

**MINUTES**  
**COMMON COUNCIL ADJOURNED MEETING**  
**MARCH 15, 1999**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Members Jorgenson and Nordin.

OTHERS PRESENT: News Media. Boy Scout Troop 122.

Item C, Robert Vietor addressing Council, removed from the agenda. Moved by Council Member Penske, seconded by Council Member Romo, adopting the agenda. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Penske, approving the minutes of City Council meeting for March 1, 1999. Carried.

Various members of Spruce Up Austin were recognized. Mike Ruzek of Spruce Up gave a progress report. The following areas of the city will be landscaped in 1999: Horace Austin Park, bridge over 1-90 to Oakland Avenue, Worlein Project, Ellis Middle School and Austin Medical Center. Spruce Up will be promoting citizens to replace trees and May is being named 'Tree Replacement Month.'

Peggy Benzkofer, Boots Tracy, John Erichson and Craig Hoium were recognized as members of Access Austin. Craig Hoium gave a brief definition of Access and its annual recognition of handicap accessible improvements in Austin. Boots Tracy presented the awards to 1) St. Augustine Church, represented by Trustee Garry Ellingson; 2) Neveln Elementary School, represented by Shari Allen and Bruce Hoffner; and 3) Joe and Sharon DeClue.

Moved by Council Member Poppe, seconded by Council Member Penske, approving the consent agenda as follows.

Licenses:

One day gambling: Cystic Fibrosis @ Lefty's Bar, 421 10<sup>th</sup> St. NE  
Mower County Ducks Unlimited @ Austin Country Club, Hwy 16 E  
Cigarette: Hy-Vee, 1001 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
Hotel: Austin Super 8 Motel, 1401 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
Sign: Geoff Michael dba Lawrence Sign, 945 Pierce Butler Route, St. Paul

Claims:

- (a) Financial and Investment Reports.
- (b) Pre-list of Bills.

- (c) Ingebor Broitzman, 700 1<sup>st</sup> Drive NW, and referred to the City Attorney to protect the City's interest.
- (d) Viola Moran, Manager, 300 1<sup>st</sup> St. SE, Apt #4, and referred to the City Attorney to protect the City's interest.

Carried.

City Engineer Jon Erichson reported on pickup truck bids as follows:

3 pickups	Cummings Chrysler Dodge @ \$15,855.72 (incl tax) = \$47,567.16
1 pickup	Olivia Chrysler Center = <u>\$20,594.97</u>
Total bid	
\$68,162.13	

These trucks have been budgeted through the Central Garage. Moved by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Lang, approving purchases of pickups.

Moved by Council Member Penske, seconded by Council Member Lang to table the public hearing for the proposed ordinance on the Mill Pond public access and to put this item under Matters In Hand. Carried.

Dan O'Neil of Springsted reported on the receiving of bids of the General Obligation Utility Revenue Bonds for the Hormel Nitrification project. Bids are as follows:

	<u>True Interest Rate</u>
Dain Bosworth	4.8599
Piper Jaffray	4.8654
Dean Witter	4.9008

An A-1 rating was given on the city's bonds by Moody's.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, that the City Attorney prepare the ordinance awarding the sale of the bonds to Dain Bosworth. 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. 5-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, to move the ordinance to the second reading. 5-0. Carried.

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

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, for adoption and publication of the ordinance. 5-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance, awarding sale, prescribing the form and details and providing for the payment of \$3,795,000 General Obligation Utility Bonds. 5-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Penske, approving the following to represent the City of Austin as the Board of Review to be held on May 19 and 20, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Mower County Courthouse:

Mike Steichen, First Ward; Nel Surdy, Second Ward; Betty LaClair, Third Ward; and Jerry Wolesky, Representative At-Large.

Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, to adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for April 5 or April 19 at 5:30 p.m. to modify Municipal Development District No. 1 and establish Tax Increment Financing District No. 9 and the Tax Increment Financing Plan relating thereto. 5-0. Carried.

Rydjor Bike is sponsoring a national touring bike show and have requested the closing of Main Street on June 8 or 9 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Moved by Council Member Romo, seconded by Council Member Poppe, approving the street closing. Carried.

City Engineer Jon Erichson requested the approval of the extension of the Transfer Station lease. Waste Management will continue to operate for 3 years with an option to go another 2 years. The new lease allows for the bypassing of the Transfer Station but prices are competitive so as not to jeopardize the facility being open. Moved by Council Member Penske, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee to approve the extension of the Transfer Station lease. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Poppe, seconded by Council Member Romo, approving one handicap parking stall at the Professional Building, 400 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW. Carried.

Planning & Zoning and the Park and Rec Departments are requesting the approval and authorization to apply to the State of Minnesota DNR for the Outdoor Recreation Grant Program. The grant would be for the Central Park area. The City must be willing to match the grant. Planning & Zoning Administrator Craig Hoiu has recommended applying for \$250,000. Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, to adopt a resolution in support of the the grant. 5-0. Carried.

Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert discussed a resolution supporting the merger of the Austin Policemen's Benefit Association and Austin Firemen's Relief Association Consolidated Accounts into the Mn PERA Police Fire Fund. If approved by all 44 of the Consolidated Plans, the League of Minnesota Cities will take a proposal to the Legislature to merge our plans in, and the City of Austin will receive an immediate check for any overfunded balance. An underfunded balance will result in a ten-year repayment schedule. However, short of a stock market crash, the City of Austin may receive around \$2 million. Moved by Council Member Poppe, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee to adopt a resolution in support of the merger. 5-0. Carried.

City Administrator Patrick McGarvey requested Council approve a loan to the Austin Port Authority for \$43,000 for tenant improvements loan for the Austin Medical Center remodeling in the Town Center. Moved by Council Member Penske, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee to adopt a resolution approving the loan. 5-0. Carried.

City Engineer Jon Erichson has requested a feasibility report for the installation of sewer and water in a portion of Austin Acres. This is part of the Orderly Annexation agreement and is the last areas of Austin Acres which need sewer and water. Moved by Council Member Poppe, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, to adopt a resolution approving the feasibility report. 5-0. Carried.

George Brophy of the DCA has recommended a staff meeting to discuss and set goals for the development of the Lone Oak Addition.

HRA Board meeting on Wednesday, March 17 at 4:30.

Airport Meeting set for March 23 at 3:30.

Ordinance Meeting set for March 23 at 4:30.

Finance/Personnel Meeting set for March 23 at 4:45.

A informational meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE/Hangee/Dobbins area is set for March 23 at 7:00 .

The Airport EA process is now complete.

North Main Street is now getting decorative street lighting.

Port Authority meeting set for March 24 at 4:30.

A public town meeting to discuss Riverside Arena's future is set for April 8 at 7:00.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Poppe to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Adjourned: 6:28 pm

Approved: April 5, 1999

Mayor:

City Recorder: