

A continuation of the October 6, 2008 City Council Meeting was called to order October 20, 2008 at 6:41 p.m. for the purpose of taking care of unfinished business from the October 6, 2008 meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald; Lynn Lander, City Administrator; Debbie Lund, City Clerk; Steve Overom, City Attorney; David Salo, City Engineer

VISITORS: 4

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to approve the October 6, 2008 City Council Minutes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Councilor Boucher – No report

Councilor Koski – No report

Councilor Tafs – No report

Councilor Thielen – No report

Mayor MacDonald – Just a reminder that the Taste of Hermantown will be held Thursday, October 23rd at 5:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Facility. All the funds raised go back into the Hermantown Community.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Lynn Lander, City Administrator – At the last meeting you requested I contact the County with respect to a speed report along Morris Thomas Road from LaVaque Road to Birch Road. The County has already requested the State to do a speed study.

I would like to review a market value composition for the years 2007 & 2008 with the categories being residential homestead, residential non-homestead, farm, commercial/industrial and other. Hermantown's residential homestead for 2008 is 62.84% and Duluth is 63.69%. Residential non-homestead properties, rental properties, for Hermantown is 13.37% and Duluth is at 18.27%, Commercial/Industrial for Hermantown is 18.26% and Duluth is 15.11%. So based upon tax composition Hermantown has more commercial/industrial worth than the City of Duluth. Hermantown does fairly well based upon state averages we actually we exceed the state average in tax composition for the city as a whole.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Debbie Lund, City Clerk – No report

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications 2008-440 through and including 2008-458 were read and placed on file.

Communication 2008-452 from Lynn Lander, City Administrator to Bill Kron, Peg Sweeney, County Commissioners,; Vic Lund, County Engineer regarding Speed Study on Morris Thomas Road from LaVaque Road to Birch Road.

Communication 2008-458 from Dean Sharpe, City Superintendent to Several Property Owners in Hidden Creek Preserve regarding Sidewalk Maintenance.

ORDINANCES

2008-10 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Public Property Of The Hermantown City Code By Adding New Section 310a

The Second Reading was held on Ordinance 2008-10, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Public Property Of The Hermantown City Code By Adding New Section 310a.

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Thielen to adopt Ordinance 2008-10, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Public Property Of The Hermantown City Code By Adding New Section 310a. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

2008-110 Resolution Adopting Assessment Roll For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 429

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Boucher to adopt Resolution 2008-110, Resolution Adopting Assessment Roll For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 429. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-111 Resolution Authorizing And Directing The City Administrator To Inquire About Acquisition Of Tax Forfeited Properties Within The City Of Hermantown

Motion made by Councilor Boucher, seconded by Councilor Thielen to adopt Resolution 2008-111, Resolution Authorizing And Directing The City Administrator To Inquire About Acquisition Of Tax Forfeited Properties Within The City Of Hermantown. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY

Steve Overom, City Attorney – No report

Mayor MacDonald thanked Nathan Gustavson and Adam Minor for running the video equipment.

Motion made by Councilor Thielen, seconded by Councilor Boucher to recess meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk

ATTEST:

Mayor