



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
July 15, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilbert at 5:38 pm.

**Present:** Mayor: Randy Gilbert; Council: Sharon Henderson, Ben Goodwin, and Jim Benson, Sam Rettinger

**Staff Present:** City Administrator: Steve Stahmer; Finance Director: Terry Post

**Absent:** None

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**City Assessor Interviews**

The City Council interviewed the following candidates to serve as the City's contract City Assessor

- Hennepin County, represented by Jim Atchison
- Michael Schachterle, Michael Sheplee (Assessing Partners)
- Jane Grossinger

Following the interviews, the Council discussed the three interviews and the relative merits of each candidate.

Mayor Gilbert noted that the County didn't seem that interested in doing the work. He stated that Grossinger appeared to be the most prepared.

Henderson stated that she also liked Grossinger and that she seemed very detailed and thorough.

Goodwin asked Stahmer what his recommendation would be.

Stahmer stated that, given past and recent issues, he couldn't recommend that the Council contract with Schachterle. He stated that, given the County's price and the Council's preference to hire an independent, local assessor, that he would have to recommend Grossinger, pending reference checks.

Henderson stated that she liked Grossinger, but thinks the Council should also consider the County.

Benson stated that he would lean toward hiring Schachterle and felt that Grossinger may be a little too busy to provide good service to the City.

Gilbert noted that he would prefer to hire Grossinger.

Goodwin stated that he was very torn on this decision.

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the July 15, 2008 City Council Work Session at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Stahmer  
City Administrator