

**MINUTES**  
**COMMON COUNCIL ADJOURNED MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2000**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Council Member Poppe

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 2000 Retirees Dan Clayton, Chuck Sargent, Mary Hanson and Butch Barclay; Linnea Burtch; Chuck Lennberg; County Commissioner Dave Hillier

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, approving the agenda. Carried.

Moved by Council Boughton, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee. approving the council minutes of November 29, 2000 and December 4, 2000 and special council meeting minutes of December 6, 2000 Carried.

Mower County Commissioner Dave Hillier presented outgoing Council Member Roger Boughton with a plaque for his work with the Water Management Committee. In the last year, the Committee has dealt with water quality, the geological atlas, and wellhead protection.

HRA staff member Tom Smith has been honored by League of Minnesota Cities Housing Finance for his work with minorities receiving home improvement loans.

Mayor Rietz presented plaques to four of the 10 retirees of 2000: Daniel Clayton, Hormel Nature Center; Chuck Sargent, Street Department; Mary Hanson, Library; and Butch Barclay, Library.

Mayor Rietz recognized Chris McArdle Rojo and her new baby boy Michael born on December 12.

The Mayor also recognized two City of Austin employees who passed away in 2000: Jerry Wencil, Street Department; and Don Busse, Building Inspections.

Mayor Rietz awarded Keys to the City to outgoing First Ward Council Member Neil Fedson and to outgoing Second Ward Council Member Roger Boughton.

Linnea Burtch of Oak Park Mobile Homes talked to Council with concerns of snow build-up along the roads in the mobile home park. Mayor Rietz said she would speak to the City Engineer regarding this matter.

Ms. Burtch also questioned the Murphy's Creek Addition as it is proposed to be rezoned. Ms. Burtch said that in 1996, the previous owner of Wagon Wheel Estates asked the City if there was another place to build manufactured homes, inquiring particularly on the Murphy Creek area. The owner was told that this area is set aside for industrial use. City Administrator Patrick McGarvey stated that in 1996, the Council's intention for this area was that the highest and best use would be that of a business park. It was only in the year 2000 Comprehensive Plan that the City Council has allocated some of the land on the east side north of the drainage ditch for residential land use rather than industrial. This area may have manufactured homes. Mr. McGarvey said the area north of this development might be well suited for manufactured housing.

Chuck Lennberg, 309 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, spoke to Council regarding last spring's flood. Mr. Lennberg said he read the 28 properties on a to-be-acquired list on the newspaper; none of the properties were in his neighborhood, but rather all were west of him. Mayor Rietz said the City should know by the beginning of January if funds for the remainder of the homes would be available. Council Member Lang said that this is a "delicate situation" and is always a money game – from what the federal government allots to the State, and the State to the local. No promises can be made at this point. Council Member Lang reassured him that Kermit Mahan (HRA) is on top of the matter. Community Development Director Craig Hoium said Mr. Lennberg was referring to the Repetitive Loss Plan list and said that there was an error with the list – one sheet of paper was not included. Mr. Hoium said that the majority of the homes on the list *are* in his neighborhood, his included. He added that there is no guarantee that all 26 properties would be acquired immediately, but that these were the properties that would receive the earliest attention. City Administrator Patrick McGarvey urged Mr. Lennberg to talk to our State Representatives for the legislature to work on acquiring more funding. The Public Works Committee is working on the flooding problem, and after a report from the Army Corps of Engineers has been received, it is expected that there will be a public hearing in Council Chambers. Affected property owners would receive a letter notifying of this meeting. Council Member Lang noted the record snowfalls and asked what precautions are being taken for possible flooding. Mr. McGarvey predicted that with the severity of the snowfall, the State will probably start getting everyone ready – notifying FEMA, stockpiling sand, etc. Mayor Rietz noted that the City is also working with the County on this problem.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Nordin, approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

2000 License Renewals (attached)

Claims:

- (a) Financial and Investment Reports.
- (b) Pre-list of Bills.
- (c) Property of David and Paulette Hagen, 2907 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW. This claim has been referred to the City Attorney to protect the City's interest.
- (d) Property of Rebecca J. Hylton, 1445 E. Minnehaha #1, St. Paul, MN. This claim has been referred to the City Attorney to protect the City's interest.
- (e) Michael D. Winter, 10769 Alison Way, St. Paul. This claim has been referred to the City Attorney to protect the City's interest.

Carried.

