

MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2006 – 7:00 P.M. – ROCKVILLE CITY HALL.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brian Herberg. Roll Call was taken and the following members were found to be present: Mayor Herberg, Council members: Vern Ahles, Jeff Hagen, Ed Karls, Lloyd Lommel, Don Simon, and Greg Simones. Absent: None.

Staff members present were: Administrator/Clerk Rena Weber, Public Works Director Greg Stang, Engineer Scott Hedlund, & Attorney James Mogen.

Planning Commission members present were: Jerry Bechtold.

Others present were: Sgt. Jon Lentz, Jeff Johnson, Cheryl Lommel, Tудie Hermanutz, Duane Willenbring, Kathleen Stanger, Wade Skaja, Scott Stenseth, Liza Fuchs, Dan Kron, Ron Kron, Heidi Peper, Stacy Kvilvang, Rick Anderson, Vince Schaefer, Mike & Joan VanderWeyst, & Tom Van Lith.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Motion by Member Simones, second by Member Ahles, to approve the additions to the agenda for discussion purposes.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Member Lommel, second by Member Ahles, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

a) **Minutes of 8/02/06.**

b) **Treasurer's report of 8/16/06**

c) **List of bills and additions:**

Accounts Payable CK #008246 to 008290 \$62,001.03

Payroll CK #002446 to 002453 5,883.35

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Sgt. Jon Lentz reported that during the month of July there were 65 contract hours and 7 citations written.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – There was no report.

EMS – There was no report.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – Greg Stang reported on the following:

BOBCAT 90" FINISH MOWER – Greg Stang requested approval to purchase a 90" finish mower as an attachment to the Toolcat at a cost of \$3329.29. The mower is in the capital improvement plan and money has been designated for the purchase. In addition, Greg would like to sell the John Deere Mower for about \$5000 to \$7000.

Motion by Mayor Herberg, second by Member Simon, to purchase the mower for the Toolcat and place the John Deere out for bid.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD – Scott Stenseth reported on the following:

MEETING TIME – Scott reported that the Park & Recreation Board moved monthly meetings back to 7:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m.

UPDATES –

- Installed benches in dugouts for Lion's park & the Twin's Field grant paid for this.
- Finished up the park ordinance and rental agreement form

- Budget finished for 2007 – thanked Julie Zimmerman for attending their last meeting
- Summer Ball program had the following number of participants:
28 in T ball, 30 in the Minors Little League, 16 in Major Baseball, 14 in the softball program and 14 in Babe Ruth to equal 102 participants
- Reviewing the by laws
- Landscaping at Lion's Park sign and planting more trees in that park
- Still looking for new members

ROCK FEST – Kathleen Stanger reported that people need to RSVP for the party and that financials are still being finalized, but that all reports look good.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Jerry Bechtold reported on the following:

R & M KRON ADDITION – Jerry Bechtold indicated that this is a preliminary plat proposal. The Planning Commission recommends approval of this plat contingent upon declaration of restriction from development being drafted for the 27.1 acres. Ron and Mary Kron own 80 acres of land off of 123rd Avenue. They wish to sub-divide the 80 acres in the SP -1 District into two lots: 66.4 and 12.29 acres in size. The 12.29 acres will be sold as they plan to move to Richmond. Ron intends to keep the 66.4 acres and rent it out as tillable land. In keeping with the Comprehensive Plan this would be the desire. 16 notices were sent out on the 24th of July. Said plat has a legal description of: The N ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 20, Township 123, Range 29, Stearns County, Minnesota, EXCEPT the North 500.00 feet of the West 871.20 feet thereof AND The North 10.07 acres of the E of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 20, Township 123, Range 29, Stearns County, Minnesota, Subject to easements of record.

Subject to the rights of the public in 123rd Avenue.

