

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL,  
PLANNING COMMISSION, EDA, and PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 6, 2006**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Don Orrock called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at Russell's on the Lake located at 100 Jefferson Blvd.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Council Members present: Mayor Don Orrock, Council Members Chuck Heitz, Lori Kampa, Duane Langsdorf, and Patricia May.

Planning Commission Members present: Chair Melinda Parsons, Tony Benecke, Doug Hayes, Scott Marotz, and David Schreiber.

EDA Members present: President Doug Hayes, Jim Dickinson, and Robert Eddy.

Parks Advisory Committee Members present: Chair Terry Carlson, Eugene Earney, Scott Marotz, Brad Schnitzler, and Kristi Uphoff.

Also present: Council Member Elect Dick Backlund, City Administrator Scott Johnson, Finance Director Corey Boyer, Community Economic Development Director Jim Thares, Public Works Director Mike Goebel, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, City Engineer Brad DeWolf, City Attorney Matt Brokl, and Jennifer Edwards from the West Sherburne Tribune.

**3. DISCUSSION**

Mayor Orrock thanked all members for their service. Mayor Orrock also thanked Council Member Langsdorf for his years of service to the City. Council identified projects the City has accomplished in 2006 and the goals and objectives set at the November retreat for 2007. Mayor Orrock invited the Committee Members to give updates on accomplishments and needs of the various committees.

Parks Board Chair Terry Carlson discussed accomplishments of the Parks Advisory Board and also addressed future Park planning in the City. Board Members also reviewed improvements to Lakeside Park, vandalism issues, the proposed sports complex and the need for better communication with the Sherburne County Park Board.

Planning Commission Chair Melinda Parsons reviewed projects and developments brought to the Planning Commission in 2006. Committee Members also discussed increasing building standards for new residential structures, preserving Big Lake standards, further discussion on the proposed changes to the I-3 Zoning District, and receiving Council feedback when changes are made to the Planning Commission's recommendations.

EDA President Doug Hayes reviewed projects the EDA accomplished in 2006 and identified proposed upcoming projects. Board Members also discussed the completion of the Big Lake Industrial Park East, and informed the Boards that two industrial businesses have recently constructed additions to their sites. Board Members also discussed the upcoming Northstar Commuter Rail project, recognizing the importance of Big Lake's natural resources, and potential redevelopment issues facing the City.

Staff reviewed 2007 Goals, budget concerns with the decline in housing sales, addressing transportation issues, pursuing expansion of the Industrial Park, redevelopment challenges, the planning of a sports complex.

Mayor Orrock thanked all the Committee Members and staff for attending. Mindy Parsons informed the Board Members that she is moving out of town and will no longer be the Chair of the Planning Commission. Mayor Orrock thanked Ms. Parsons for her years of service on the Planning Commission.

#### **4. ADJOURN**

Workshop adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Gina Wolbeck  
Clerk

Date Approved By Council 12/13/06