

**MINUTES**  
**COMMON COUNCIL ADJOURNED MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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. Students from Southwest State. Bob Goetz. Chuck Lenberg. Tom Purcell. Kathy Aho, Springsted. Gary LeTendre, part owner of Midwest Diesel. Kermit Mahan. Jim Mattice, representing Local 598. Bob Hart.

Added to the agenda: Approving addendum to the 1999-2001 Labor Agreement.  
Change on the agenda: Public hearing for the rezonings (2) to be held prior to the public hearing for the preliminary plat for Murphy Creek Addition.

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

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Nordin, approving the minutes of October 2, 2000. Carried.

Mayor Rietz welcomed students from a local politics class at Southwest State.

Chuck Lennberg, 309 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, inquired on the status of the meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers. City Engineer Jon Erichson said he had just received a letter from them stating that they had completed their review of the 1978 study. The Corps of Engineers will be implementing a certain study in Austin and there will be a meeting scheduled. The County and City will also be meeting with the Natural Resource Conservation Service to discuss flood control. Mr. Erichson said different departments are pursuing grants for acquisition of homes as the 1978 study did reveal that this action was the most cost effective.

Former Council Member-at-Large Tom Purcell addressed Council regarding flood plans, in particular the arterials to the East Side of Austin in emergencies. Mr. Purcell said he has seen eleven floods in the last 49 years, about one every 4½ years. Two of the arterials – Oakland Avenue and Marcusen Park/8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE are always flooded during a flood. The third – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE – has been flooded ten times out of eleven. Mr. Purcell said it took

him 35 minutes to get from his home to the fire station on the morning of the recent flood. He would like to see 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE extended to the East Side. He cited the litigation with the railroad that Austin won, but the case was dropped because it would be too costly. Mr. Purcell said an emergency road could be built. Council Member Lang asked City Attorney David Hoversten to clarify the results of this litigation. Mr. Hoversten said the City did win at the appellate court level, but the land is not automatically to be given to the City. The City would have to go through a condemnation process providing reasonable compensation. The railroad then pursued the case at the federal level which brought two decisions: State law decision would preempt federal law; and even if it is not preempted, the railroad is still entitled to compensation. A compromise settlement has now given the city the ability to create a country crossing. The railroad also agreed to a pedestrian/bikeway crossing tunnel further north. The City is now bound by this agreement. Mr. Hoversten said the actual construction of the country crossing is another issue. Mr. Purcell said that that is what he is asking for and he requested Council Member Lang to place the issue in Matters at Hand. Council Member Lang said this is a very difficult issue – the HRA is working in the area and some of the land is privately owned. The issue should be studied, but with a 90-day time limit. Council Member-at-Large Chaffee stated that the City is required to put in a full crossing even if it is to be used for a country crossing. Mr. Chaffee referred to the railroad crossings near Todd Park that were constructed – possibly \$1M.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, placing the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Country Crossing in Matters at Hand, with a report due back in 90 days.  
Carried.

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

Licenses:

Tree removal: Dreamwalker Tree & Stump Serv., PO Box 146, Lyle, MN

Temp. gambling: Austin Morning Lions Club @ Austin Elks Club, 102 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NE

Claims:

(a) Financial and Investment Reports.

(b) Pre-list of Bills.

Carried.

Springsted representative Kathy Aho reported on the bids received for the sale of the general obligation bonds. The City received an A-1 rating, an excellent rating. Five bids were received with Dain Rauscher offering the lowest bid. \$762,522.70 will come back to the City. Interest is at 5.55%, down from the estimated 5.69% so the total interest cost will be \$15,000 less. Springsted is recommending the bid from Dain Rauscher.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, 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, to adopt 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 Poppe, seconded by Council Member Boughton, to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance, awarding sale, prescribing the form and details and providing for the payment of \$775,000 General Obligation Tax Increment Bonds, Series 2000A. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Poppe, seconded by Council Member Lang, adopting a supplemental resolution relating to \$775,000 General Obligation Tax Increment Bonds, Series 2000A. 7-0. Carried.