Containing 81.09 acres, more or less

NEW LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 1, R & M KRON ADDITION

Mayor Herberg introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT TO BE KNOWN AS R & M KRON ADDITION

WHEREAS, Ron & Mary Kron presented a Preliminary Plat to be known as R & M Kron Addition, and;

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission recommended approval of said plat contingent upon a declaration of restriction being drafted, and;

WHEREAS, persons wishing to address the Council were given an opportunity to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

1. *Said Preliminary Plat is hereby approved as presented contingent upon the declaration of restriction being drafted.*

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Ahles with the following vote being taken:

Member Hagen questioned the need for the declaration and why not restrict the remaining 66.4 acres to one building site? Member Hagen also questioned if the open tillable land is what the city wants restricted. Jim Mogen stated that this is what the ordinance calls for and takes away the argument at a later date to a new owner. Jim Mogen also indicated that it does not mesh with what is recorded at the county.

Mayor Herberg asked if most of the 27 acres is wetlands. No, it is tillable.

Jim Mogen stated he will look into what the county recorder uses and what the ordinance requires. Rather than tracking this site to see that it gets so many building sites, the County tracks this site so that it cannot be built upon.

Jim Mogen suggested that the council could adopt a condition to identify the restriction of the most tillable acres. Declaration has to be recorded prior to the final plat adoption.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

BOTZ ESTATES – Jerry Bechtold reported that the Planning Commission recommends approval contingent upon implementation of Stearns County Highway Department comments being addressed. James Botz has submitted a preliminary plat request to subdivide his lot along County Road 8. 88 notices were sent out on the 24th of July. Each lot exceeds the 10,200 Square Foot requirement in the R-1 District.

Said plat has a legal description of: The South 249.00 feet of the North 909.00 feet of the East 165.00 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW ¼ of NE ¼) of Section Seventeen (17), in Township One Hundred Twenty-three (123) North of Range Twenty-nine (29) West, LESS AND EXCEPT the North 66.00 feet thereof reserved for public road easement, and subject to public road over the East 33.00 feet thereof.

NEW LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 1, BOTZ ESTATES

*Mayor Herberg introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-23*

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT TO BE KNOWN AS BOTZ ESTATES

WHEREAS, James Botz presented a Preliminary Plat to be known as Botz Estates, and;

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission recommended approval of said plat contingent upon comments from Stearns County Highway Department being addressed and further that a minor development agreement being drafted, and;

WHEREAS, persons wishing to address the Council were given an opportunity to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

- 2. Said Preliminary Plat is hereby approved as presented contingent upon the comments from Stearns County Highway Department being addressed and further that a minor development agreement being drafted.**

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Hagen with the following vote being taken:

Member Hagen asked if we really need to require a development agreement and suggested that we have the Planning Commission members make a recommendation so that it is not a significant expense.

Member Simon questioned why there was a storm water study done on this lot. Scott Hedlund indicated that there was no study but a need to demonstrate that there will be no run off from this site. Member Simon voiced concern that we are incurring costs to the property owner.

Member Simones stated that it is warranted and that we do not want to create problems for the neighbors due to the development.

Jim Mogen informed the council that they are going through two drainage issues right now. This is being pro-active on the front end.

Scott Hedlund added that this is a minimal expense.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a storm water drainage plan.

Member Hagen asked if the Building Inspector would inspect this storm water plan. If not, who would do it? It was reported that the City Engineer would most likely inspect the drainage pond construction.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – CHIPPE SHOP – 7:45 P.M. – Mayor Herberg announced that a public hearing would now be held to consider approval of a tax abatement request from Richard Anderson, owner of the Chippe Shoppe, Inc.

Heidi Peper, EDA Executive Director, reported that the Chipp Shoppe is proposing to locate in Prairie Business Park and is seeking tax abatement in order to complete the deal. They propose to construct a 12,000 square foot building and will hire 15 new employees in two years in addition to the 17 present employees. Heidi indicated that tax abatement is a way of fostering economic development and the city can provide tax abatement.

