

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 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, City Attorney Matthew Brokl of Campbell Knutson, Jared Voge of Bolton & Menk, Inc. and City Planner Nate Sparks of Northwest Associated Consultants, Inc. (NAC).

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

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Heitz motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with item 6C removed for separate consideration. Seconded by Council Member Langsdorf, unanimous ayes, consent agenda approved. The Consent Agenda consists of: 6A) Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of

September 14, 2005; 6B) Approve List of Claims; 6D) Approve Tax Abatement Policy Revision; 6E) Approve Police Start Wage Memorandum of Understanding with LELS Local #164; 6F) Approve Marketplace Professional Center 1st Addition Final Plat Resolution #2005-124; 6G) Approve Final Pay Application for the Powell Street Improvements; 6H) Authorize Code Violation Notice Forms; 6I) Authorize BLEDA Redevelopment Statement, and 6J) Approve Hidden River Final Plat Resolution #2005-125.

6C) Approve Parks Advisory Committee Recommendations

Mayor Orrock reviewed the reasons for the Park Dedication Fee increase and stated that he would like to see a reduced fee of \$3,500 with increases incrementally.

Council Member Heitz motioned to approve the Park Committee recommendations and the increase to the Park Dedication Fee to \$3,500. Seconded by Council Member Langsdorf, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Heitz motioned to approve Ordinance Amendment #2004-34 approving an amendment to the City Fee Schedule to increase the Park and Trail Dedication Fee to \$3,500 and to approve Resolution #2005-126 authorizing summary publication of Ordinance Amendment #2004-34. Seconded by Council Member Langsdorf, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

7. BUSINESS

7A. PUBLIC HEARING – Chickadee Drive Vacation

Nate Sparks reviewed the planners report for the vacation petition submitted by Paumen Properties as part of the Hidden River Final Plat to vacate a portion of the Chickadee Drive right-of-way. The petition is to vacate 9,365 square feet of Chickadee Drive with the remainder to be a 20 foot wide strip that would be preserved for trail purposes.

Mayor Orrock opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Ron Rupp – 581 Park Avenue East; Stated that he is in favor of vacation of this portion of Chickadee Drive.

Council Member Langsdorf motioned to close the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Seconded by Council Member May, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Heitz motioned to approve Resolution #2005-127 providing for the vacation of part of Chickadee Drive. Seconded by Council Member Langsdorf. Roll call vote passed with Council Members Heitz, Langsdorf, May, and Orrock voting aye, and Council Member Kampa abstaining. Motion carried.

7B. Consider Hwy 25 Railway Crossing Agreement

Jared Voge discussed recent discussions with Burlington Northern Railway and indicated that Burlington Northern is requesting the City fund 80% of the improvements, with them funding 20%. Mr. Voge informed Council that City Engineer Brad DeWolf has been in discussions with MNDOT and suggested they should participate in the costs as the identified road is a State Highway.

Council stated their concern with the City having to bear any expense for maintenance to the BNSF Railway tracks. Staff was directed to contact BNSF to inform them of Council's comments, and to notify them of the safety concerns of the deteriorated tracks in this area of Hwy 25.

7C. Project Status Report – City Engineer

Jared Voge reviewed the September 19, 2005 Engineers Report.

8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

9. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS and QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Heitz: Informed Council that White Bear Clothing sustained structural damage due to the recent storm. Jim Thares reviewed the block and sidewalk damage to the site and identified that rebuilding has begun. Mr. Thares also informed Council of the recent ground breaking at Victory Sports Bar in the Marketplace Development.

Mayor Orrock: Informed the public of recent conference calls with Governor Pawlenty's Office and informed residents that all County's have mutual aid agreements and if residents are having problems disposing of debris, they should contact Sherburne County. Mayor Orrock also identified the Governor has issued an Executive Order providing state assistance to communities impacted by the severe storms.

Council Member Langsdorf: Reviewed the Building Committee Meeting and reviewed potential designs of the new liquor store façade.

10. OTHER

No other.

11. ADJOURN

Council Member Langsdorf motioned to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Seconded by Council Member May, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Gina Wolbeck
Clerk

Date Approved By Council 10/12/05