A public hearing was held on the rezonings for the Murphy Creek land. Community Development Director Craig Hoium explained the history of the area. In 1995, approximately 35 acres was platted for a future development area and named *Lone Oak Addition*. Last month the Planning and Zoning Department received an application for the rezoning of Lot 1, Block 1 from an I-1 Limited Industrial District to an R-1 Single-Family Residence District. This action is necessary to reclassify this property as a conforming land use for the development of single-family lots. Approximately 15 acres will be developed to accommodate 36 to 40 single-family residence lots. Lots 2 through 5 in Block 1 will be developed to accommodate an 88-unit rental townhome complex. The Maxfield Housing Study states the need for single-family and rental units through the year 2004. The city will need 530 housing units. This site was picked because of its readily available infrastructure. The site is surrounding by the following zonings: to the north is an agricultural district known as the Cook Farm site; to the southwest, approximately 180 acres are in Lansing Township and 90 acres make up a wetland; to the south and west are R-1 Single Family Residence and I-1 Limited Industrial. To the east is an R-1 District which has just recently been annexed to the city. The property belongs to Midwest Diesel Repair and Harrington Trucking. The Planning Commission has unanimously recommended approval for both rezonings. Mr. Hoium recalled the Findings of Fact from the Comprehensive Plan recently approved which states this area as a future residential development area, with 19 issues placed as conditions. Mr. Hoium noted that #19 was added by the Planning and Zoning

Department. Mr. Hoium also noted that the land owned by Harrington Trucking and Midwest Diesel was not included in the rezonings. Included in the plat development are storm water management plans, a recreational park and pedestrian trail. The trail could eventually link with the nearby retail area. Council Member-at-Large Chaffee asked if there were a developer's agreement for each segment. Mr. Hoium replied affirmatively. Mr. Hoium also affirmed that this development was by a private developer, not the HRA. HRA Director Kermit Mahan gave an overall review of the plan. The HRA has been the technical advisor to the Apex housing directors. The Hormel Foundation will fund \$2,250,000 towards the \$12M project. The Greater Minnesota Housing Fund will fund over \$1M to the project. The HRA is in the process of negotiating a buyout of Harrington Trucking. This land would provide for a better traffic plan and more green space. The trail through this development would be incorporated into the city's trail system. Mr. Mahan reported that the rental units would run \$400 - \$600 per month. Homes would cost around \$100,000/\$110,000/\$115,000. Mr. Mahan noted the highly successful homes built by the airport and the highly successful Whittier Townhomes project, two working models for this proposed project. Development could begin yet this year or next spring. The nineteen conditional issues must be met first.

Bob Goetz, 900 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, asked if the housing would be close to water. City Engineer Jon Erichson said exact building sites have not been located yet. The water retention system is a predevelopment condition that must be met. Mr. Goetz inquired about soil erosion and runoff. Mr. Erichson replied that a permit must be obtained by the MPCA for that erosion control. Mr. Goetz also asked about the impact of remainder of the land and its industry potential. Mr. Erichson said at this time, it is unknown what specifically will be developed, but he added that the Murphy's Creek provides a good buffer zone.

Gary LeTendre, co-owner of Midwest Diesel expressed concerns over the proposed development. Mr. LeTendre is not proposing a stop to the development, but he is concerned that his is the only business in that addition that would be commercial. Mr. LeTendre thought his business and the proposed development might clash because of the nature of his business, which is large, loud, and sometimes smoky. He believes this development could upset the growth of his company which is planning an expansion. If Midwest Diesel did expand, the addition would be right up against the proposed park. Mr. LeTendre's main concern is children and safety. He asked if he would be fenced in. Mr. LeTendre also stated that his business is in operation from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., which could be loud and annoying. He referred to Space Age Tool, an industry on the south side of town, that had a suit filed against them for noise and water runoff. Mr. LeTendre expressed concern over that potential with his company. Mr. LeTendre stated the question that he asked the Planning Commission, "Would you build a house next to a diesel shop?" Kermit Mahan stated that design concepts added a two-acre site that serves as a buffer zone. Mr. LeTendre said the need for expansion of his business could create problems. Mr. Mahan asked if his expansion was an enclosed space. Mr. LeTendre said the expansion included a parking lot and an expansion in an "L" shape; the back would be against the west end. Total square footage would be approximately 80 ft x 100 ft. Council Member Poppe asked whose responsibility would it be to put up fencing. Mr. Hoium said it is the developer's responsibility, adding that some plantings serve as a buffer also. Mr. Hoium suggested a