Stacy Kvilvang – Ehler's and Associates, did the pro-forma for the Chipp Shoppe, Inc. and indicated that a tax abatement could be granted for 10 years and further not to exceed \$7000 abatement in any given year. Stacy Kvilvang did tax abatement 101 for the council and audience. \$40,000 to \$50,000 is what Ehler's expects to be abated.

Member Hagen questioned the 12,000 or 15,000 square foot building and how that affects the agreement. This will be addressed as this is project specific.

Rick Anderson was present to explain what they do as a company and noted they provide fund raising opportunities for schools all around the country. Rick Anderson stated that they are currently in Royalton and leasing space in St. Augusta. They are a growing business and are increasing revenues by 40% this year.

Jerry Bechtold – 24353 125th Avenue, spoke in favor of approving the request.

Duane Willenbring stated that as a member of the EDA they have looked at this and he truly feels this is a very worthy project.

Vince Schaefer – Stearns County Commissioner, indicated that speaking from his position he urges the council to okay this. He stated that he has been through this a number of times and considers it a necessary evil.

Motion by Member Lommel, second by Member Hagen, to close the public hearing at 7:57 p.m.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

Member Simones presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-24

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKVILE GRANTING A PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT TO CHIPP SHOPPE, INC.

(A complete copy of the resolution is hereby attached and marked Exhibit A).

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Simon with the following vote being taken:

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

Planning Commission – Jerry Bechtold addressed the council again:

WADE SKAJA VARIANCES – Jerry Bechtold reported that the Planning Commission reviewed the request for Wade Skaja to consider approval of three variances from Shoreland requirements. Said plat has a legal description of: That part of Block Six (6) in LAKESIDE PARK, according to the plat thereof, Stearns County, MN described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Block Six (6) distant 35.5 feet Southwesterly of the northeast corner thereof (said point also being on the Southerly line of Lake Avenue as shown on said plat); thence Southwesterly along the North line of said Block Six (6) a distance of 95.5 feet; thence Southerly at right angle to said North line to point of intersection with the lower water line of Pleasant Lake; thence Northeasterly along said low water line a distance of 95.5 feet; Northwesterly to the point of beginning and there terminating.

AND

Block Six (6), less the Northeasterly 131 feet thereof, in LAKESIDE PARK, according to the recorded plat thereof, being a subdivision adjacent to Pleasant Lake in Section Two (2), Township One Hundred Twenty-three (123), Range Twenty-nine (29) West.

The request is to construct a 2052 square foot single family residence on a lot that will require: Variance from Front & Rear Yard Setbacks

ALSO Variance from Lot Size requirements for adjoining lot

The request is to construct a 2052 square foot home on the new lot once created. Lot 2 would have 10,835 square feet of land and the Shoreland requires 20,000 square feet. A variance from lot size requirements would be required. The Planning Commission determined the following: LOT SIZE REQUIREMENT – Planning Commission forwarded to the city council without comment.

LAKE SETBACK – Deny as he meets the 50' established building line setback.

ROAD SETBACK VARIANCE – Not needed as the City did not adopt the Stearns County Section 9 road setback ordinance.

Jerry Bechtold reported that Travis Kent was in opposition to the request and Rena Weber read into the record the email received stating this.

Mayor Herberg stated that we have many non-conforming lots around the lakes. What is the issue? Jim Mogen explained the rules for granting a variance and creating a hardship by something other than what the property owner does. This is being created by the property owner and also will be creating a new non-conforming lot. The idea is to not create a new non-conforming lot. This is part of the Shoreland overlay ordinance where density along the lake should be less.

Mayor Herberg stated that rules change both on the city and county level that make things non-conforming.

Discussion was held regarding the granting of variances and creation of non-conforming lots.

Mayor Herberg brought up discussion on the Clarence Bloch parcel and how this was worked on. If we can allow the building and address the storm water run off on site isn't that what we want to see. Scott Hedlund stated that he is comfortable with what they are proposing to do with the run off.

Member Hagen stated this is a valuable piece of property that should be maximized and if they are containing the storm water run off, it should be allowed.

