

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2005**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Don Orrock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Chuck Heitz, Lori Kampa, Duane Langsdorf, Patricia May, and Don Orrock. Also present: City Administrator Patrick Wussow, Assistant City Administrator Scott Johnson, Finance Director Corey Boyer, Community Economic Development Director Jim Thares, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, , Sorren Mattick from the City Attorney's Office of Campbell Knutson, and Jared Voge from the City Engineer's Office of Bolton & Menk, Inc.

4. OPEN FORUM

Mayor Orrock opened the Open Forum at 7:01 p.m. No one came forward. Mayor Orrock closed the Open Forum at 7:02 p.m.

5. PROPOSED AGENDA

Council Member Kampa motioned to adopt the proposed Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Langsdorf, unanimous ayes, agenda adopted.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Heitz motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of item 6F - Approve Denial of Developer Request to Assess SAC/WAC Charges and the removal of item 6I for separate consideration. Seconded by Council Member Langsdorf, unanimous ayes, consent agenda approved. The Consent Agenda consists of: 6A) Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2005; 6B) Approve List of Claims; 6C) Approve Joint Orderly Annexation Agreement Resolution #2005-03 for WWTP 8.18 Acre Parcel; 6D) Approve Assessment

Reductions on Lake Lot Acquisitions; 6E) Approve Contract Rate for former Economic Development Specialist; 6G) Approve Liquor and Tobacco License Resolutions #2005-73 and #2005-74 for Coborn's Grocery Located at 711 Rose Drive; 6H) Approve Parks Advisory Committee Recommendations; 6J) Approve Resolution #2005-75 Adopting a Residential Anti-Displacement Minimization Plan; 6K) Approve Declarations of Official Intent; 6L) Approve Big Lake Market Place North Final Plat Resolution #2005-76; 6M) Approve Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance Amendments #2005-11 and #2005-12 and Summary Publication Resolutions #2005-77 and #2005-78; 6N) Approve Resolution #2005-79 Authorizing Industrial Park DEED Grant Application; 6O) Approve Resolution #2005-80 supporting North Star Commuter Rail, and 6P) Accept BLEDA Resignation from Commissioner Gardetto and Approve Appointment of Doug Hayes.

6I) Lakeside Park Geese Issues

Council reviewed the necessity of removing live geese from Lakeside Park.

Council Member Heitz motioned to approve proceeding with the goose removal program at Lakeside Park. Seconded by Council Member, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

7. BUSINESS

7A. PUBLIC HEARING – Annexation by Ordinance; Olene

Administrator Wussow reviewed the annexation petition received from Stephanie Olene for a .68 acre parcel located north of Highway 10 and west of 172nd Street. Administrator Wussow identified that Ms. Olene has also requested to be hooked up to city services at a reduced rate.

Mayor Orrock opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. No one came forward. Mayor Orrock closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Council Member Langsdorf motioned to approve Ordinance #2005-13 extending the corporate limits of the City of Big Lake to include the Stephanie Olene property located at 20028 172nd Street, and to approve a reduce rate for city services. Seconded by Council Member Heitz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

7B. PUBLIC HEARING – Vacation of part of 166th Street; Dynamics Design & Land Company

Administrator Wussow reviewed the planners report for the vacation petition submitted by Dynamics Design & Land Company. The site is identified as the portion of 166th Street between Marketplace Drive and Highway 10 and has been petitioned due to the relocation of the major intersection from 166th Street to 168th Street.

Mayor Orrock opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Larry Habiger; Big Lake Township Resident – Identified the location of his homestead property and stated his opposition to the vacation of the 166th Street intersection. Mr. Habiger also identified future potential traffic issues including longer travel times for emergency vehicles. Council discussed Mr. Habiger's comments.

Sherman Lindbloom; 166th Street, Big Lake Township - Indicated that he purchased his property based on the easy access to Highway 10 and is concerned with his property value decreasing. Mr. Lindbloom also disagreed with the accident counts and feels that the cause of most accidents in this area is due to Highway 10 itself, not the 166th Street intersection. Administrator Wussow identified that MNDOT will not allow stoplights at the 166th intersection due to the curve of Highway 10 in this area.

