> Class Plumbing & Htg, Inc., Rochester, MN  
Master Plumber: Albert Lea Mechanical, Inc., Albert Lea, MN  
Master Plumber: Dimension Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Rochester, MN  
Master Plumber: DMC Plumbing & Heating, Pine Island, MN  
Master Plumber: HiMec, 1400 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Rochester, MN  
Master Plumber: Jim & Dudes Plbg & Htg, 724 West Clark St., Albert Lea, MN  
Master Plumber: Knutson Plumbing, Kasson, MN  
Master Plumber: Prairie Plumbing & Heating, Blooming Prairie, MN  
Master Plumber: Robert Embrickson Plbg & Htg, 502 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Austin  
Master Plumber: Schmitz Electric Co., 308 Main Street, Adams, MN  
Master Plumber: Superior Mechanical, 1244 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Rochester, MN  
Master Plumber: Tonna Mechanical, Inc., 2411 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Rochester, MN  
Master Plumber: Jensen Htg, AC & Plbg, Geneva, MN  
Master Plumber: Kelley Plumbing & Heating, 923 S. Broadway, Albert Lea, MN  
Master Plumber: Voigt Plumbing & Heating, Grand Meadow, MN  
Tree Removal: Carr Tree Service, Ottertail, MN  
Tree Removal: JW Johns Handyman Services, Blooming Prairie, MN  
Water Softener Installer: Driessen Water, Inc., 1308 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Austin  
Water Softener Installer: Schaefer Water Conditioning, 1906 11<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Austin

Claims:

- a. Financial and investment reports.
- b. Pre-list of bills.
- c. Sally Kolb, 709 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Austin. This claim has been referred to the city attorney to protect the city's interest.
- d. Wagner Construction Company/Matthew Wagner, 2209 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW. This claim has been referred to the city attorney to protect the city's interest.

Carried.

The City Council has approved bid-letting for the replacement of two of the three variable frequency drives at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. An optional bid was created for an additional unit which would replace the working pump that is 15 years old. That pump is budgeted for 2011. By adding it to the bid package, the City may receive a better price and all units would be the same providing for consistency with parts. The additional cost to include the optional bid would be an additional cost of \$6,792.26. Funding would come from the Domestic WWTP fund balance.

Bids were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Optional Bid	Total Bid
Quality Control/Integration Burnsville, MN	\$31,194.84	\$15,597.42	\$46,792.26
Automatic Systems St. Paul, MN	\$33,611.00	\$16,481.00	\$50,092.00
Fox Electric Austin, MN	\$39,975.00	\$19,987.00	\$59,962.00
Schammel Electric Austin, MN	\$59,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$89,000.00

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member McAlister, adopting a resolution awarding the bid to Quality Control/Integration for raw wastewater pumps. 7-0. Carried.

Mayor Stiehm introduced the interim fire chief, Dave Schiek, who began his duties today. By state statute, he can serve as interim fire chief for only 30 days.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Clennon, resolving the City Council into the Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Carried.

The Planning Commission has reviewed a request from Gary Corcoran to rezone property located at 300 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW from an R-1 to an R-2. The request was made to accommodate an expansion on the number of residents at his adult care facility from six to 16. The Planning Commission recommended denial by a unanimous vote for the reasons that it is not in compliance with our Comprehensive Plan, and that it would create an island district with an R-2 district surrounded by all R-1.

Council Member Pacholl noted that he would like to help people who need help. He questioned the number of residents allowed. City Attorney David Hoversten said in order to change the number of residents allowed, there would need to be an amendment to the ordinance. If Council were to adopt that change, those changes would be allowable in all R-1 districts.

Moved by Council Member McAlister, seconded by Council Member Austin, denying the rezoning request. 6-1. Motion carried. Council Member Pacholl voted nay.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Pacholl, adjourning the Board of Adjustments and Appeals and resolving back into the City Council. Carried.

Assistant City Engineer Steven Lang gave presentations on the following street projects. He explained the payment options and project benefits which are the same for all the projects. Cost of sidewalk will be approximately \$100 per panel and street assessments will be \$36 per linear foot. Interest rate for 2010 will be 5.5%.