Mayor Herberg motioned to grant the variance from lot size requirement as presented. Jim Mogen stated that we need to work on findings of fact reducing 9,135 square feet from the lot size requirements

The motion was seconded by Member Hagen and both withdrew their motion to allow Attorney Jim Mogen to draft the Findings of Fact.

Motion by Member Hagen, second by Mayor Herberg, to table action on the request until the Findings of Fact could be drafted.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

DAN HANSEN INTERIM USE PERMIT – Jerry Bechtold reported that action was tabled so that a new Interim Use Permit could be drafted.

ONE MEETING PER MONTH – Jerry Bechtold reported that the Planning Commission voted to go to one meeting per month reserving the right to hold an additional meetings if necessary.

Motion by Member Lommel, second by Member Ahles, to go to one meeting per month for Planning Commission meetings and reserving the right to hold a 2nd meeting if necessary.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

MEETING DATE CHANGES - Rena Weber reported that the September and November meeting dates for the Planning Commission were changed to 9/19 and 11/14 due to the upcoming elections.

JODE BOLDT – ADMINISTRATIVE PLAT – Jerry Bechtold reported that it was discovered that this lot was split because of mortgage purposes only; therefore this is not a lot of record. Jode Boldt would have to obtain a declaration of restriction on the additional property.

Jim Mogen explained how the Auditor's office does things differently than the Recorder's office in that two parcel id's are issued but there is only one deed.

Discussion was held regarding why a bank would mortgage a portion of the property to the owner's benefit Vs dealing with foreclosure.

Jode Boldt can purchase development rights from someone else and it can be wetlands.

NEW BUSINESS

LIZA FUCHS – Stoney's Bar was present to request approval to sponsor a backyard bash on 9/23/06 and asked that this event be allowed to go later than 10 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Herberg, second by Member Ahles, to approve the request to hold the backyard bash on 9/23/06 until 11:59 p.m. pending proper insurance certificates.
AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

TELEMETRY SYSTEM – Greg Stang reported that when the lakes area sewer system was originally designed the path study was never done between the core city and the Pleasant Lake lift station. BWK thought it should have worked, but if the path study would have been done they would have realized that the repeaters are necessary to communicate between the lift stations to work with the SCADA system. The Maintenance Department can monitor the lift stations from their office, determine how much it ran, and view the levels of the lift station. This will require a repeater to be placed on the new water tower. It will notify Maintenance when there is a problem. There will be only one dialer as opposed to a phone setup at each lift station. \$15,274 cost of which BWK will pay \$1,118.

Motion by Mayor Herberg, second by Member Simon, to approve the request as presented and to pay for said expense from the sewer project.
AYES: Ahles, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones
NAYS: Hagen
Motion passed on a 6 to 1 vote.

ENGINEER REPORT – Scott Hedlund stated he would deal with his requests under the Street Committee report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Herberg reported that the little terrorist dog that was running downtown was caught this weekend.

STREET COMMITTEE – Chair Don Simon reported on the following:

BLUE 911 SIGNS – Don Simon reported that the cost to install blue 911 signs around Pleasant Lake would be \$25.00 each. It was determined that Administration should send a letter out to the home owners

Motion by Member Ahles, second by Member Lommel, to approve the installation of blue 911 signs at a cost of \$25.00 each including installation.
AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

LENA LANE/BURG STREET – Chair Simon reported that the Street Committee recommended the two roads be fixed with fabric included as an experiment with an approximate cost of \$40,279

Motion by Mayor Herberg, second by Member Lommel, to seek bids for the repair of Lena Lane/Burg Street per the engineer's recommended plan.

Member Hagen questioned if this would be assessed? Is this consistent with the assessment policy?

Mayor Herberg stated this is a test and if it does not work we would be better off assessing at a later date.

Member Hagen stated that we need to be consistent and more defensible.

