

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 7, 2009 - 6:00 P.M. – ROCKVILLE CITY HALL.**

The meeting was called to order by Council member Randy Volkmuth. Roll Call was taken and the following members were found to be present: Council Members: John Koerber, Susan Palmer & Randy Volkmuth. Absent: None.

Staff members present were: Administrator/Clerk Rena Weber

Others present were: Vince & Audrey Schaefer, Marilyn Montreuil, Toni Honer, Scott Stenseth, Judy Neu, Rick Hansen, Amy Goerger, Aaron Cheeley, Tудie Hermanutz, Jerry Bechtold, Scott Palmer, Dick Nieters, Roger Schmidt, Dan Hansen, Brian Herberg, Vern Ahles, Joe & Sharon Sponheim, Dave Volkmuth, Lori Anderson, Jeff & Sam Howe, Diane Willenbring, Steve Heying, Greg Stang, Brian Hatten, Steve Dietman, Jerry Tippelt, Mike Hofmann, Kathleen Stanger, Clarence Bloch & George Bechtold.

OATH OF OFFICE – Administrator/Clerk Rena Weber issued the oath of office to: Mayor Elect Jeff Hagen, Council members: Bill Becker, Jerry Schmitt & Duane Willenbring. Roll Call was taken again and all members were found to be present.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Hagen gave a brief summation of his proposed changes to the meeting structure. (A copy of those changes is hereby attached and marked Exhibit A).

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – There were none. Rena Weber announced that Jim Voigt was pulled from the agenda and will meet with the Public Works Committee. She also asked for council approval to contact the city attorney regarding Mr. Voigt's request to subdivide and how it affects the assessment agreement regarding the same. Member Volkmuth expressed concern that no contact be made with the attorney until Mr. Voigt has talked to the Public Works Committee.

OPEN FORUM

Joe Sponheim – 21556 County Road 8, was present to voice his concern regarding the budget item for the LID. The new councilors are not aware of the concerns that were brought up last fall and they did not get answers to their questions. The by-laws states something they were going to do and they never did it, so before this gets acted on this has to get straightened out and no money appropriated.

Toni Honer – 512 Cypress Court, stated she is the Chair of Planning Commission and is concerned about reducing the number of people on the Planning Commission. She urged the Council to take careful consideration. They make \$25 per meeting and usually meet one time a month. They are putting in 6 hours of their own time on average per meeting. She hopes to have a chance to speak.

Mayor Hagen stated that an ordinance amendment requires a public hearing so there would be open discussion.

Don Simon – 600 Othmar Lane, congratulated the new members and asked that when working for the city don't let personal items get in the way of concerns for the whole city.

Summer Recreation program – hopes that the council does not make any cuts to this program. It keeps our youth off the street.

Yesterday he went before the county commissioners at their meeting and voiced concern on their pay raise. Later they rescinded their pay raise. We voted a raise last year and this council may want to rethink it.

Snow removal – Don was concerned about the amount of snow that has accumulated in the downtown area. Rena Weber reported that Rick Hansen had contacted Stearns County Highway Department who indicated they would haul away the snow either Wednesday or Thursday evening.

Fire hydrants – Don Simon stated that people need to shovel out the fire hydrants.

Tudie Hermanutz – 211 1st St West, requested that more copies of the agenda be out at the meeting. Most people have not known of your changes.

Member Palmer asked to share her thoughts regarding Mayor Hagen's memo dated 12/15/08. (A copy of those comments are hereby attached and marked Exhibit B).

Duane Willenbring – 25123 County Road 139, stepped down from the dais to speak on behalf of himself as an individual. The task force was created by, at that time, a citizen, not the Mayor of Rockville. That people that served in that capacity and he believes there was only one that was a representative of the council so there was no violation of the open meeting law. Only minutes ago was this council seated and agrees with Member Palmer that there has to be a lot of open discussion. He further hopes there was no ill will created.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Volkmuth asked to have the Building Official fee schedule pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. Member Volkmuth also asked what item G was for. Rena Weber explained this was for clean up of an unhealthy situation involving removal of a compost pile.

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Becker, to approve the consent agenda as presented except for Item D – 2009 Fee Schedule and 2009 Calendar.

- a) Approve minutes of 12/17/08
- b) Approve Treasurer's Report of 01/07/09
- c) Approve List of Bills and Additions of 01/07/09

Accounts Payable CK #010861 to 010911	\$293,338.53
Payroll CK #003291 to 003354	41,367.88
EFT #000168 to 000177	67,394.22
- d) Approve the 2009 Fee Schedule & 2009 Calendar
- e) Approve Reimbursement Resolution No. 2009-01 (Exhibit C)
- f) Approve 2009 Contract for Police Services
- g) Certify unpaid clean up of compost pile to property tax

Member Willenbring wished to have his name removed from the 12/17/08 minutes as he did not attend the meeting.

He asked to have the Fee Schedule for SEH and the Building Inspector pulled from the consent agenda as well as the Treasurer's report. (*Technically this was the list of bills*)

AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

Member Willenbring questioned bills for:

- a) Ck #010878 Pannier – sign for Eagle Park (\$402.58)
- b) Ck #010881 Wal-Mart - radio for Maintenance truck (\$53.37)
- c) Ck #010881 Home Depot – Drill/Sawzall for Maintenance Dept. (\$389.45)

Member Volkmuth questioned:

- d) Ck #010884 Ralph Walz – shelving for fire hall (810.15)

Rena Weber explained:

- a) Sign for Eagle Park to be reimbursed by 1st National Bank plus the cost for a frame
- b) Radio is for Maintenance dept. – equipment
- c) Drill/Sawzall – equipment for Maintenance Dept.
- d) Shelving – for Fire Department to get equipment off the floor and organized

Code Consulting: Member Volkmuth indicated he would like to see what the council thinks of this. He got a quote from the previous inspector.

Member Palmer stated that she thought we were not totally happy with the previous inspector. Member Volkmuth stated that he was very happy with her and has heard of issues with the current inspector in not getting back to the residents.

Member Palmer indicated this should go back to committee for review.

Jeff Howe –current Building Inspector was present to defend his company. Jeff indicated the current fee structure is same as what Nancy Scott had. We operated under her fee structure and what he takes homes is much less than what she took home. The City gets 50% of the permit fee. Of the \$25.00 fee Code Consulting gets \$12.50 and his inspectors go out twice.

The former inspector did not take out or require building permits for roofing, windows, or siding. The State Building code requires this. There is a proposed increase on plumbing & mechanical fees.

Motion by Member Willenbring to move this matter of who the contract will be to a committee for research and RFP's. The motion was seconded by Member Volkmuth.

Mayor Hagen asked if this motion should include RFP's.

Member Willenbring indicated the committee should look at SAC/WAC fees and Park Dedication fees should be looked at too.

Member Palmer questioned if the contract was up. Rena Weber reported the contract is not up until 5/1/09. The fee change is a city fee.

Mayor Hagen questioned the process for the increase of the fees. Rena Weber explained this is a part of the yearly process to review all fees. Jeff Howe provided the suggested fee proposal.

Member Becker questioned the % of increase and stated that if this is a small percentage of change we are going to tie up a lot of people's time to figure out if we are going to save \$5.00.

Member Volkmuth questioned the increase in that going from \$25.00 to \$50.00 would increase the amount paid to the inspector by 50%.

Member Volkmuth motioned to pull the fees entirely.

Member Willenbring called for a point of order as there is a motion and a second on the floor.

Member Palmer felt that we ought to consider it if he truly is losing money.

Member Willenbring stated we have a building inspector until May. The intent of his motion was to look at all of the fees including SAC/WAC and park dedication fees.

***AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

Member Willenbring then asked for consideration of the SEH schedule of cost fee increase of 5.7 increase and 5% increase. He felt the council needs a cost analysis.

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Koerber, to deny a fee increase for Code Consulting until the committee reviews it.

***AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

Motion by Member Willenbring, second by Member Volkmuth, to refer the proposed Schedule of Cost fee schedule to the Public Works Committee for their review.

***AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
NAYS: Palmer***

Motion passed on a 6 to 1 vote.