Moved by Council Member Fedson, seconded by Council Member Boughton, approving Mayor's 2001 appointments to various boards and commissions as follows (Note: New appointees are indicated by \*\*. This list does *not* include the council members to be appointed for 2001):

#### **HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Neil Fedson, 504 14 <sup>th</sup> Street NW	12/20/99	12/31/2000
Dick Lang, 1027 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	02/05/97	12/31/2002
Dick Chaffee, 311 5 <sup>th</sup> Street SW	1/19/99	12/31/2002
Mickey Jorgenson, 801 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street NW	1/19/99	12/31/2002
Jay Nelson, 600 4 <sup>th</sup> Street SW	2/7/00	2/7/2005

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - 3 year term**

** Nancy Clark, 1305 10 <sup>th</sup> Street NW	12/18/00	12/31/2001
** Liliana Silvestry, 610 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SW	12/18/00	12/31/2001
Virginia Larsen, 1818 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	12/21/98	12/31/2001
** Lee Bjorndahl, 2002 11th Avenue NE	12/18/00	12/31/2002
Watsana Thiravong, 2112 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	12/16/96	12/31/2002
Gabe Garcia, 1111 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue NW	9/20/99	12/31/2002
** Pat MacLean, 700 22nd Street NW	12/15/97	12/31/2003
** John Hagen, 501 19 <sup>th</sup> Street SW	12/20/99	12/31/2003
** Gary Morgan, 306 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SW	12/18/00	12/31/2003

#### **JOINT AIRPORT ZONING BOARD - AUSTIN/MOWER COUNTY**

Dick Chaffee, 311 5 <sup>th</sup> Street SW	1/19/99
Dick Lang, 1027 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE	1/19/99
David Hillier, RR 3, Box 44A	
Len Miller, 609 21 <sup>st</sup> Street NE	
Brian D. Johnson, 2401 13 <sup>th</sup> Street SW	

#### **JOINT AIRPORT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT\***

Donald Olson, PO Box 74, Leroy	05/03/99	05/03/2000
Joan Roe, RR2, Box 36, Leroy	05/03/99	05/03/2001
Janet Anderson, 305 6th Street NW	05/03/99	05/03/2001
Darrel Benson, 509 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SE	05/03/99	05/03/2002

Mary Kenyon, RR3 Box 124 05/03/99 05/03/2002

**BOARD OF REVIEW\***

Jerry Wolessky, 708 11th Avenue NW - at Large

Mike Steichen, 511 7th Avenue NW - 1st Ward

Nel Surdy, 604 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Betty LaClair, 310 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE. - 3rd Ward

**AUSTIN UTILITY BOARD - By election**

Jack Dunlop, 604 26<sup>th</sup> Street SW 1/1/95 12/31/2002

Frank Lorenzen, 900 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW 1/1/01 12/31/2002

Larry Pfeil, 600 24<sup>th</sup> Street NW 1/1/2000 12/31/2004

Tom Baudler, 1803 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW 9/20/99 12/31/2004

Paul Johnson, 1511 W. Oakland Ave. 1/1/01 12/31/2004

**LIBRARY BOARD - 3 year term**

Kaye Schultz, 604 14th Street NE 12/31/89 12/31/2001

James Sheehan, 2503 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW 09/20/99 12/31/2001

Malcolm McDonald, 1406 8<sup>th</sup> Street NW 12/21/98 12/21/2001

Kenneth Tribbett, 502 22nd Street NW 12/31/93 12/31/2002

Dan Heins, 1900 5th Avenue SW 12/16/96 12/31/2002

Judith Bergen, 2205 6th Avenue NW 04/03/89 12/31/2002

\*\* Denyse Hompe, 407 5th Pl. NW 12/19/94 12/31/2003

\*\* Paul Nelson, 405 4th Street NW 09/20/93 12/31/2003

\*\* Carol Gilbertson, 809 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW 2/22/00 12/31/2003

Roger Boughton, 2205 10th Avenue SW 7/18/94 12/31/2000

**PARK AND RECREATION BOARD - 4 year term**

Dan Ball, 600 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW 2/7/00 12/31/2001

Kathryn Green, 2102 8th Street SW 12/15/97 12/31/2001

Dave Ruzek, 1509 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW 12/21/98 12/31/2002

Darlene Thaisen, 1502 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW 12/21/98 12/31/2002

\*\* Gary Quednow, 1407 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW 12/16/96 12/31/2004

\*\* Mark Hecimovich, 200 14th Street NW 12/16/96 12/31/2004

Gloria Nordin, 708 Oakland Pl NE 01/06/97

**FIRE CIVIL SERVICE - 3 year term**

Steve Booher, 2403 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW 12/18/95 12/31/2001