A public hearing was held for street improvement on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW (4<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street), Project 3-A-10. The project scope includes the following:

*City of Austin*

- Removing the asphalt pavement and curb & gutter
- Constructing the new roadway with asphalt pavement and curb & gutter
- Installing drainage tile to improve subsurface drainage
- Upgrading deficient public sidewalk

*Storm Sewer*

- Upgrade catch basins, laterals and mains to concrete storm pipe where necessary

*Sanitary Sewer*

- Lines will be televised to determine the necessary corrections. Corrections could include spot repairs, lining or complete replacement.

*Austin Utilities*

- No water main work
- No gas main work
- Install future duct for street electrical crossings

*Qwest & Charter Communications*

- Upgrades will be performed as needed

Council Member Clennon questioned why Council is requested to approve the plans and specifications if they are not complete yet. City Engineer Jon Erichson said the assessment hearings will take place on March 15, after which time they will finalize the plans and specifications and proceed with the bids. He said Council should approve as concepts as some of the projects have state or federal funding associated with them. Some public comments are incorporated into the projects.

No other comments were made.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution ordering improvement, approving plans and specifications, and ordering advertisement for bids on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW (4<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street), Project 3-A-10. Carried. 6-1. Council Member Clennon voted nay.

A public hearing was held for street improvement on Hwy 218 S. Service Drive (Oakland Avenue E. to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE), Project 4-A-10.

The project scope includes the following:

*City of Austin*

- Removing the asphalt pavement and leaving curb & gutter
- Subcutting the roadway and installing drainage tile to improve subsurface drainage
- Constructing pedestrian ramps at the intersections

*Storm Sewer*

- Upgrading catch basins and laterals where necessary

*Sanitary Sewer*

- Lines have been televised and no work is required.

*Austin Utilities*

- Water main replacement from Oakland Avenue to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave to 6<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Gas main construction from Oakland Avenue to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue
- Install future duct for street electrical crossings

*Qwest & Charter Communications*

- Upgrades will be performed as needed

No comments were made.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution ordering improvement, approving plans and specifications, and ordering advertisement for bids for Hwy 218 So. Service Drive (Oakland Avenue E. to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE), Project 4-A-10. 6-1. Carried. Council Member Clennon voted nay.

A public hearing was held for street improvement on 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW (Oakland Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW (1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue), Project 9-A-07.

The project scope is as follows:

*City of Austin*

- Removing the asphalt pavement and leaving the curb & gutter in place
- Constructing the new roadway with asphalt pavement and patching curb & gutter as necessary
- Installing drainage tile to improve subsurface drainage
- Constructing pedestrian ramps at the intersections

*Storm Sewer*

- Upgrade catch basins, laterals and mains to concrete storm pipe in the intersections

*Sanitary Sewer*

- Lines have been televised; one spot repair required.

*Austin Utilities*

- Water main replacement from Oakland Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- No gas main work
- Install future duct for street electrical crossings

*Qwest & Charter Communications*

- Upgrades will be performed as needed

This road will be widened by two feet on each side. The sanitary sewer will be lined to prevent root infiltration. Sidewalks will not be re-done as they were done in 2003.

No comments were made.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution ordering improvement, approving plans and specifications, and ordering advertisement for bids for 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW (Oakland Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW (1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue), Project 9-A-07. 5-1. Carried. Council Member Clennon voted nay. Council Member Martin abstained.

A public hearing was held for street improvement for 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (17<sup>th</sup> Street to 21<sup>st</sup> Street), Project 2-A-09. This is currently a 25-foot-wide rural road with ditches, and it will be widened to 36 feet which will allow for parking on the south side. A 10-foot-wide trail will be constructed on the north side. Property owners on the south side will not be paying for the trail. There will be initial installation of curb and gutter so property

owners will receive a one-time charge of \$10.50. One hundred percent of the trail costs will be assessed to the north side. Also, the development to the north will be assessed according to the city's assessment policy.

