

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 3, 2008
6:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald; Lynn Lander, City Administrator; Debbie Lund, City Clerk; Steve Overom, City Attorney; Arlene Tucker, Finance Director; Mike Anderson, Chief of Police; Dean Sharpe, City Superintendent

VISITORS: 3

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilor Boucher, seconded by Councilor Koski to approve the October 20, 2008 City Council Continuation Minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Linda Reno, 3711 Linda Road – I went before the Planning & Zoning Commission on October 21st for a Special Use Permit for a day care center, it was approved and I assumed it would be on the agenda tonight.

City Administrator Lynn Lander stated we received the Planning & Zoning Commission minutes today and that is why it was not placed on the agenda. The council has no idea what the conditions would be on the Special Use Permit and therefore cannot make an informed decision.

Linda Reno stated we are looking at financing right now and are hoping we can start this year. This coming to the council tonight was really important.

Mayor MacDonald apologized for the delay and stated it will be on the November 17th agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Councilor Boucher – Please get out and vote tomorrow

Councilor Koski – I too want to say get out and vote tomorrow

Councilor Tafs – No report

Councilor Thielen – No report

Mayor MacDonald – I would like to thank the restaurants that participated in the Taste of Hermantown. We had a very good turnout and raised about \$2,250 for the Hermantown Community Fund. We appreciate all those who attended the event and hope it continues to grow and be a success.

We received a letter from Richard T. Johnson, Executive Director for the Center of Public Safety with regard to the performance of Chief Michael Anderson during his attendance of the School Of Police Staff and Command. At the end of each ten-week program, the Center for Public Safety presents the Franklin M. Kreml Leadership Award to the student who best displays the dedication, devotion, ethics, sense of justice, and other attributes that exemplify the kind of leadership that is needed in today's law enforcement community. Chief Anderson stood out in all of these qualities and was thus selected by the Center of Public Safety and his classmates to be the recipient of the Kreml Award for the 260th SPSC class. Mayor MacDonald and the Council applauded Chief Anderson for his outstanding achievement.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Lynn Lander, City Administrator – Last week the City received from the County Auditor's Office the published notice tax rate calculation for Hermantown for 2009. I am happy to report most of the residential properties should experience a slight reduction of property taxes in the city tax levy from 2008 to 2009. I would like to qualify that, a tax decrease would be for those homes not currently going through a remodel or addition or a home that might be in a phased out limited value program. I also spoke with Kerry Welsh and he had indicated for the most part it appears the residential properties within Hermantown will stay constant in value for 2009. On a home valued at \$250,000 their city property tax levy for 2008 would have been \$739.55 and for 2009 the city tax levy on that same parcel would go down to \$718.50 which is a \$21.05 decrease.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Debbie Lund, City Clerk – No report

Arlene Tucker, Finance Director – No report

Mike Anderson, Chief of Police – No report

Dean Sharpe, City Superintendent – No report

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications 2008-459 through and including 2008-487 were read and placed on file.

Communication 2008-465 from Lynn Lander, City Administrator to Jeffrey Nelson, Shoreview, MN regarding Development of Property

Communication 2008-471 from John Klaers, City Planner/Zoning Director to Chairman Shaw & Park Board Members regarding Signs in City Parks

Communication 2008-476 from Jeffrey Nelson, Shoreview, MN to Lynn Lander, John Klaers and City Council regarding Property in Hermantown

Communication 2008-486 from Richard T. Johnson, Northwestern University to Lynn Lander, City Administrator regarding Chief Michael P. Anderson

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Councilor Boucher, seconded by Councilor Tafs to approve the appointment of Mark Reed to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a three year term commencing immediately. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Vouchers 40045 through and including 40312 in the amount of \$617,767.12 were read.

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Boucher to approve general city warrants in the amount of \$617,767.12. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

2008-112 Resolution Authorizing The Publication Of A Summary Of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 Of The Hermantown Code Of Ordinances By Adding A New Section 310a Thereto

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2008-112, Resolution Authorizing The Publication Of A Summary Of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 Of The Hermantown Code Of Ordinances By Adding A New Section 310a Thereto. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-113 Resolution Adopting Assessment Roll For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 426

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2008-113, Resolution Adopting Assessment Roll For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 426. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-114 Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-24 For Deferral Of Assessment Against Their Property For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 426 (“Hardship Deferral”)

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Boucher to adopt Resolution 2008-114, Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-24 For Deferral Of Assessment Against Their Property For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 426 (“Hardship Deferral”). Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-115 Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-32 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 2008-115, Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-32 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, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-116 Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-36 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 2008-116, Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-36 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, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-117 Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-46 For Deferral Of Assessment Against Her 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 2008-117, Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-46 For Deferral Of Assessment Against Her Property For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 426 (“Senior Citizen Deferral”). Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-118 Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-37 For Deferral Of Assessment Against His 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 2008-118, Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-37 For Deferral Of Assessment Against His Property For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 426 (“Senior Citizen Deferral”). Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-119 Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-5 For Deferral Of Assessment Against His 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 2008-119, Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-5 For Deferral Of Assessment Against His Property For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 426 (“Senior Citizen Deferral”). Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-120 Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-6 For Deferral Of Assessment Against His 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 2008-120, Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-6 For Deferral Of Assessment Against His Property For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 426 (“Senior Citizen Deferral”). Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-121 Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Agreement For Design Engineering Services With Salo Engineering, Inc. For Water Improvement District No. 311-N (Haines Road From Portland Road To 600 Feet South) In The Amount Of \$6,393.20

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Boucher to adopt Resolution 2008-121, Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Agreement For Design Engineering Services With Salo Engineering, Inc. For Water Improvement District No. 311-N (Haines Road From Portland Road To 600 Feet South) In The Amount Of \$6,393.20. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-122 Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Agreement For Design Engineering Services With Salo Engineering, Inc. For Water Improvement District No. 312-N (Haines Road In The Vicinity Of Berkeley Road) In The Amount Of \$5,772.20

Motion made by Councilor Boucher, seconded by Councilor Tafs to adopt Resolution 2008-122, Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Agreement For Design Engineering Services With Salo Engineering, Inc. For Water Improvement District No. 312-N (Haines Road In The Vicinity Of Berkeley Road) In The Amount Of \$5,772.20. Roll Call: Councilors Boucher, Koski, Tafs, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-123 Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-22 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 2008-123, Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-22 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, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

2008-124 Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-16 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 2008-124, Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-16 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, Thielen, Mayor MacDonald, aye. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY

Steve Overom, City Attorney – With regard to 3781 Alexander Road we were hoping that the former owner of the property would be interested in taking ownership of the property and cleaning things up. We received a call on Friday from the lawyer for the family indicating they decided they are not going to pursue anything. So we are back to square one and will have to proceed with the usual procedures.

Mayor MacDonald announced the schedule of meetings for November.

Mayor MacDonald thanked Nathan Gustavson and Neil Witikko for running the video equipment.

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Motion made by Councilor Boucher, seconded by Councilor Tafs to recess meeting at 6:49 p.m. to Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. to Canvass Results of the November 4, 2008 General Election. Motion carried.

Clerk

ATTEST:

Mayor