Kenneth Howe, 2010 3rd Avenue SE 04/06/92 12/31/2002

\*\* James Cavanaugh, 2411 8th Avenue SW 10/31/96 12/31/2003

**BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS - 2 year term**

Paul Johnson, 1511 West Oakland Avenue 04/06/92 12/31/2002

Roger Stratton, UBC, Hwy 218 N. Box 497 04/06/92 12/31/2002

Walt Alms, Riverland Tech. 04/06/92 12/31/2002

Craig Holmen, 2412 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW 01/01/00 12/31/2002

**CHARTER COMMISSION**

Nel Surdy, 604 6th Avenue SW	9/29/97	9/29/2001
Mary Ann Law, 1404 3rd Avenue SW	9/29/97	9/29/2001
Jane Johnson, 1005 4th Street SW	9/29/97	9/29/2001
Rick Bross, 2110 6th Avenue NW	9/29/97	9/29/2001
Vernon Nordaune, 2001 11th Avenue SW	9/29/97	9/29/2001
Judy Bjordahl, 2002 11th Avenue NE	9/29/97	9/29/2001
Sherwood Vereide, 711 8th Avenue NW	9/29/97	9/29/2001
Sally Baker, 502 24 <sup>th</sup> Street SW	3/30/00	3/10/2003
Jeffrey Kritzer, 105 E. Oakland Ave.	3/30/00	3/10/2003

**POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION - 3 year term**

Milt Stensland, 203 22nd Street NW	12/16/96	12/31/2001
Michael Gosha, 709 9th Street SW	12/16/96	12/31/2002
** Belita Schindler, 211 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street NW	12/18/00	12/31/2003

Motion carried.

One person, Ann Zerkel, has applied for deferment of a special assessment and has met all required guidelines.

Moved by Council Member Nordin, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a resolution deferring assessment. 6-0. Carried.

The Police Department has applied and been awarded a \$3000 grant from the Safe and Sober Program. This grant will be applied to mini radars for use in squad cards for the department's traffic control development. A resolution is needed to accept the grant.

Moved by Council Member Fedson, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a resolution accepting the grant. 6-0. Carried.

Effective January 1, 2001, the federal mileage reimbursement rate is increasing from 32.5 cents per mile to 34.5 cents per mile. The City of Austin has followed the federal rate for reimbursement policy and is requesting the same.

Moved by Council Member Fedson, seconded by Council Member Boughton, to increase the mileage reimbursement rate. Carried.

Minor bookkeeping changes are required on the 2000 Budget. With the splitting of the Human Resources position with Austin Utilities and with the City Administrator's adjustment in salary, Council must approve an amendment to the budget.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution approving 2000 Budget Adjustment #2. 6-0. Carried.

The Austin HRA, through the City of Austin, has received a grant for clean-up of the railroad yards. In order to request a drawdown on the funds, the City needs to adopt new Revolving Loan Fund Guidelines. The only changes to the guidelines from what the Council approved on September 18, 2000 are the additions of the requirements for federal grants. The original guidelines accounted for state requirements only. The Finance/Personnel Committee approved the change at its December 11, 2000 meeting.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution for revised Revolving Loan Fund Guidelines. 6-0. Carried.

As in the past, Council must adopt a resolution with the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust setting limits on what the City of Austin could potentially be sued for.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Boughton, adopting the resolution. 6-0. Carried.

The City of Austin must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act on its keeping of public, private and confidential information on its past, present and future employees.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Fedson, adopting a resolution approving the City of Austin personnel record keeping policy. 6-0. Carried.

The City of Austin is self-insured for health insurance coverage. Costs associated with the coverages, increased utilization of benefits, and provider charges are increasing to a point where it is necessary to increase all rates for the year 2001.

Rates to be charged effective January 1, 2001:

Current employees:

Single	235/mo.	
Family	575/mo.	Employee coverage \$25.00/mo.

Retired former employees:

Single	210/mo.
Family	430/mo.

Medicare supplement – single 125/mo.

Medicare supplement – comb. 250/mo.

Rates to be charged effective July 1, 2001:

Current employees:

Single	235/mo.	
Family	575/mo.	Employee coverage \$25.00/mo

Retired former employees:

Single	235/mo.
Family	490/mo.

Medicare supplement – single 145/mo.

Medicare supplement – combination 290/mo.

Moved by Council Member Boughton, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, adopting a resolution setting the health insurance monthly rates for employees, their dependents, and retirees effective January 1, 2001 and July 1, 2001. 6-0. Carried.

The City Council must pass a resolution for all liquor license renewals. All listed have met all license requirements for the Police Department and City Council.