meeting with Mr. LeTendre prior to the final plat approval. Council Member Jorgenson asked what condition #19 was. Mr. Hoium replied that that condition addressed designated wetlands in the southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1. Council Member Lang expressed his concerns with this – and as he said he has in the past with other situations – spot zoning. Council Member Nordin asked Mr. LeTendre of his plans for expansion. Mr. LeTendre replied that he already has estimates and is waiting now. He added that he annexed to the City with the idea of expanding. Mr. Mahan stated that Phase 4, expansion to the north is being held in abeyance until its need is shown. Mr. LeTendre questioned his resale value after the project's completion. Jana Peterson asked how this project would be paid for. Mr. Mahan said grants will come from the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, Hormel, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency; loans will come from USBank, plus tax credits will be received for a total of \$12M.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Boughton, to close the hearings. Carried.

Public hearings were held for the rezoning of property from an I-1 Limited Industrial District to an R-1 Single-Family Residence District and from an I-1 Limited Industrial District to an R-2 Multi-Family Residence District.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, to close the hearings.

For the rezoning of property from an I-1 Limited Industrial District to an R-1 Single-Family Residence District.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, 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, adopting 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.

Rezoning of property from an I-1 Limited Industrial District to an R-2 Multi-Family Residence District:

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, 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, adopting 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.

Preliminary plat to be known as *Murphy Creek Addition*:

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Poppe, approving the preliminary plat. Carried.

City Engineer Jon Erichson presented resolutions declaring the costs on the proposed assessments. Hearings will be November 20. An information meeting is set for November 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Poppe, adopting a resolution declaring costs to be assessed for street improvement on 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE (Oakland Avenue to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE), Project 1-A-00. 7-0. Total cost of the project is \$249,055.03. Portion to be paid by the city is \$136,823.83, and the portion to be assessed against the benefited property owners is \$115,441.58. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Boughton, adopting a resolution declaring costs to be assessed for street improvement on 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE (Oakland Place to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE), Project 2-A-00. Total cost of the project is \$96,333.20. Portion to be paid by the city is \$50,521.17, and the portion to be assessed against the benefited property owners is \$45,812.03. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution declaring costs to be assessed for street improvement and lighting on South Main Street (Oakland Avenue to 9<sup>th</sup> Place SW), Project 3-A-00. Total cost of the project is \$287,950.35. Portion to be paid by the city is \$233,437.61, and the portion to be assessed against the benefited property owners is \$54,512.74. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Poppe, adopting a resolution declaring costs to be assessed for street improvement on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE (8<sup>th</sup> Street NE to 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE), and 9<sup>th</sup> Street NE (1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE), Project 5-A-00. Total cost of the project is \$276,770.77. Portion to be paid by the city is \$202,135.12, and the portion to be assessed against the benefited property owners is \$74,635.65. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution declaring costs to be assessed for street improvement on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (Main Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE), Project 7-A-00. Total cost of the project is \$132,038.86. Portion to be paid by the city is \$96,278.95, and the portion to be assessed against the benefited property owners is \$35,759.91. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Boughton, adopting a resolution declaring costs to be assessed for street improvement on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW (Main Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW), Project 8-A-00. Total cost of the project is \$93,405.79. Portion to be paid by the city is \$57,496.81, and the portion to be assessed against the benefited property owners is \$35,908.98. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Nordin, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a resolution declaring costs to be assessed for street lighting on 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW (4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> Place), 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE (9<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street) and 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE (2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE), Project 5-C-99. 7-0. Carried. Total cost of the project is \$57,054.50. Portion to be paid by the city is \$30,372.73, and the portion to be assessed against the benefited property owners is \$26,681.77. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Boughton, adopting a resolution calling a hearing on the proposed assessments for Monday, November 20, 2000 at 5:30 pm. for the following:

Project Nos. 1-A-00, 2-A-00, 3-A-00, 5-A-00, 7-A-00, 8-A-00, 5-C-99, 1983 Sanitary Sewer, 1992 Sanitary Sewer (1-B-92), 1993 Sanitary Sewer (2-B-93), 1995 Sanitary Sewer (4-B-95), 1995 Water (4-B-95), 1996 Sanitary Sewer (1-B-95), 1999 Sanitary Sewer (1-B-99), 1999 Water (1-B-99), and snow removal.