The project scope is as follows:

*City of Austin*

- Removing the existing asphalt pavement
- Regrading the roadway from a rural section to an urban section
- Constructing the new asphalt pavement with curb & gutter at a width of 36 feet
- Installing drainage tile to improve subsurface drainage
- Parking will be limited to the south side
- Constructing a 10-foot-wide pedestrian trail along the north property line

*Storm Sewer*

- With the new curb & gutter, catch basins, laterals and mains will be constructed

*Sanitary Sewer*

- Lines will be constructed from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 18<sup>th</sup> Drive, sewer services will be stubbed to empty lots on the south from 19<sup>th</sup> Street to 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

*Austin Utilities*

- Water main replacement from 17<sup>th</sup> St. to 19<sup>th</sup> St., and 20<sup>th</sup> St to 21<sup>st</sup> St
- No gas main work
- After the project is complete, the pole line will be reconstructed (2011)

*Qwest & Charter Communications*

- Upgrades will be performed as needed

Mr. Lang confirmed that the City did receive a federal grant for this project, which will help pay for the entire road, not just one side.

Fran Skinness, 2001 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, voiced concerns over where water will go during flooding conditions once the rural street will be made urban. He added that the ditches acted as a natural barrier. Mr. Skinness also said he experienced sewer system backup, despite his being on the high end. Mr. Erichson said there have been drainage concerns in the area for the last 20 years, however some improvements have been made in the last ten years. Some ponds have been built and a berm was placed running east and west on the development to the north. The berm was completed last fall. Mr. Erichson said the developer will provide long term drainage. Regarding the sewer system backup, Mr. Erichson said that happens all over the community during a flood situation; the sanitary sewer gets overwhelmed. He added that improvements have been made to the sanitary sewer – the lift station adjacent to the service road and Dobbins Creek has been elevated to a height greater than the 100-year flood level (or 1%). Mr. Erichson added that those issues were separate from this project.

No other comments were made.

Moved by Council Member McAlister, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution ordering improvement, approving plans and specifications, and ordering advertisement for bids for 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (17<sup>th</sup> Street to 21<sup>st</sup> Street), Project 2-A-09. 6-1. Carried. Council Member Clennon voted nay.

A public hearing was held for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW (Oakland Ave to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave), Project 1-A-10.

The project scope is as follows:

*City of Austin*

- Removing the concrete pavement, curb and boulevard sidewalk
- Constructing the new roadway with asphalt pavement and curb & gutter at a width of 40 feet
- Installing drainage tile to improve subsurface drainage
- Constructing pedestrian ramps at the intersections, boulevard sidewalk where necessary and upgrade deficient sidewalk

*Storm Sewer*

- Upgrading catch basins and laterals where necessary

*Sanitary Sewer*

- Sanitary sewer will be constructed between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue where there currently is none

*Austin Utilities*

- Water main replacement from Oakland Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- No gas main work
- Extensive underground electric work including new conduit and vaults

*Qwest & Charter Communications*

- Upgrades will be performed as needed

Mr. Lang said this street will be made narrower providing for more boulevard. Commercial assessment rates will apply to the commercial properties; residential assessment rates will be applied to residences and churches.

Council Member McAlister asked if the Street Department will be working with the businesses as some will have issues with access. Mr. Lang said an informational meeting has been held in which they spoke to two business owners; another they met with separately. These issues will be discussed prior to the project. This project will probably be done all at once – not during the school year.

No other comments were made.

Moved by Council Member McAlister, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution ordering improvement, approving plans and specifications, and ordering advertisement for bids for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW (Oakland Ave to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave), Project 1-A-10. 6-1. Carried. Council Member McAlister voted nay.

A public hearing was held for street improvement on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW (8<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street), Project 7-A-10. This road will be widened from 36 to 38 feet to meet state aid standards.

The project scope is as follows:

*City of Austin*

- Removing the asphalt pavement and curb & gutter

- Constructing the new roadway with asphalt pavement and curb & gutter to a width of 38 feet
- Installing drainage tile to improve subsurface drainage
- Constructing pedestrian ramps at the intersections and upgrading deficient public sidewalk

*Storm Sewer*

- Upgrade catch basins, laterals and mains to concrete storm pipe where necessary

*Sanitary Sewer*

- Lines have been televised; one spot repair required.

*Austin Utilities*

- Water main replacement from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street
- No gas main work
- Electrical pole line will be relocated to allow for the wider width street

*Qwest & Charter Communications*

- Upgrades will be performed as needed

Council Member-at-Large Anderson asked if this project will affect fair traffic. Mr. Lang said it is early yet, but this will be taken into consideration. They will be working with Utilities and contractors to determine the schedule.