Scott Hedlund stated that the committee feels this is a maintenance project as opposed to an improvement (500' Vs the 4600' square feet originally proposed). Discussion was held regarding the assessment process.

AYES: Ahles, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones
NAYS: Hagen
Motion passed on a 6 to 1 vote.

ROAD REPAIR FUND – Chair Simon reported that the Street Committee would like to establish a road repair fund, something like what the township used to do.

Greg Stang stated this was his idea and that it would take 20 years to maintain 35 miles of tarred roads and suggested we put away \$100,000 as a starter.

Much discussion was held regarding this practice as this could be a way to save for projects and dedicating funds so that projects can be done.

Rena Weber expressed her concern in that the city has adopted an assessment policy, capital improvement plan and capital equipment plan for a reason. Rena further expressed concern that the city would bond for major improvement projects and these would be levied on the taxes for repayment.

Motion by Member Lommel, second by Mayor Herberg, to establish a \$100,000 road improvement budget for major type projects.

AYES: Ahles, Herberg, Lommel, & Simon

NAYS: Hagen, Karls & Simones.

Motion passed on a 4 to 3 vote.

123RD AVENUE BUS TURN AROUND – Don Simon reported that residents on 123rd Avenue and also Voigt Bus Company have met to discuss a bus turn around in this area for safety purposes. The Council should order a feasibility report and schedule a public hearing for 9/20/06 – 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Member Simones, second by Mayor Herberg, to order a feasibility report for the 123rd Avenue Bus Turn Around with a public hearing to be held on 9/20/06- 8:00 p.m.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

TRANSPORTATION SKETCH PLAN – Don Simon reported that the Street Committee recommends that \$15,000 be budgeted for a Transportation study which would be reimbursed by developments.

Motion by Mayor Herberg, second by Member Ahles, to budget \$15,000 as a planning tool for a transportation study.

AYES: Ahles, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones

NAYS: Hagen

Motion passed on a 6 to 1 vote.

DATA VIEW – Don Simon indicated that \$20,000 is the estimated cost for the program through SEH and it depends on how many layers that are added.

Discussion was held regarding the need for the program.

Motion by Member Hagen, second by Member Karls, to deny the request as presented.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

STORM WATER UTILITY – Mayor Herberg stated the city should look at this because who is going to pay to maintain the ponds in the new developments.

Motion by Member Ahles, second by Mayor Herberg, to refer this back to the Street Committee for further review.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, Simon, & Simones

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

AGATE BEACH ROAD – Don Simon reported the Street Committee is looking at improving the water drainage system.

STEARNS COUNTY COMP PLAN MEETING – Don Simon reported that he attended the Stearns County Comp Plan meeting in Paynesville on Monday. It was reported that western Stearns County will remain Agriculture, but the east side of the county will be mainly developed. Don

suggested that we get the maps from Stearns County with the soils and suggested we develop the smaller lots and further to use cluster systems.

Don Simon left at this point - 9:40 p.m.

TOM VAN LITH WATER IMPROVEMENT – Scott Hedlund reported on the findings:

The city would be extending the debt by \$250,000 just to see this development occur.

Scott Hedlund reviewed low, medium and high growth numbers and how each would end up financially when completed.

Discussion was held regarding Tom Van Lith's request to defer assessment in addition to the water improvement and how the two go hand in hand.

Jim Mogen stated that if the water does not go in, then the sewer would have to go away.

Rena Weber questioned if the grinder would have to be hooked up to his residence.

Discussion was held regarding where the sewer main ends and how far it may be from his residence. Further study will be done on this portion.

Motion by Member Hagen, second by Member Lommel, to deny extending water to service the proposed development as presented.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Karls, Lommel, Simones

ABSTAINING: Herberg

Motion passed on a 5 to 1 vote.

TOM VAN LITH DEFERRED ASSESSMENT –

Motion by Member Simones, second by Member Lommel, to table action on this request until more information could be obtained in regards to the location of the sewer main and distance from the Van Lith residence.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, & Simones

Motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

CLARENCE BLOCH HOUSE LOCATION CLARIFICATION

Rena Weber explained the change in the location of the house the lake side being 50' and the road side being 28'.

