

A continuation of the November 3, 2008 City Council Meeting was called to order November 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of taking care of unfinished business from the November 3, 2008 meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Mayor MacDonald; Lynn Lander, City Administrator; Debbie Lund, City Clerk; Steve Overom, City Attorney; Mike Anderson, Chief of Police

ABSENT: Councilor Thielen

VISITORS: 3

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Tafs to approve the November 3, 2008 City Council Minutes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Councilor Boucher – No report

Councilor Koski – No report

Councilor Tafs – No report

Councilor Thielen – Absent

Mayor MacDonald – I would like to congratulate Wayne Boucher on being elected as Mayor. I would also give my condolences to Susie Stockinger.

I would also like to congratulate Councilor Koski and John Geissler on their victory and my condolences to Councilor Andy Thielen.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Lynn Lander, City Administrator – There will not be a pre-agenda or Fast Track meeting on Friday, November 28th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday as city offices are closed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Debbie Lund, City Clerk – No report

Mike Anderson, Chief of Police – No report

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications 2008-488 through and including 2008-508 were read and placed on file.

Communication 2008-496 from Erika Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator to Mayor MacDonald & City Council regarding Linda Reno Special Use Permit

Communication 2008-500 from Steve Overom, City Attorney to Tom Dock, Proctor regarding Pineview Development

Communication 2008-501 from Erika Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator to Residents regarding CIDP of Police Department

Communication 2008-502 from Ehlers to City of Hermantown regarding Market Update

Communication 2008-508 from Lynn Lander, City Administrator to Mayor & City Council regarding Non-Union and Part Time Employee Wages

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to authorizing a 3.75% increase for Jerry Anderson and a 3.75% increase for Dave Norman, part time seasonal worker effective January 1, 2009. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Councilor Thielen, absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

2008-125 Resolution Authorizing And Directing The City Clerk To Certify To The St. Louis County Auditor The Assessment Rolls Payable In 2009 In The Amount Of \$510,453.06

Motion made by Councilor Boucher, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2008-125, Resolution Authorizing And Directing The City Clerk To Certify To The St. Louis County Auditor The Assessment Rolls Payable In 2009 In The Amount Of \$510,453.06. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Councilor Thielen, absent. Motion carried.

2008-126 Resolution Adopting Assessment Roll For Delinquent Public Utilities Commission Accounts For 2008

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2008-126, Resolution Adopting Assessment Roll For Delinquent Public Utilities Commission Accounts For 2008. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Councilor Thielen, absent. Motion carried.

2008-127 Resolution Approving Special Use Permit For Linda Reno And Imposing Conditions Thereon

Motion made by Councilor Boucher, seconded by Councilor Tafs to adopt Resolution 2008-127, Resolution Approving Special Use Permit For Linda Reno And Imposing Conditions Thereon. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Councilor Thielen, absent. Motion carried.

2008-128 Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Mayor To Execute And Deliver Final Compensating Change Order Number One (1) For Stebner Park Soccer Complex Phase III In The Decreased Amount Of \$(125.54)

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Tafs to adopt Resolution 2008-128, Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Mayor To Execute And Deliver Final Compensating Change Order Number One (1) For Stebner Park Soccer Complex Phase III In The Decreased Amount Of \$(125.54). Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Councilor Thielen, absent. Motion carried.

2008-129 Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-45 For Deferral Of Assessment Against Their Property For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 426 (“Senior Citizen Deferral”)

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Boucher to adopt Resolution 2008-129, Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-45 For Deferral Of Assessment Against Their Property For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 426 (“Senior Citizen Deferral”). Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Councilor Thielen, absent. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY

Steve Overom, City Attorney – I was at a real estate conference on Friday and there is a lot of issues in the real estate industry that have been created by the mortgage crises and the financial conditions. There are a lot of communities that are experiencing a lot of problems with mortgage foreclosures and the ramifications of that with the property values decreasing, the tax revenue decreasing and then on the other side the need for more law enforcement as those single family homes are rented and utilized for other than owner occupied premises. One of the presentations stated that in 2004 there were almost 7,000 building permits for housing units in Minneapolis for a total of about 11,000 units. This year there has been about 1,500 building permits and less than 2,000 total housing units. Another program was on land use and eminent domain. What is happening in Minnesota is there is a lot of action by developers claiming that the regulation of zoning constitutes a taking of their property.

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Mayor MacDonald thanked Adam Miner for running the video equipment.

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Boucher to recess the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk

ATTEST:

Mayor