There were no other comments.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution ordering improvement, approving plans and specifications, and ordering advertisement for bids for 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW (8<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Project 7-A-10. 6-1. Carried. Council Member Clennon voted nay.

A public hearing was held for 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW (4<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street), Project 2-A-10. This road was reconstructed in 1992 so it will be mainly maintenance to extend the life of the pavement. Curb & gutter will remain in place. The only assessments on this project will be for sidewalk which will be assessed in the fall. Also, the Street Department will look at grinding options for the sidewalk.

The project scope is as follows:

*City of Austin*

- Mill & overlay the existing asphalt pavement
- Upgrading deficient sidewalks adjacent to the project

No comments were made.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member McAlister, adopting a resolution ordering improvement, approving plans and specifications, and ordering advertisement for bids for 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW (8<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Project 7-A-10. 6-1. Carried. Council Member Clennon voted nay.



Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution setting public hearings for March 15, 2010 for street improvement project assessments. 7-0. Carried.

Mr. Hoversten said Council is requested to amend the liquor ordinance so that Craig Patrick, who is fronting an NAHL hockey team and has signed an agreement for rental of Riverside Arena, will be able to serve 3.2 beer. There is a general prohibition against the sale of intoxicating liquor on public property, except for an allowance in specific situations. This proposed ordinance will make sure that this will be allowable in this circumstance. This is the second reading of the ordinance.

Council Member Pacholl asked if this amendment would pertain to the hockey team or anything else at the arena. Mr. Hoversten said the ordinance amendment would apply to other people applying for license, though they would have to serve food to do so. He said the liquor ordinance requires a restaurant – a facility that serves a certain number of people for seating. Mr. Patrick would need to comply with the ordinance with respect to the seating. Park & Rec Director Kim Underwood said this has been discussed with Mr. Patrick. Council Member Austin said the intent is that the bleachers will be pushed back for table set-up adjacent to the ice as a “VIP” section.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Pacholl, for preparation of the ordinance. 6-1. Carried. Council Member Clennon voted nay.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Pacholl, for adoption and publication of the ordinance. 6-1. Carried. Council Member Clennon voted nay.

Every three years, the city must have an actuarial performed on the health insurance program. We have received two quotes. Mr. Dankert recommends the lower quote from Hanf Actuarial:

Hanf Actuarial	\$3000
Van Iwaarden Associates	\$4050

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, accepting the quote from Hanf Actuarial. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting 2010 Council Goals as follows:

#### **LGA – REDUCTIONS DUE TO DEFICIT**

- 0% pay increase for 2011 and frequent reports on status
- Have citizens prioritize city services and put on website
- Identify ways the State can reduce mandates and assist cooperation to lower costs

#### **FLOOD MITIGATION**

- North Main Project
  - \* Determine what the flood berm will look like
  - \* Determine when to do it ourselves (in the event of no state/federal funding)
- Support and encouragement for Cedar River Watershed District

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Main Street Project – emphasis on blighted property
- Continue to work on attracting industry to the Cook Farm Industrial Park
- Seek bioscience and alternative energy development
- Main Street fire site
  - \* Update City Council and citizens quarterly – city council meeting
- Continue emphasis on centralizing economic development efforts
- Comprehensive Plan revision areas of emphasis: Reduce maintenance of park flood lands, improve 10th Drive SE area

**GREEN INITIATIVE**

*Take a leadership role and involve citizens in reducing the community’s carbon footprint, and encourage development of alternative energy sources.*

- Facilitate and help expand recycling program
- Expand recycling in the parks
- Work session or council meeting – get citizen ideas via a call-in opportunity
- Establish bike corridors
- Encourage bike racks

**ESTABLISH A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

- Work with SEMLM

Carried.

The Human Rights Commission would like approval from the Council to submit a \$50,000 grant application through Blue Cross/Blue Shield. There is no direct cost to the City.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member King, supporting the Human Rights Commission’s submission of a \$50,000 grant through Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Pacholl, seconded by Council Member King, dismissing the formal complaint against an employee. 5-2. Carried. Council Members Clennon and Martin voted nay.

