

MINUTES
COMMON COUNCIL ADJOURNED MEETING
APRIL 3, 2000
5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: News Media. Public. Human Resources Director Kim Duncomb.

Added to the agenda: A resolution approving gambling premises permit renewal application for the Eagles #703 at the Eagles, 510 E. Oakland Ave; a resolution approving gambling premises permit renewal application for the Eagles at the B&J Bar, 504 E. Oakland Ave.; and a motion approving the removal of garbage at 609 1st Ave. SW. Public hearing on street/utility improvements for 8th Street NW reset to April 17.

Moved by Council Member Boughton, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, approving the agenda. Carried.

Minutes of 3-20-00 were amended to read, " Council Member Nordin made a motion to amend the motion to allow Nature Center Director Larry Dolphin to apply for DNR and other grants for expansion and improvements of the J.C. Hormel Nature Center for property to be only north of the Nature Center and a wildlife corridor farther north and west between Todd Park and the Nature Center. The motion failed for lack of a second." Moved by Council Member Nordin, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, approving the minutes as amended. Carried.

Mayor Rietz introduced Kim Duncomb, recently hired City/Utilities Human Resources.

The Department of Natural Resources presented the City of Austin with an award for the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. All cities must adopt a flood ordinance plan and follow it; Austin is over the minimum in requirements giving the City a Community Rating System of 7 and lowering insurance premiums.

Public hearing was held on approving application to DTED to acquire, clear and remediate pollution problems at the Old Milwaukee railroad yard next to 10th Street NE.

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Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution approving a resolution to approve the application.

A public hearing on street/utility improvements for the extension of 8th Street NW north of 18th Avenue NW was rescheduled for April 17th for the required legal notice to take place.

Moved by Council Member Boughton, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, adopting a resolution setting a hearing for April 17 for Project 11-A-00. 7-0. Carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Craig Hoium presented a joint resolution for orderly annexation between the City and Austin Township. The property owner Louis Ciola, 2105 8th Avenue NW, of Norman Park Addition required hook-up to the City sewer system due to failure of a septic system.

Moved by Council Member Fedson, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting the resolution. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fedson, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a resolution approving orderly annexation for Louis Ciola. 7-0. Carried.

Knights of Columbus is applying for a gambling premises permit renewal. They have donated \$55,000 to local charities and have met all of our gambling ordinances.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution approving the gambling premises permit renewal application for the Knights of Columbus. 7-0. Carried.

With the approval of TIF #9, Palleton of Minnesota has built a new facility and been assisted with funds created by TIF #9. Under the Redevelopment Agreement with Palleton, job credits were to be earned after the final Certificate of Occupancy was issued. Unfortunately, the final Certificate of Occupancy was not issued until after most, if not all, of the full-time jobs were created. Therefore, Palleton has asked the City to amend the agreement to state "Temporary" Certificate of Occupancy. This will allow the City to adhere to the original intent of the Redevelopment Agreement. Council Member Lang asked how many jobs have been created. Finance Director Tom Dankert replied that the company is not required to report at this time but Mr. McGarvey believed the number to be in the low 20s.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, adopting a resolution to amend the agreement. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Poppe, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a resolution setting a hearing for April 17, 2000 for the final platting of property to be known as *Burbank Addition*. 6-1. Council Member Lang voting nay. Carried.

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Moved by Council Member Boughton, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a resolution setting a hearing for May 1, 2000 on the proposed street improvement assessment for the disputed properties adjourned to a later hearing – Project 1-A-99, 4th Avenue SE. 7-0. Carried.

Finance Director Tom Dankert presented a resolution to document the existence of a loan between TIF 11 and the Building Fund and Port Authority Fund as required by TIF statutes. Mr. Dankert reported that \$270,500 was approved at the last Finance/Personnel Committee meeting. Additionally, \$94,500 was approved at the last Council meeting.

Moved by Council Member Poppe, seconded by Council Member Boughton, adopting the aforesaid resolution. 6-1. Council Member Lang voting nay. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, adopting a resolution approving a gambling premises permit renewal application for the Eagles at the Eagles, 510 E. Oakland Ave. The Eagles have donated almost \$195,000 to local charities. They have donated 78% of their net income in the 2-years/2-months timeframe with four months remaining on the existing premises permit. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, adopting a resolution approving a gambling premises permit renewal application for the Eagles at the B&J Bar, 504 E. Oakland Ave. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, approving the removal of garbage at 609 1st Avenue SW, Mike Hemann. Carried.

Bicycle meeting set for Wednesday, April 19 at 5:15.

Council Member-at-Large Chaffee announced the Transfer Station days and hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 7:00 – 12:00.

Mr. Chaffee also reminded everyone to fill out their Census 2000 forms.

Council Member Nordin invited everyone to the D.A.R.E. graduation at 7:00 on Tuesday, April 4 at the high school.

Park and Rec will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 5 at 5:15.

A safety and loss control workshop sponsored by the League of Minnesota Cities is being held at the Holiday Inn on April 19 from 8:40 – 3:30. Council Member Nordin reminded everyone of the fire track to be held in the morning and park and rec and administrative tracks to be held in the afternoon.

A finance meeting was set for Tuesday, April 11 at 5:00.

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The Volunteer Recognition will be held at the Ruby Rupner Auditorium on Monday, April 10 at 5:30 – 6:30.

Park and Rec Director Denny Maschka displayed the notices that will be hung on doors of property owners who have new trees planted in their boulevards. The notices will explain how to take care of the new trees.

Judge Gerard Ring has appointed two new people to the Charter Commission: Jeff Kritzer of the Alderson Law Office and Sally Baker, 504 24th Street SW.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adjourning the meeting.

Adjourned: 6:05 pm

Approved: _____ April 17, 2000

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____