



Northfield City Council MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular City Council Meeting

Date: January 4, 2010 **Location:** Council Chambers **Start Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Adjourn Time:** 7:59 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Mary Rossing, Council Members Jim Pokorney, Jon Denison, Kris Vohs, Erica Zweifel, Rhonda Pownell and Betsey Buckheit

Members Absent: None

Others present: Kurt Saffle, Daryl Hokstra, Jane McWilliams, David DeLong, Bill Ostrem, Neil Lutsky, City Engineer Katy Gehler, Finance Director Kathleen McBride, City Clerk Deb Little, Assistant to City Administrator Jennifer Nash, City Administrator Joel Walinski, City Attorney Chris Hood, Northfield News, KYMN and other interested citizens.

Item	Discussion/Conclusions	Action
Call to Order	At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Rossing called the meeting to order.	A roll call was taken of members present and a quorum was declared.
M2010-0001 <i>Electing Mayor Pro Tem</i>		A motion (M2010-0001) was made by C. Pownell and seconded by C. Pokorney to ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER KRIS VOHS AS MAYOR PRO TEM. All in favor. Motion carried.
Approval of Agenda	The item related to legal fees will be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda.	A motion was made by C. Zweifel and seconded by C. Vohs to approve the agenda for January 4, 2010 as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.
Approval of Minutes		A motion was made by C. Pownell and seconded by C. Buckheit to approve the city council meeting minutes for December 21, 2009. All in favor. Motion carried.
Presentations		
Green Team Awards <i>4H, Special Olympics, Union of Youth</i>	Kurt Saffle and Daryl Hokstra of Waste Management presented Green Team Awards to representative from Rice County 4H, Northfield Special Olympics and Northfield Union of Youth in recognition of their recycling efforts.	
Nonmotorized Transportation Taskforce <i>Bill Ostrem</i>	Bill Ostrem of the Nonmotorized Transportation Taskforce spoke about the work of this group and work to be done in the future. Specific projects included intersection safety, assistance with Rice County grant proposal and encouraging bike lanes among others. Neil Lutsky, member of the Taskforce, spoke about the work of Ostrem and thanked him for his contributions.	

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Consent Agenda		
Comments on Consent Agenda	None	
Approval of Consent Agenda	City Administrator Walinski introduced the items on the consent agenda.	A motion was made by C. Vohs and seconded by C. Pownell to approve the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.
M2010-0002 <i>Disbursements</i>	Review disbursements	
M2010-0003 <i>Official Newspaper</i>	Designate the Northfield News as the official newspaper for the year of 2010	
M2010-0004 <i>Official Depository</i>	Designate First National Bank of Northfield as the official depository	
Resolution 2010-001 <i>Gambling Permit – Sportsmen’s Club</i>	Approving exempt gambling permit application for Cannon River Sportsmen’s Club to conduct raffles at the Northfield Ballroom, 450 Montessori Court, on March 20, 2010	
M2010-0005 <i>Labor Contract – IUOE #70 Utility Unit</i>	Approve the collective bargaining agreement (2010-2012) and two memorandums of understanding with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union #70 for the Northfield Utility Unit	
Resolution 2010-002 <i>Energy Grant</i>	Supporting and authorizing the application to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security, for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant	
Public Comments		
Open Public Comments	None	
Regular Agenda		
M2010-0006 <i>Attorney Fees</i>	<p>Administrator Walinski introduced this item, gave additional information on the background of this request and answered questions posed by Council. Members who were on the Council when the indemnification of Mr. Roder was approved spoke about discussion behind the approval at that time.</p> <p>David DeLong, 1000 S. Spring St, expressed concern about payment requests and submitted a list of questions to the Administrator.</p> <p>Jane McWilliams, 901 W. 1st St, expressed concern about this item and others being placed on the consent agenda.</p> <p>Council discussed whether to approve the requested payment at this time.</p>	A motion (M2010-0006) was made by C. Denison and seconded by C. Vohs to AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF \$2,456 TO FREDRICKSON & BYRON, P.A. FOR LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO FORMER CITY ADMINISTRATOR AL RODER IN THE GOODHUE MATTER. Yes votes by Vohs, Pownell, Pokorney, Buckheit, Denison and Rossing. No vote by Zweifel. Vote is 6-1. Motion carried.

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Resolution 2010-003 <i>4th Street Reconstruction</i>	City Engineer Gehler introduced this item and answered questions posed by Council.	A motion was made by C. Pownell and seconded by C. Zweifel to PASS RESOLUTION 2010-003 – ORDERING 2009 IMPROVEMENT NO. 005 – 4 TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION BETWEEN DIVISION STREET AND NEVADA STREET INCLUDING ADJACENT BLOCKS OF UNION, COLLEGE, WINONA, AND NEVADA AND HEREBY AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SAID PROJECT. All in favor. Motion carried.
M2010-0007 <i>4th Street Assessments</i>		A motion (M2010-0007) was made by C. Vohs and seconded by C. Pokorney to DIRECT STAFF TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE IMPACTED PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF AT THE DECEMBER 21, 2009 ASSESSMENT HEARING AND DIRECT THAT THE AMENDED ASSESSMENT ROLL WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT THE RECONVENED ASSESSMENT HEARING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20, 2010 AT 7:15 P.M. AT NORTHFIELD CITY HALL. All in favor. Motion carried.
Administrator's Update	Administrator Walinski reported on the following:	
Administrator Walinski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asked Council for a date for the upcoming goal setting session. Members agreed on Tuesday, January 26th and Saturday, January 23rd would be the second choice. - Carleton and St. Olaf will be presenting their gifts to the City - Met with firms interested in helping to work on a new stormwater ordinance - Spoke about upcoming meeting schedule 	
Reports from Mayor and Council	Council Members reported on the following:	
C. Pownell	- Spoke about Census information	
Adjourn		
Adjourn the meeting	Time: 7:59 p.m.	Council adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: _____

Jennifer Nash, Assistant to City Administrator