Discussion was held regarding impervious surface requirements and if pavers are considered impervious by the county.

It was determined that 50' from the lake and 28' from the roadway would be okay.

Pavers on patio and sidewalk can be used as long as they are installed per manufacturer's recommendation.

REQUESTS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

TRANSFER WATER ACCESS CONNECTION FEE REVENUE – The request is to transfer Water Access Connection fee revenue collected in the Pleasant Lake area in 2005 Fund 601 (Water Fund) to Fund 307 (Pleasant Lake Water Imp. Debt Service Fund).

Transfer from E601-49440-700 - \$18,480

To R307-47000-39203 +\$18,480

The revenue collected in Water Access/Connection Fees helps to fund the Debt Service on the Improvement Bond Fund 307.

Motion by Mayor Herberg, second by Member Lommel, to approve the request as presented.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, & Simones

Motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

RECODE 2005 WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT- The request is to recode 2005 Water Improvement Project Special Assessment revenue from Stearns County Property Tax Settlement May 2006 (2nd check) from Fund 404 (Construction Fund) to Fund 307 Debt Service Fund.

The special assessments revenue is used to help pay for debt service payments.

R 404.49440.36100 -\$914.95

R 307.47000.36100 +\$914.95

Motion by Member Lommel, second by Member Hagen, to approve the request as presented.

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, & Simones

Motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

ELECTION JUDGES - Rena Weber asked approval to appoint election judges for the 9/12/06 & 11/7/06 Elections:

- Doris Schneider
- Joyce Fuchs
- Marilyn Montreuil
- Rena Weber – head judge
- Judy Neu - alternate
- Corynne Philipsek – head judge
- Roma Heurung
- John Maus
- Pattie Cameron
- Joyce Hansen
- Suzanne Stenseth
- Dodie Callanan - alternate

Motion by Mayor Herberg, second by Member Simones, to approve the list of Election judges as presented:

AYES: Ahles, Hagen, Herberg, Karls, Lommel, & Simones

Motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

CITY BUILDINGS USE POLICY – Rena Weber presented council members with a proposed use policy as drafted by Duane Willenbring and reviewed by the EDA. No action was taken as members will review the policy and make recommendations at a later date.

OPEN FORUM

Vince Schaefer – 541 Caroline Lane – stated that it was interesting sitting here listening to discussion on residential problems. He attended a seminar in Chicago where he learned that residential development does not pay for itself. For every dollar taken in for residential development it costs the city \$1.38 for commercial and \$.43 for residential. This is still a chicken/egg thing as without business you will not make it on the residents alone. Vince Schaefer urged the council to pursue more business.

Vince further reported that Stearns County Parks received a \$600,000 grant to purchase the additional land for a park in the City of Rockville. Vince publicly thanked John & Linda Peck for their donation of their 200 acre farm. Vince stated that with the \$600,000 grant the county is still short \$118,000 but that he hopes the county can come up with the money.

Duane Willenbring – 25123 CR 139 – stated that he was concerned that residential development does pay for itself. Duane stated that he presented to the LMC about how unique it is that residential development does pay for itself and he has numbers to back this up.

Tudie Hermanutz – 211 1st St W – questioned what is going on with County Road 82. Rena reported that Stearns County is doing a storm water study as part of the design and this has taken longer than expected. Further Stearns County hopes to finish that process and bid this winter for early spring construction.

Mike VanderWeyst – 25704 Lena Lane – questioned placing 911 signs by the mailbox and avoid paying the \$25.00. Mr. VanderWeyst also asked why the city guy is painting white spots on the ground.

ADJOURNMENT – *Motion by Member Ahles, second by Member Hagen, to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

**VERENA M. WEBER-CMC
ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK**

**BRIAN HERBERG
MAYOR**