BOARD STAFF REPORT

There were no reports to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

RINKE NOONAN – Member Volkmuth stated he was fine with the proposed fee, but wanted the new council to discuss this and decide in 2009.

Motion by Member Becker, second by Member Palmer, to approve Rinke Noonan's proposed fee schedule for 2009. (It should be noted the fee schedule also includes the \$200 per meeting fee).

***AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS – Rena Weber read the list of annual appointments citing the Acting Mayor appointment as being vacant:

1. ENGINEERING FIRM - SEH
2. OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – *Cold Spring Record*
3. OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY – 1ST National Bank, Plaza Park Bank, Smith Barney, Bremer Bank, & 4M Fund
4. ACTING MAYOR –
5. AUDITOR/ACCOUNTANT – ABDO, EICH & MEYER
6. ATTORNEY – Rinke Noonan
7. WEED INSPECTOR – Mayor Jeff Hagen
8. ASSISTANT WEED INSPECTOR – Rick Hansen
9. COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INSPECTOR – John Waldorf
10. PROCESS SERVER – Stearns County Sheriff's Department

Member Palmer indicated that she would fill the role of acting mayor. Duane Willenbring, Jerry Schmitt and John Koerber stated they were all fine with being Acting Mayor.

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Becker, to appoint Member Palmer as Acting Mayor due to her good financial background.

Member Willenbring then pulled his name.

AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Becker, to accept the annual appointments as presented including the Acting Mayor (Susan Palmer).

AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

TASK FORCE UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS - Roger Schmidt – 21863 Agate Beach Road stated that he was sorry that Sue did not know about the Task Force. Jeff Hagen called him, Randy Volkmuth, Duane Willenbring and Dick Nieters to serve on the task force.

(A copy of the Task Force report is hereby attached and marked Exhibit D).

Member Becker stated the he wants to open this up to the public. This is a responsibility of the council and is not sure why this task force exists.

Member Palmer stated that if there continues to be a task force there needs to be council discussion. I did not know what the purpose of the committee was or who was involved in it with a core group of councilors with financial backgrounds. She indicated she was bothered that this did not go back to the Finance Committee. Secondly, she indicated that we need to look at the budget; LGA is going to be cut. In regards to the secession, we need to look at it, but it is not urgent right now. We do need to fund roads, but the \$100,000 was not in the budget to begin with so to say we need to cut the budget by \$100,000 is not right and what we are saying is that road work will not be done because we can't fund it adequately. People need to understand that.

Member Volkmuth did not agree with Member Palmer stating that not funding the roads is not viable. It is our responsibility to maintain roads. He also feels that raising taxes is not the type of thing to do in this environment.

Member Palmer stated she is not arbitrarily raising taxes, but being realistic and saying that our taxes have been at a level because there has not been any funding in the budget. The previous council virtually withheld all capital from the budget of the City. That is not realistic going forward. The city operating budget is just under \$1,000,000 and if you take 23% out that is a huge amount and she would like to know what the impact on taxpayer's service would be. She has heard complaints on snow removal already.

Roger Schmidt indicated that at the township level the worst thing they did was no maintenance and the next year had to do \$300,000. If you let a road go, you just can come in and fix it. It costs less to maintain a road than to reclaim it. The committee was set up to find the money.

Member Palmer still felt this should go through the Finance Committee.

Member Becker indicated that there should be more citizen involvement.

Mayor Hagen indicated there was a group of volunteers who were willing to spend their time researching this. The Finance Committee was not in favor of going to meetings and at times did not have enough members in attendance. He sees no harm in allowing two at large residents and 3 council people who are willing to put in time over and above all the other time they spend at council meetings. The committees come up with nothing more than recommendations that can be reviewed by the council.

Member Palmer took issue that the Finance Committee didn't even know about task force so when you talk about volunteering – we didn't even know it was going on. At least some people did not know it was going on.

Member Volkmuth indicated this would be discussed with the committee lists.

Member Koerber stated that he ran because it was time the city runs a leaner/meaner government. That's the way he has run his city. We are over staffed and under performing. We have to get back to being a good solid government. A year from now he does not want to say we sat on our butt and did not make an essential decision and are requesting a 25% increase.