Jenny Lindbloom; 166th Street, Big Lake Township – Stated her opposition with the vacation of the 166th Street intersection and does not agree with the identified traffic problems at this intersection. Administrator Wussow identified future uses of parcels located on the north and south sides of Highway 10 near the Market Place Development.

Nancy Eliason; Big Lake Township Resident – Stated that she is opposed to the vacation of the 166th Street intersection as it will make it substantially inconvenient for numerous residents living in this area to access Highway 10. Council discussed the safety improvements proposed by MNDOT for this area.

Jim Bruns; 16221 221st Avenue – Questioned if emergency services had been contacted and feels that this vacation would cause potential time delays for emergency vehicles. Mr. Bruns also stated that the number of accidents at this site is exaggerated and would like to see a report showing the number of accidents at this intersection. Council reiterated that the closure of the 166th Street intersection is guided by MNDOT.

Mayor Orrock identified that a letter had been received from Allison Thomas; 15910 201st Avenue NW stating her opposition to the 166th Street access being closed.

Mayor Orrock closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Council Member Kampa questioned if the intersection could be left as a right-in, right-out access. Staff identified that MNDOT is requiring that the access be permanently closed. Council member May questioned why the access has to be closed. Staff identified that MNDOT dictates the closure of accesses on State Highways. Staff identified that the closing of the 166th intersection will allow for the placement of two sets of stop lights at 172nd Street and 168th Street which will improve traffic flow and safety in this area of Highway 10. Staff also indicated that the placement of stop lights at the new intersections

will be installed as traffic counts warrant the lights, and they will be installed at the developer's expense. Council Member Heitz stated that he is in favor of this vacation as it will provide improved traffic safety routes in this area. Mayor Orrock questioned if the remaining portion of 166th Street is planned to be improved. Jared Voge informed Council that the remaining portion of 166th Street has not been addressed for curb and gutter improvements. Council directed staff to report back as to why this area was not included in the improvements for this area.

Council Member Langsdorf motioned to approve Resolution #2005-81 providing for the vacation of part of 166th Street NW within the plat of Big Lake Marketplace North. Seconded by Council Member Heitz, motion passed with a vote of 3:2 with Council Members Heitz, Langsdorf, and Orrock voting aye, and Council Members Kampa, and May voting nay, motion carried.

8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Wussow discussed a request from Lakeside Drive-Inn for use of a portion of the city owned parking lot located across from them for their Cruise Night events. Council directed staff to work with Lakeside Drive-Inn and that future requests should be done formally each year.

Council Member Kampa motioned to call for a Joint Powers Board Meeting on June 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Big Lake City Council Chambers to discuss Big Lake Industrial Park items, the Waste Water Treatment Plant Annexation, and any other City/Township items deemed necessary. Seconded by Council Member Langsdorf, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

9. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS and QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Council Member Heitz: Directed staff to contact Charter Communications to have old cable wires removed along Powell Street.

Council Member Kampa: Discussed the upcoming Building Committee Meeting and directed staff to investigate home based businesses that may be operating without the required permitting.

10. OTHER

No other.

Mayor Orrock recessed the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m. to go to Closed Session.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11A. Consider Purchase of Property for Liquor Store Expansion

Jim Thares reviewed the status of the negotiations on the purchase of Parcel No.'s 65-420-0110, 65-420-0115, and 65-420-0120 and Council reconfirmed using Option 2 as the maximum purchase price.

11B. Acquisition of Land for Industrial Park Expansion

Jim Thares discussed various possible locations the City could look at to purchase for expansion of the Big Lake Industrial Park.

Council directed staff to enter into negotiations with the property owner of Parcel No. 10-127-2201.

Council Member Langsdorf motioned to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Kampa, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Heitz motioned to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into a purchase agreement not to exceed Option A for the purchase of Industrial Park property identified as Parcel No. 10-127-2201.

12. ADJOURN

Council Member Kampa motioned to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Seconded by Council Member May, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Clerk

Date Approved By Council _____