Moved by Council Member Fedson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution granting licenses for sale of on-sale hard liquor, 3.2 beer on and off-sale, Sunday hard liquor on-sale and Sunday wine on-sale. 5-0. Council Member Lang abstaining. Carried.

Mike Dahlquist of CBSA, the City's health administrator, has provided the City with an annual quote for stop-loss individual and aggregate health insurance coverage for 2001. The premium that we are currently paying and the quotes for 2001 are as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>AVEMCO</u>	<u>Hartford</u>	<u>Pan American</u>
Specific stop loss	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Total premium	\$95,817	\$141,274	\$149,727	\$152,305
Administrative fee	<u>67,620</u>	<u>67,620</u>	<u>\$67,620</u>	<u>\$67,620</u>
Total fixed cost	\$163,437	\$208,894	\$217,347	\$219,925

Director of Administrative Services has recommended the low bid from AVEMCO for stop-loss coverage in the amount of \$208,894.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution approving the quote from CBSA for health insurance claim administration and AVEMCO for stop-loss coverage. 6-0. Carried.

Mayor Rietz has appointed Officer Mark Haider to fill the vacant sergeant/investigator position. Officer Mark Haider has been a member of the Austin Police Department since November 20, 1984. Mark graduated from St. Cloud State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Studies in the spring of 1983 and finished his police skills training at Normandale Community College during the summer of 1984. Mark has been a member his department's Special Incidents Response Team since its inception and also serves as a field-training officer. In 1995 he coordinated the successful Badges in Business Program for the department. Mark has also been involved in investigating several computer crimes, and in April of this year, he attended the "Crime and the Internet" seminar in Bloomington. He is the unofficial resident computer expert in the department. On November 2, 2000 Mark completed the "Protect Your Cases" class hosted by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Crime Lab Unit. Mark is married; he and his wife Laurie have two children.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Boughton, approving the appointment. Carried.

Austin Utilities has increased its utilities rate for the arena to \$8,853.39 forcing the City to increase the rental rate by \$8.00 per hour. The City will absorb half of the increase for 2001 for Austin High School this year since registrations have already taken place. Mr. Maschka added that there could be another increase next year.

Moved by Council Member Nordin, seconded by Council Member Boughton, approving ice time rental rates for Riverside Arena. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, approving the quote from Larsen, Allen, Weishair and Co., LLP for City of Austin year 2000 audit. Carried.

The Austin Part-time Firefighters Relief Association has adopted Revised By-Laws and must be approved by the City Council. Council Member Jorgenson stated that since none of the representatives of the firefighters nor Chief Wilson was present, this matter should be referred to Matters in Hand for the Fire Committee. Council Member Poppe, the next succeeding chair of the Fire Committee, was not present at the meeting to set a meeting at this time. Council Member Boughton added that the matter should be tabled because the Fire Committee would be reformed with new members on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, to refer the issue to Matters in Hand for the Fire Committee. Carried.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Chaffee, seconded by Council Member Boughton, adopting a resolution approving the Employment Agreement with Tom Dankert effective January 1, 2001. 6-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Nordin, seconded by Council Member Lang, adopting a resolution approving the Employment Agreement with Patrick McGarvey effective January 1, 2001. 6-0. Carried.

The Access Austin Commission, formed prior to the American Disabilities Act and was needed at that time for accessibility issues to be brought to the forefront. However now due to the ADA, what Access Austin has accomplished and the ongoing work of city staff, the Commission is no longer needed as a separate committee. Accessibility issues can be added to the Public Works Committee. The Council must pass an ordinance to repeal the ordinance establishing this commission.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, for the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance repealing Austin City Code Section 2.58 in its entirety. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, to move the ordinance to the first reading. Carried.



Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, for adoption of the first reading. 6-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, to move the ordinance to the second reading. 6-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, to move the ordinance to the third reading. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, for the adoption and publication of the ordinance. 6-0. Carried.

The Engineering Department has requested Council repeal an ordinance which requires all garbage haulers within the city to deposit waste at the transfer station. This ordinance has been deemed unreasonable and anti-competitive.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, for the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance repealing Austin City Code Chapter 6, Section 6.39, Subdivision 4, Subparagraph K.2. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, to move the ordinance to the first reading. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, for adoption of the first reading. 6-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, to move the ordinance to the second reading. 6-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, to move the ordinance to the third reading. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, for adoption and publication of the ordinance. 6-0. Carried.