Member Willenbring stated that there was no sanctioned task force; it was an ad hoc group of people who got together. If there are more and more people that wish to serve on a task force that would be the greatest thing to happen. If this works with not too large of a group and we can see they are accomplishing something called the big ship Rockville where barnacles are getting a lot of free rides. We need to knock some barnacles off that ship. The Task Force is a great thing so lets open it up to as many people that want to be on it.

Member Becker noted that everyone but Roger or Dick was either voted in or on the council.

COMMITTEE LISTS – Mayor Hagen announced that consideration would now be given to committee list appointments.

Member Palmer voiced concern that the committees are not divided equally. Mayor Hagen is on 4 committees not counting the task force, Randy is on 4 committees, John is on 2, Bill is on no committee, and Duane is on 3. She is willing to replace Randy on the Personnel Committee reducing his numbers. She would then serve on both personnel and finance committees. Officially Bill is not on any committee.

Mayor Hagen reminded all that he asked all council members to submit resumes and qualifications listing which committee they wished to serve on. Randy and Duane were the only people who responded in writing. He heard verbally from Jerry and John. The idea was to reduce committees, reduce meetings and expenses. Public Works would replace the Street/Utility Committee. We were going to include Park & Recreation, but there has been a change there.

Member Palmer indicated that she did not think Randy wanted to be on every committee.

Member Palmer stated she wanted to be on the Personnel Committee.

Member Becker stated he would like to serve on the Personnel Committee as well.

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Willenbring, to accept the committee list as discussed and further appoint the official Task Force Members (Randy Volkmuth, John Koerber, Jeff Hagen, Roger Schmidt & Dick Nieters) with understanding the Task Force is to look for ways to reduce expenses. (A list is hereby attached and marked Exhibit E).

Member Becker would like the task force considered separate and get more citizen input.

Member Palmer stated that she agrees with Bill that citizen input is great, but if we are not going to make the Task Force bigger than where it is going, then I would like to be on the committee too.

Member Becker indicated the task force needs to vote and be heard. Other members of the public should be included on this.

Member Volkmuth indicated the Task Force will be unpaid. When these groups get too big it can become cumbersome.

Member Palmer indicated the task force should be open for public input at least one or two meetings.

Mayor Hagen indicated that it is wrong to assume that the task force is not listening to the residents.

AYES: Hagen, Koerber, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring

NAYS: Becker & Palmer

Motion passed on a 5 to 2 vote.

Member Willenbring called for a point of reference. Can the task force have a written charge on what they are to do? Mayor Hagen indicated the Task force can put that together.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD – Member Volkmuth reported that he talked to Scott Stenseth regarding the Park & Recreation Board and he tried to get more volunteers. Scott Stenseth indicated the members will volunteer their time which we greatly appreciate.

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Willenbring, to keep the Park & Recreation Board the same with the following members (Dale Borgmann, Brian Herberg, Lori Anderson, Steve Heying & Scott Stenseth) Further that these members will be volunteer, and further the Trails Task Force shall continue in the same manner as volunteer.

AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

Don Simon – 600 Othmar Lane asked are you going to get input from Rick Hansen for the Public Works committee. Are you going to get information on the issue before hand?

Rena Weber asked for council determination on committee meetings and who will take the minutes.

Member Volkmuth felt that committee members would take the minutes.

Member Palmer felt that this would not be a cost saving measure. Rena is a salaried person who attends the meetings and there is a skill and an art to taking minutes. There is a value to having staff present.

Mayor Hagen indicated that they were not proposing to stop taking minutes at the Planning Commission and Council level. Those are essential.

Member Volkmuth felt that taking notes and reporting back to the council with the recommendations is all that is needed. Rena Weber reported that if you have more than three members you are in a meeting and minutes are required.

Rena Weber asked if staff is supposed to attend meetings, particularly herself. Mayor Hagen indicated not necessarily, unless they are requested to attend.

Member Willenbring just wanted to be sure in his mind who was at the meetings. If staff attends do they get flex time? It was reported that this occurs. If that is the most prudent way of having them attend meetings, then taking flex time instead of coming in the next and twiddling their thumbs that is okay. He expects 40 hours worked for 40 hours paid.

