

**JOINT MEETING OF THE  
CITY OF BIG LAKE, BIG LAKE TOWNSHIP, ORROCK TOWNSHIP, BIG LAKE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE SHERBURNE COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

**JANUARY 21, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Big Lake City Council Members present: Dick Backlund, Raeanne Danielowski, Chuck Heitz, Mayor Lori Kampa, and Duane Langsdorf.

Big Lake Township Board Members present: Mike Hayes, Chair Bob Hofer, Norm Leslie, and Jim Stahlman.

Orrock Township Board Member present: Jerry Peterson.

School Board Members present: Chris Chudy, Chair Tim Hayes, and Barb Maciej.

Sherburne County Board Member present: Ewald Petersen.

Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, Big Lake City Engineer Brad DeWolf from Bolton & Menk, Big Lake Township Treasurer Kenneth Warneke, Big Lake Township Clerk Laura Hayes, Big Lake Township Deputy Clerk Kristy Woolard, Orrock Township Clerk Greg Westgard, Sherburne County Attorney Kathleen Heaney, Sherburne County Administrator Brian Benson, and Sherburne County Sheriff Joel Brott.

**4. PROPOSED AGENDA**

Council Member Heitz motioned to adopt the proposed Agenda. Seconded by Town Board Supervisor Mike Hayes, unanimous ayes, agenda adopted.

## **5. BUSINESS**

### **5A. County Topics**

Joel Brott discussed new security devices that will be installed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the government center. Kathleen Heaney discussed the decreased number of felony cases in 2009 and credited effective law enforcement for this decrease. Commissioner Petersen provided an update relating to State finance forecasts, Northstar Commuter Rail, improvements to pedestrian crossings near the schools, and possible future improvements to CR 43 South. Council Members asked for comments on potential ownership of the old Park n' Ride lot and the intended use of the lot. Both the City and the County indicated that if they are given ownership of the lot, the intended use would be for long term parking.

### **5B. Big Lake Township Topics**

The Township Supervisors noted that they are comfortable with their current financial situation. Supervisors also discussed park area expansions they have constructed which include baseball field improvements, new trails, and a cabin available for use by the Scouts.

### **5C. Orrock Township Topics**

Supervisor Peterson discussed safety issues with the St. Francis River crossing that is used by off-road vehicles. Peterson also noted that safety is still an issue at CR 10/15.

### **5D. School Topics**

School Board Members reviewed the Levy Referendum that passed last November and how that has impacted the financial status of the school district. Chair T. Hayes also discussed the "Race to the Top" federal education program that could provide more training for educators throughout the state. The Board also informed the attendees that they have changed their meeting locations to accommodate more seating and the ability to tape record the meetings for playback on the City Cable Channel.

### **5E. City of Big Lake Topics**

Council Members updated the attendees on the prospect of a Regional Park complex that could be accomplished through a multi-jurisdictional pooling of funds. The City will forward information to each Board seeking appointment of one of its members to serve on a joint committee to further discuss this project. Members of all local Associations will also be invited to participate in these discussions. Council Members also discussed the draft 2010 Council Goals and Priorities.

**6. OTHER**

Discussion was held on the potential for a VA Medical Center to be constructed in Elk River. Mayor Kampa thanked all the members for attending the meeting.

**7. ADJOURN**

School Board Chair T. Hayes motioned to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Seconded by Big Lake Town Board Supervisor M. Hayes, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

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Gina Wolbeck  
City Clerk

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01/27/10  
Date Approved by the Big Lake City Council