Moved by Council Member Pacholl, seconded by Council Member Austin, removing the review of the ordinance for liquor license penalties, and removing employee evaluations. Carried.

Mower County is requesting the donation of permanent and temporary easements relating to their 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW reconstruction project scheduled for 2010. The easements are as follows:

Parcel V	Permanent easement	7,798 s.f.
Parcel DD	Permanent easement	17,049 s.f.
Parcel T-34	Temporary easement	1,128 s.f.

Parcel T-39	Temporary easement	9,546 s.f.
Parcel T-40	Temporary easement	13,613 s.f.

The project is from I-90 to Highway 218 and will involve the construction of curb & gutter, improved street drainage to 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, modification of the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue signal lights, pedestrian sidewalk to 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue. There will be an improved access to the Cook Farm Industrious Park. City Engineer Jon Erichson said there is a provision for the City to bill for these. He requests Council to donate the easement. The permanent easements are for box culverts.

Moved by Council Member Pacholl, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution granting permanent and temporary construction easements to Mower County in connection with their 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW reconstruction project. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Pacholl, seconded by Council Member King, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 800 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Tanner property. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Pacholl, seconded by Council Member King, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of junk and/or illegally stored vehicles at 904 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Minnesota Housing Finance property. Carried.

Dr. Joel and Pearl Schieck have petitioned for a minor subdivision on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW to accommodate the sale of property east of the Games People Play property. The east 60 feet will be subdivided for a proposed new dental lab. The city and county engineers and architectures have reviewed the proposal; some staff suggestions include prohibiting a driveway access off of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, though a ingress/egress easement would be required. Another condition would provide for sanitary sewer access, and any other utility easements would need to be incorporated.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution approving the minor subdivision petitioned by Dr. Joel and Pearl Schieck. 7-0. Carried.

Council has approved Riverside Arena improvements via the rental agreement with Craig Patrick for NAHL. Now the expenditure approvals are needed. In addition, the Police Department has requested that the clothing allowance funding from the Ellis School Liaison budget be merged into the Police Administration budget.

Council Member McAlister requested that these two budget adjustments be acted on separately. The request was approved by consensus.

Moved by Council Member McAlister, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, adopting a resolution approving Budget Adjustment 2A to moving the clothing allowance funding from the Ellis School Liaison officer into the Police Administration clothing allowance. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adopting a resolution approving Budget Adjustment 2B to move \$70,000 from Contingency into Capital Outlay for Riverside Arena improvements. 4-3. Carried. Council Members Clennon, Martin and McAlister voted nay.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Pacholl, setting a meeting for March 22 to receive public comment on the City of Austin's Storm Water Pollution Program. Carried.

In even-numbered years, the City of Austin must appoint a vice chair to serve on the Austin/Mower County Area Transit (AMCAT) Board. Steve King offered to serve.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, appointing Steve King as vice chair for AMCAT. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Pacholl, adopting a resolution approving 3.2 beer on-sale license for Austin Minnesota Junior Hockey LLC at Riverside Arena. 6-1. Carried. Council Member Clennon voted nay.

#### REPORTS:

The Homeownership Board met last week and decided to fund staff costs out of the organization's own finances, saving the City of Austin \$2000.

Council Member Clennon attended the Chambers After Hours event at Riverland Community College last Tuesday. Terrence Lee spoke on some programs at the college.

Council Member Clennon has joined the Relay for Life committee. They are looking at how tobacco companies are getting around taxing, specifically looking at certain products that are not currently being taxed as cigarettes that may be. This could bring in additional income for the State.

Ian Shapinsky performed on Sunday for the Austin Symphony. That turnout was very good, noted Council Member Clennon.

Council Member Clennon also noted that the Human Society raised \$7000 during their recent spaghetti fundraiser.

Council Member King wished his son Carver a happy birthday.

Council Member-at-Large Anderson announced that the Austin area will send people to the 7<sup>th</sup> Blandin Community Leadership program in April. Applications must be received by February 22.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the meeting to March 1, 2010. Carried.

Adjourned: 6:42 pm

Approved: March 1, 2010

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

City Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_