Member Volkmuth indicated that the members of the committee can determine if they want staff present.

Mayor Hagen indicated more often than not staff will be there.

DOUBLE DUECE – Rena Weber reported that Jennifer Diedrich was present to request approval to renew the Double Duece 2 am license. They were under the impression that this was done with the July 1st renewal of their liquor license. Their renewal date was October 16th.

Rena Weber will check to see if this can be approved with the July 1st schedule.

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Schmitt, to approve the renewal of the 2 a.m. license for the Double Duece as requested.

AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

SCOTT PALMER LID REQUEST – Scott Palmer reported that Grand Lake has 89 acres of curly leaf pond weed. If untreated it takes over the whole lake. In the past they contracted with Lake Management, Inc. to treat it. In 2009 they would like to treat 22 acres and since this is now under the LID the approval would have to come through the city. The LID budget has been approved.

Member Volkmuth asked how long does this LID stay in effect. Scott Palmer indicated it will stay in existence forever unless the residents petition (51%) to have it disbanded.

Motion by Member Palmer, second by Member Becker, to approve the contract agreement with Lake Management, Inc. to treat 22 acres of curly leaf pond weed on Grand Lake.

***AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

PLANNING COMMISSION SIZE – Mayor Hagen reported that the current size of the Planning Commission is down by one member. The last time we looked for replacements we have trouble finding someone.

Member Volkmuth indicated that he would like to look at reducing the number to 5, and also repeal of the event center ordinance. This would require a public hearing.

Chair Toni Honer reported that the reason the membership is down from 7 to 6 is because Vern Ahles is not on it as the liaison. If one of the council members would like to volunteer they can bring it back up to 7.

Member Palmer felt that there is value to having a council member on the Planning Commission. Do we have data on area cities that can be used?

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Willenbring, to schedule a public hearing on 2/4/09 at 6:30 p.m. to consider amendment to the Planning Commission size and also the repeal of the event center ordinances.

***AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

ENGINEER/ATTORNEY REPORT

SEH PROJECT LIST – Scott Hedlund had presented a document listing the current projects. No action needed to be taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR – Mayor Hagen reported that he moved his comments up to the beginning of the meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – ***Motion by Member Palmer, second by Member Volkmuth, to schedule a Personnel Committee meeting for 1/8/09 at 7:00 p.m.***

***AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

FINANCE COMMITTEE – ***Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Becker, to schedule a Finance Committee meeting on 1/12/09 at 6:00 p.m.***

***AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

REQUEST TO ATTEND SHORELAND/EROSION CONTROL SEMINAR – Administrator/Clerk Rena Weber asked for approval to attend the seminar on 1/22/09. Approval was given.

PLEASANT LAKE PARK – RAIN GARDEN PROJECT - As part of the Pleasant Lake Stormwater re-routing project by the 400; Club Greg Berg and the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District will contribute to another project in the park. The Street Committee looked at adding rain gardens to the park which would catch runoff from the hill and also Lake Road. The estimated cost is \$10,500. Before Christmas Greg Berg, Scott Hedlund and I talked to Cherie Verkinnes about her parking lot and how that could be improved with paver-soak away, rain gardens and a paved lot. Cherie indicated that she could not pay for anything at this time so Greg went back to his board and asked them to approve putting money into the rain gardens for the city. This was approved provided:

- a) City pays for the cost of the design
- b) We develop a long term maintenance plan
- c) SWCD has input on the design, implementation and maintenance
- d) A deadline is established to have the design completed and the project started.

The cost of the design portion was not available so no action was taken.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION – BALL PROGRAM DESIGNATED FUNDS

Increase Budget due to \$400.00 donation from Lions Club in June 2008:

Summer Ball Program-Other Equipment 101-45120-580

Designate funds unused from Lions Club donations for Other Equipment:

\$220.00 Summer Ball Program-Other Equipment 101-45120-580

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Palmer, to approve the request as presented.

AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

MEETING WITH MAINE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP – Rena reported that she met with John Wicker and Terre Harff – Maine Prairie Township to discuss contract numbers. This resulted in the city covering 13.3% of Maine Prairie Township valuation and a loss of 118 people from Rockville (detachment).

LMC ON-LINE TRAINING – Rena reported that the League would be putting on an on-line seminar regarding budget cutting on 1/08/09 – 1:00 p.m.

URBAN CONSERVATIONIST – Mayor Hagen presented a letter received from Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District regarding the \$1,000 fee for use of Carrie Raber's services. Rena explained that Ms. Raber's services would be used in the development of the Wellhead protection plan for the new well. Member Volkmuth wants to see the ramifications of not having a wellhead protection plan. Action was tabled on this request.

Member Palmer asked if there is a Task Force committee meeting scheduled and if so it should be announced at the council meeting so people could attend. Member Volkmuth indicated there is no meeting scheduled.

Member Palmer was also concerned about changing the approval process from \$1000 down to \$500 for the Maintenance/Fire Department. She was concerned that we are hindering the staff's ability to do day to day business. This was proposed in the Mayor's letter.

Amy Goerger, Finance Director, was present to confirm that there are a lot of purchases for these two departments.

Member Volkmuth wanted members to watch the bills closely. Why are there two different bills for vests for K.E.E.P.R.S?

Ralph Walz reported that the vests are OSHA mandated. The reason for two bills was because he sized people at different times and ordered separately.

Member Willenbring reported there is a policy \$500 and \$1000 for Fire/Maintenance. If it is in the budget then it should be okay. If it exceeds the limit they need council approval. Let the task force review this or leave the policy as is.

OPEN FORUM

Dan Hansen –23762 Mill Street, applauded the council for its first meeting. Further comments:

- Jerry Schmitt should speak up more next time.
- Agrees with Susan & Bill – the council is responsible for budget cuts. As a citizen he did not know about the task force – The council is responsible for making decisions.
- Planning Commission – in the past if they did not take minutes of the meetings people come back two years later and say this was not right so you have to take minutes at meetings. The question is who should take the minutes.
- Limiting the size of the Planning Commission – that is a council decision.
- Duane Willenbring you were hemming and hawing so he does not know what your point was, then you are talking about \$10,000 for a rain garden.

Greg Stang – 509 Walnut Street –

- The wellhead protection plan is EPA mandated. If you don't do it, somebody will do it and you will have to pay.
- Not having any staff at a public works meeting – that's like playing a football game without the quarterback. He would know what is going on.
- Training for newly elected officials –he strongly recommends the council get this training. We don't need lawsuits on top of everything else.

Brian Herberg – 533 Cypress Court –

- Committees for the APO – two names are listed and you need three names – Mayor for the executive meetings and 2 for the other meetings.
- In lieu of committee sizes and meeting minutes – This is a transparency issue. It would be beneficial for you to take meeting minutes because by law if you have more than three members at a meeting you have a quorum. You are opening yourself up for a major issue.
- LMC conference for newly elected official will talk to you about that.
- Snow plowing on 12/30/08 - He got a call from Rick at midnight. Rick was stranded on Edom Road with the snow plow. He helped get Rick out which saved the city money as opposed to hiring Andy's Towing.

Mike Hofmann – EMS Director, welcomed the new council.

- With the Task Force – they wanted to cut the EMS.
- We could expect flooding this spring. If you don't keep EMS and do it right, you won't get funding from the Federal Government.
- He urged the Council to get ideas from staff. Put together a plan on what can we do smarter.
- Safety is important too.

Dave Volkmuth – 25754 Lake Road, stated he heard quite a bit on the task force.

- Commended the task force starting immediately without authority. Based on the fact that they will not have as much money available he applauded them on what they did, coming off of dead center.
- He told the former council to be careful. We are not dealing with the run offs over Lake Road. The ditch is not deep enough.

Member Willenbring wished to make a comment about the LMC training. 3 people are going to the training. He is anal when it comes to spending money aimlessly. He will be here for 4 years. There is a Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow. How much faster could we have done that?

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Member Becker, second by Member Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**JEFF HAGEN
MAYOR**

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