

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Orrock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Dick Backlund, Chuck Heitz, Lori Kampa, Patricia May, and Donald Orrock. Town Board Members Present: Jim Sanford and Mike Hayes. Ice Association Members present: Chris Stalpes and Kent Vickerman. Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, Finance Director Corey Boyer, Community Economic Development Director Jim Thares, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, Public Works Director Mike Goebel, Police Chief Sean Rifenberick, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf and Jared Voge of Bolton & Menk, Inc.

3. PROPOSED AGENDA

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

4. BUSINESS

4A. Proposed Ice Arena Funding Discussion

Corey Boyer informed the Boards that the City of Becker has voted to “not cost participate” in the Becker/Big Lake proposed Ice Arena Project.

Chris Stalpes reviewed their proposed plans and indicated that the most viable location for their facility is in the Big Lake Marketplace location. Mr. Stalpes discussed funding scenarios for the project and indicated that the Mighty Ducks Grant Program could be a possibility for future funding.

Board Members informed the Ice Association that it is hard to commit without knowing what funding will be required from each community. Mr. Stalpes and Mr. Vickerman stated that they have a better chance at obtaining State Bonding Funds if they have a commitment from the stakeholders. The Town Board Members informed the Ice Association that their finances do not allow them to take on this amount of debt and that 1/3 of their taxpayers are already contributing to ice arenas in Elk River and Monticello, and their Board is