7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Nordin, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, setting a hearing for November 20, 2000 on the proposed street improvement assessment for the disputed property adjourned to a later hearing – Project 4-A-99, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW. 7-0. Carried.

City Administrator Patrick McGarvey stated that, as directed at the last council meeting, the 2000 Strategic Plan for the Fire Department draft has been amended on the next-to-the-last page to read as follows:

Keep the full-time force at no less than ten positions including the Fire Chief position.

Maintain the part-time paid-on-call force in the 30-35 range of positions filled.

Provide funds in the Council contingency fund for the Miller vacant position pending the outcome of any and all legal proceedings on his behalf.

Nine of the full-time staff to be scheduled on 24-hour shifts, thus providing three 3-person shifts with the Fire Chief position work schedule remaining as is.

When there is ten full-time positions in the department including the Fire Chief position, there will be one full-time employee on one of the three 24-hour shifts designated as the Fire Inspector and one on each of the other two 24-hour shifts designated Assistant Fire Inspector.

Council Member Lang asked if this language would keep the full-time staff at no less than ten, plus leaving the eleventh position available for Dana Miller in the event that a judgment is deemed in his favor. Asked if the money set aside in the contingency fund would be available after a year, Mr. McGarvey said the money would be available until the matter is resolved. Council Member Lang said the part-time firefighters should be used to fill the empty position in the interim. Jim Mattice, representing Local 598 full-time firefighters, expressed concern over a "short term solution". Mr. Mattice said the union would like to see more than three on a shift. Mr. Mattice also said there was no contingency plan in the event one of the three men on duty becomes ill. Mayor Rietz said the Chief and Fire Committee would be looking into their concerns.

Moved by Council Member Fedson, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, approving the October 2000 Strategic Plan for the Fire Department. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fedson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, approving the addendum to the October 2000 Strategic Plan for the Fire Department. Carried.

Chief Paul Philipp is recommending three people for the patrol officer positions. Interviews, background checks, and all but one test have been completed. The three candidates are Ryan Leif, previously employed here as a Community Service Officer and now serving in Brownsdale as the Chief of Police; Mark Walski, currently a part-time officer in the city of Rushford; and Eric Bloust, currently a security officer for IBM in Rochester. Chief Philipp requests the approval for appointment contingent upon the successful completion of all the testing.



Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Boughton, approving the request with the contingency. Carried.

Chief Philipp is also recommending Sergeant John Mueller and Officer Matt Holten to fill the two lieutenant positions. The Civil Service has completed testing and the candidates finished in the following order.

1. John Mueller
2. Matt Holten
3. Joe Milli
4. Steve Wald
5. Travis Heickley

Chief Philipp said the last three on the list would be kept on the list for one year.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Fedson, approving the lieutenant appointments. Carried.

City Administrator Patrick McGarvey asked Council to approve a resolution appointing Tom Dankert as data practices compliance official.

Moved by Council Member Poppe, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, adopting the aforesaid resolution. 7-0. Carried.

The City has asked for Requests for Proposals twice this year – once in the spring and again just recently – for the old Wold Drug building and for the old Silver Bullet building. No acceptable responses were received in the spring. The City has recently received two responses for a project to renovate the old Wold Drug building. By a 2-1 vote, the Finance Committee recommended that the City Council accept and approve the response from Steve Swain of Lebanon, Missouri to buy this building from the City of Austin for:

1. \$40,000 cash to the City at the closing.
2. \$25,000 mortgage at \$208.33 per month for ten years to the City of Austin.
3. That the buyer agree to spend \$10,000 in addition to the above listed \$65,000 to further remodel the west exterior wall and complete appropriate exterior signage and remodeling of the front door/window area adjacent to the sidewalk.
4. That the buyer will spend \$25,000 of his private funds to remodel the interior.
5. That written agreement prepared by the City Attorney must be executed by the two parties prior to the City closing on the sale to the buyer.