City Engineer Jon Erichson asked Council to pass a resolution to approve the City of Austin sewer user rates for 2001. The rates reflect an increase for the first time in two years: 25¢ per 1 unit up to 97¢ per 10 units per month. These rates are for the operation and maintenance of the Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant; rates do not effect the Hormel Foods plant.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Boughton, adopting a resolution approving the 2001 sewer user rates. 6-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution approving Mapleview sewer user rates for 2001. 6-0. Carried.

John St. Martin, owner of property located at the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue W and Hwy 218, has requested for an exemption of subdivision regulations to accommodate future development in this area. Mr. St. Martin has had numerous requests to sell this property. The Planning Office has received no objections from surrounding property owners. Conditions will be put on the property if it is divided. Council Member Lang noted that he would like to make it clear that one of the conditions is that there would be no access from 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Community Development Director Craig Hoium noted that that an expansion of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue would be included with a survey. Setback requirements for any building on this property are seven feet from the front and three feet from the sides, as is the case with Blockbuster Video. Mr. Hoium noted that a review of the setbacks would go in front of the ordinance committee. City Attorney David Hoversten reminded Council and staff that this matter is for a waiver of subdivision requirements to plat; it is *not* regarding the platting of property at this time.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adopting a resolution approving the exemption of subdivision requirements as described above. 6-0. Carried.

U.S. West Communications has requested an appeal to off-street parking requirements. Ten stalls are required for their two-story addition to the business at 206 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW; nine are being proposed. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the request noting the two adjacent city parking lots.

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

Motion by Council Member Jorgenson, seconded by Council Member Lang, resolving the Common Council into a Sign Board of Appeals. Carried.

First Congregational Church, 1910 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW, has requested an appeal to signage regulations. The church plans to erect two directional signs with the face area at five square feet each. City Code states the signs shall be limited to four square feet each. The signs have already been stamped in aluminum. The Planning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 6-1. Council Member Jorgenson noted that since this is such a large parking area, there should be no problem.

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

Moved by Council Member Fedson, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adjourning the adjourning the Sign Board of Appeals back to the Common Council. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Nordin, setting a public hearing for January 16, 2001 to reassess the unpaid assessments on forfeited property. 6-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Fedson, setting a public hearing for February 20, 2001 to modify Municipal Development District No. 1, TIF 6, certain HRA projects and to establish Tax Increment Financing Districts Nos. 12 and the tax increment plan relating thereto. 6-0. Carried.

The District Court has upheld an appeal by F.W. Resources, LLP, et al. and the appeal by Eastside Development saying that its 1997 street improvement assessments should be vacated and set aside. The Street Committee has recommended at their December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting that the Council authorize the City Attorney to appeal the District Court's decision of Judge Lawrence Agerter to the appellate court. City Attorney David Hoversten stated that the District Court found that the street improvements caused absolutely no benefit to either property. Mr. Hoversten said assessing for public improvement projects has been strongly held throughout the State of Minnesota and that the City should appeal the matter to the appellate court.

Moved by Council Member Lang, seconded by Council Member Jorgenson, approving and authorizing the City Attorney to appeal the District Court's decision. 6-0. Carried.

No HRA report.

Council Member Lang expressed pleasure and friendship in working with outgoing Council Members Fedson and Boughton.

CVB: Len Schulke's and Denny Maschka's terms are expiring in January. Val Pitzen and Paulette Cummings will be taking their places. A grand opening for Corporate South and the new Hormel museum is targeted to take place during the Spamtown Festival. Neil Rohnquist will be the new chairman; Lance Pogones will be the new vice chairman.

Council Member Jorgenson also noted her appreciation for outgoing Council Members Boughton and Fedson. Council Member-at-Large Chaffee echoed his enjoyment of working with these two men.

Council Member-at-Large Chaffee reminded the public on the requirements for snowmobiling within city limits.

Park and Rec: Progress is still being made on (the old) St. Paul's Church. The Board is working on a year-end report. The next Park and Rec Board has been set for Thursday, January 9 at 5:15; changed from its normal date of the first Wednesday of the month.

Council Member Fedson stated that serving on the council has been a "fascinating experience" and he has enjoyed every minute of it.

Council Member Boughton thanked staff and Council who served as his mentors during his term. Council Member Boughton expressly thanked Administrative Assistant Jeanne Howatt, Finance Director Tom Dankert and Austin Post Bulletin Reporter Jaime Larson-McLoone for jobs well done.

Moved by Council Member Boughton, seconded by Council Member Nordin, adjourning the meeting to January 2, 2001.

Adjourned: \_\_\_\_\_ 7:01 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ January 16, 2001 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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