

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
12/17/08

1. Corky Scandinato will be present to discuss an issue that was not disclosed to staff.
2. Appoint fire chief for interim period.
3. Discuss Boonestroo letter regarding payment for ½ driveway replacement.

Date: 16 December 2008

To: Rena Weber, Rockville City Administrator

From: Jeff Howe, Rockville Fire Chief

Subject: Military Leave Request

Dear MS. Weber,

This letter is to request a formal military leave of absence due to my activation to prepare for deployment with the 34th Infantry Division to Iraq. Regretfully, my activation in July of this year has made fulfilling the Fire Chief's duties a challenge to say the least. Assistant Chief's Ralph Walz and Rick Hansen have been doing bulk of the heavy lifting as military orders have taken me throughout the country since activation.

Although my deployment will not take place until February 2009, I believe it is in the best interest of the Fire Department to be placed on military leave as soon as possible due to my military responsibilities. This will give more stability to the department as the Chief will be available and more responsive to the needs of the City than I can provide during this activation and deployment.

The plan is to have Assistant Chief Ralph Walz assume the Fire Chief position for the interim period while I am on military leave. Chief Walz is a trained professional, a very knowledgeable and capable leader and has the best interest of the Fire Department and City at heart. For these reasons Chief Walz has my full support as he assumes this position. I will assist him in every capacity even while on deployment through phone and emails. I plan to stay in contact with not only the Fire Department but also the City during my deployment and to assume the chief's responsibilities as soon as the deployment is over.

I want to thank the Citizens of Rockville and the City Administration for their support of the Fire Department. The Rockville Firefighters greatly appreciate your support and are very dedicated to providing the best service possible to the citizens of this community. I deeply regret that I cannot personally present this letter to the City but my military obligation has taken me out of Minnesota at this time.

Thank you again and good luck.

Respectfully,

Jeff R. Howe

Fire Chief

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December 15, 2008



City of Rockville
Attention Ms. Verena Weber
P.O. Box 93
Rockville, MN 56369

Re: Gary Bowman Driveway Replacement

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Council:

This letter serves as official notice that Bonestroo will not pay for 1/2 of the repair work on the Bowman driveway. The City may want to pursue payment by the sub-contractor Ferber Concrete. Bonestroo has lost over \$300,000 on this project due to extra work provided to the City that was outside of the original scope for the project. To date we have decided not to pursue these with the city of Rockville. We cannot give anymore. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

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