Council Member Poppe thanked Knowles Dougherty for his proposal, but added that his proposal for The Welcome Center to move into the Wold Drug building was probably unrealistic because of the fact that the Center just signed a 2-year lease somewhere else.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Nordin, authorizing and directing preparation of an agreement with Steve Swain for the sale of the former Wold Building and terms for the completion of the remodeling. Carried.

City Engineer Jon Erichson proposed a new policy on street lighting assessments. This year lighting was placed on Oakland Avenue to 9<sup>th</sup> Place on 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE and normally would be assessed 50%. Mr. Erichson is proposing 25% assessment because of the fact that residents along this street are being assessed for street improvements this year also. Another factor is that a light is not placed in front of every home. Rarely does decorative lighting go up in a residential area and Mr. Erichson does not anticipate many projects similar to this one in the future (possibly 4<sup>th</sup> Street or 14<sup>th</sup> Street).

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution approving the new policy on street lighting assessments. 7-0. Carried.

The Airport Committee has reviewed sites for Hormel's new hangar and has recommended Site 11. Costs for the building, ramp, and parking are as follows:

	Years 0-5	Years 6-10
Building	(\$0.10) (19,200) = \$1,920.00	(\$0.12) (19,200) = \$2,304.00
Ramp	(\$0.08) (27,750) = \$2,220.00	(\$0.10) (27,750) = \$2,775.00
Parking	(\$0.08) (20,640) = <u>\$1,651.20</u>	(\$0.10) (20,640) = <u>\$2,064.00</u>
	\$5,791.20	\$7,143.00

Council Member-at-Large Chaffee said this hangar agreement lease could set a pattern for all of the people (hangars) at the airport. Mr. Erichson said the proposed rates are based on the type of infrastructure that the lessee needs. If the lessee requires sewer and water, the rate would be 10¢ rather than 8¢. Council Member-at-Large Chaffee added that the City received information from the Minnesota Council of Airports; this rate structure is well within the guidelines. Mr. Chaffee added that the City does not have the authority to sell this property.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Boughton, adopting a resolution approving the agreement for a hangar lease with Hormel Foods. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Poppe, for the Common Council to resolve itself into a Sign Board of Appeals. Carried.

Garth and Jeanne Seavey are requesting a sign appeal to erect a 5' x 12' sign on the east exterior wall of the building at 107 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, which is located in a B-3 Central Business District. The proposed sign is not in compliance with City Code with the following issues:

- 1) Signs attached to exterior walls of buildings in a B-3 District must face a public street or alley; and
- 2) Facia wall signs are limited to 10% in a B-3 District.

The Planning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 5-1, with the condition that the sign be limited to 10% of the area.

Moved by Council Member Boughton, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, approving the appeal. Carried.

#### REPORTS:

A Finance Committee/Council work session is set for Thursday, November 9 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., dinner provided.

A reminder for the Bike Committee to meet on Wednesday, October 18 at 5:15 at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Drive NE.

With the expansion of the downtown and East Side lights, there are new poles that should be decorated. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the Street Committee and the City toured the area and listed 42 poles to decorate. Location of these poles are on North Main Street to Jerry's Restaurant and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to the East Side. Total cost of the decorations would be \$15,000, funded by the City of Austin and the Chamber (through a loan from the City). The Finance Committee looked into this matter, but no official action was taken. In order to have decorations for this upcoming holiday season, action needs to be taken this week.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, approving the funding for additional Christmas decorations. Carried.

A reminder for the Park and Rec Committee to meet at 4:00 on November 1, followed by the Park and Rec Board's monthly meeting at 5:15.

The Public Works monthly meeting scheduled for October 19 was cancelled.

South Main Street open tomorrow.

The annual leaf collection at five designated sites on weekends is once again in process.

Chief Paul Philipp reported another retirement in the department; hiring will begin again.

Chief Philipp also reported that there has been a challenge to our animal ordinance regarding amphibians and reptiles. The ordinance will need to be rewritten because of ambiguous language.

Library Director Chris McArdle-Rojo reported that the CVB has had a number of large group tours at the library.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Fedson, to adjourn. Carried.

Adjourned: 7:29 p.m.

Approved: November 6, 2000

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

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