



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 3, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 pm.

Present: Mayor: Randy Gilbert; Council: Sam Rettinger, Sharon Henderson, Ben Goodwin, and Ken Hammerschmidt

Staff Present: City Administrator: Steve Stahmer; City Attorney: Joel Jamnik; Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; City Engineer: Dan Boxrud, Jay Murzyn

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Goodwin, seconded by Rettinger, to approve the Agenda as presented.
Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of December 11, 2007 City Council Work Session
- B. Approve Minutes of December 18, 2007 City Council Work Session
- C. Approve Minutes of December 18, 2007 City Council Meeting
- D. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- E. Approve Ordinance No. 2008-01 Adopting the 2008 Fee Schedule for the City of Long Lake
- F. Approve Agreement for Legal Services Between the City and Campbell Knutson, PA
- G. Approve Hourly Fee Increase for Ehlers & Associates Effective January 1, 2008
- H. Approve Engagement Letter with Abdo, Eick & Meyers for Auditing Services for the Year Ended December 31, 2007
- I. Adopt Resolution No. 2008-01 Approving Issuance of a Special Event Permit for the Snowball Open to be Held January 26, 2008

A motion was made by Hammerschmidt, seconded by Henderson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Announcement of Public Meetings

Mayor Gilbert noted he and Council members are aware there are some concerns about how the City plans to utilize TIF dollars. The Council had also discussed the 2008 Street Reconstruction project. Mayor Gilbert invited the viewing public and everyone to attend the next regular Council meeting to discuss the TIF funding issue and eligible fund expenditures. Also on the agenda would be a discussion of the city's capital improvement program and the proposed street project. Later in tonight's agenda, Council would be directing staff to publicize these meetings.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Gilbert had spoken with Council member Goodwin and he had indicated a willingness to serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore.

A motion was made by Rettinger, seconded by Henderson, to appoint Council member Ben Goodwin to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore in the absence of the Mayor for the year 2008. Ayes: all.

Appointment of City Council Member

Mayor Gilbert noted that the purpose of the agenda item was to appoint a Council member to fill Ken Hammerschmidt's seat, as Council member Hammerschmidt's resignation from the Council would be effective immediately. He thanked Jim Benson, Donny Chillstrom, Elizabeth Olson and Butch Loomis for applying to serve. Interviews had been conducted with the applicants in a work session prior to the regular meeting.

Council member Hammerschmidt stated he would be recusing himself from the vote on the selection of the new Council member and action on any further City business, because a new member could not be formally appointed until Council member Hammerschmidt's resignation was effective.

Stahmer stated staff would recommend a motion be made to accept Council member Hammerschmidt's resignation and to adopt a Resolution appointing the new Council member to the position.

Rettinger asked how the Mayor would like to proceed with the voting process, questioning whether a motion could simply be made and acted upon.

Mayor Gilbert stated he would prefer not to see any motion die for lack of a second, and asked that a member second any motions for the purpose of allowing discussion, with the final vote to follow said discussion.

A motion was made by Rettinger, seconded by ____, to appoint Donny Chillstrom to the

OTHER BUSINESS

Reschedule Council Meeting – Stahmer suggested that the next Council meeting be rescheduled, as the date of the meeting would be New Year's Day.

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Hammerschmidt, to reschedule the January 1, 2008 Council meeting to a new date of Thursday, January 3, 2008. Ayes: all.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the meeting by general consent at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk