

MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL ADJOURNED MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1998
5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Rietz, Council Member-at-Large Purcell, Council Members Dahlback, Chaffee, Poppe, Maxfield, Romo and Lang.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: News Media.

Boy Scout Troop 113 presented the colors and had a question and answer session with the council.

Monica McInerney of the Chamber of Commerce presented a traveling trophy to the winning team of Daryl Sulander, Tom Dankert, Bob Dahlback and Dick Chaffee at the Chamber's A.M.I.G.O. Day.

Mayor Rietz made an addition to the agenda: approval of minutes of special council meeting of September 17, 1998, (certifying primary election results.) Moved by Council Member Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Dahlback approving the agenda. Carried.

Motion by Council Member Maxfield, seconded by Council Member Lang approving the minutes of September 8, September 11, and September 17. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, seconded by Council Member Poppe, approving the consent agenda. Carried.

Public hearing was held for the preliminary plat approval of Austin Business Park (formerly known as Cook Farm Site). Planning and Zoning Administrator Craig Hoium said that the plat consists of a 10-acre lot for Austin Ready Mix relocation, Outlot 1 (110 acres) for further development and a public right-of-way which will be 27th Avenue NW. The plat will be approved with the following conditions:

1. All utility easements are entered into the final plat per recommendations of Austin Utilities, U.S. West, and Austin Engineering Department.
2. Public right-of-way for 27th Avenue NW shall be increased in width from 80 feet to 100 feet.
3. MnDOT approval of proposed plat including driveway access permit to site and storm water management plan.
4. Developer (City of Austin) is responsible for any environmental assessment worksheets, or other mandated studies.

5. Developer (City of Austin) shall obtain sanitary sewer extension permit from M.P.C.A. even though this development shall initially be provided with a private well and septic system.
6. Developer (Ready Mix Holding Inc.) shall enter into a Developer's Agreement and provide necessary security for public improvements.
7. Developer (City of Austin) shall obtain plat approval from Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation Districts.
8. Verify 50 ft. easement shown adjacent to the railroad right-of-way as to whether this easement is currently recorded or proposed in plat.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, second by Council Member Chaffee to approve the preliminary plat. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Dahlback, second by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, for the Common Council to adjourn itself into a Sign Board of Appeals. Carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Craig Hoium presented the request from Tri-State Outdoor Advertising for an appeal to the denial of a sign permit for moving an existing nonconforming 12 ft. x 50 ft. outdoor advertising sign approximately 200 feet east. Planning Commission has recommended denial and has recommended denial to similar requests.

Motion by Council Member Dahlback, second by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, to deny request. Carried.

Motion by Council Member Dahlback, second by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, for the Sign Board of Appeals to resolve itself back into a Common Council.

Motion by Council Member Maxfield, second by Council Member Lang, to approve the request of the Engineering Department to trade the Columbus Day holiday for the Friday after Thanksgiving. Carried.

City Engineer Jon Erichson presented Change Orders No. 3, 4 and 5 with the Joseph Co. on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Change Orders No. 1 and 2 actually led to a decrease in cost; change orders 3, 4 and 5 will result in less than a .5% increase. Change Order No. 3 is for roofing modification, Change Order No. 4 is for an emergency by-pass and Change Order No. 5 will allow them to start up in a phased approach.

Motion by Council Member Chaffee, second by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, for the City Attorney to prepare a resolution approving change orders. Carried.

Motion by Council Member Chaffee, second by Council Member-at-Large Purcell to adopt said resolution. Carried.

City Engineer Jon Erichson presented a resolution approving Mayor and City Recorder to sign an amendment to the contract with HNTB consultants for an additional \$21,784 for work associated with the preparation of the EIS/EA. Erichson said there were additional costs for the airport project. The State has been requested to participate in funding; they will fund 60% of this.

Motion by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, second by Council Member Chaffee, for the City Attorney to prepare a resolution approving Mayor and City Recorder to sign above amendment. Carried.

Motion by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, second by Council Member Chaffee, to adopt said resolution. Carried.

City Engineer Jon Erichson requested council to approve another five-year renewal agreement with Aeroflight, Inc. who manages the airport. Contract has been in place since 1988.

Motion by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, second by Council Member Dahlback, for the City Attorney to prepare a resolution approving a five-year renewal agreement with Aeroflight, Inc. Carried.

Motion by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, second by Council Member Dahlback, to adopt said resolution. Carried.

Motion by Council Member Poppe, second by Council Member Chaffee, to approve Marcusen Park light tower replacement. Carried.

Council Member-at-Large Purcell presented the proposal to purchase property along a corridor connecting the Mill Pond with Todd Park for the proposed Todd Park Trail. Purcell said that originally the land was acquired in the 1980s, sold to Elk River Concrete for private use, and now the City would like to buy it back again for the trail.

Motion by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, second by Council Member Chaffee, for the City to prepare a resolution approving purchase of property for the proposed Todd Park Trail. Carried.

Motion by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, second by Council Member Chaffee, to adopt said resolution. Carried.

Motion by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, second by Council Member Chaffee, for the City Attorney to prepare a resolution setting a hearing for final plat approval October 5, 1998 for "Austin Business Park" and formerly known as the Cook Farm Site. Carried.

Motion by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, second by Council Member Chaffee, to adopt said resolution. Carried.

Motion by Council Member-at-Large Purcell, second by Council Member Romo, for a new light to be installed on 5th Avenue NE. Carried.

Council Member Chaffee announced a ribbon-cutting at the WWTP October 14 at 2:00.

Council Member Lang inquired about item No. 1 on Matters in Hand: Additional or replacement lights on 2nd Avenue NE from the bridge to 10th Street NE. City Engineer said the schedule for this was pushed back due to the June 27th storm. The City will go with the low cost having the Utilities do it. The project is scheduled for late this year.

Council Member Poppe set a finance/personnel meeting for 3:30 on October 1, 1998. (Meeting has since been changed to 4:00).

Council Member Dahlback expressed thanks to staff and council for the good work during his 23 years with the City.

Zoning and Planning Administrator Craig Hoiu asked Council if a work session was needed for the Developer's Agreement with Austin Ready Mix or was it acceptable as written. Council agreed that it was acceptable as written.

Mayor Rietz passed around a sign-up sheet for Council to greet the public during Open House.

Mayor Rietz also announced a regional League of Minnesota Cities meeting for Tuesday, October 27 in Albert Lea.

Moved by Council Member Dahlback, seconded by Council Member Chaffee to adjourn. Carried.

Adjourned: 6:16 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor _____

City Recorder _____