

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 18, 2009 - 6:00 P.M. – ROCKVILLE CITY HALL.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Hagen. Roll Call was taken and the following members were found to be present: Mayor Hagen, Council Members: Bill Becker, John Koerber, Susan Palmer, Jerry Schmitt, Randy Volkmuth & Duane Willenbring. Absent: None.

Staff members present were: Administrator/Clerk Rena Weber & Finance Director Amy Goerger.

Others present were: Heidi Peper, Scott Hedlund, Gary Cerkenik, Olga Oseth, Chester Lahr, Randy Peterson, Aaron Cheeley, Tudie Hermanutz, Dave Volkmuth, Mike Austreng, Scott Staska, Toni Honer, Jerry Bechtold & Greg Stang.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** –There were none.

**OPEN FORUM**

Greg Stang – 509 Walnut Circle, indicated that there are 275 water users on the water system. They bought and paid for the water system and this represents 25% of the tax paying parcels. Water and sewer funds are enterprise funds. The users pay to maintain the system so extra revenue should go back into the water fund. He understands that the city is currently conducting a water rate study by which interest or water tower rent (\$40,000) is not being used in the study. It appears there will be an increase and the council will take from Peter to pay Paul. We do not fund depreciation. When he worked for the City, he did start a water tower painting fund to cover such costs to paint the tower, etc. The initial painting lasts 20 years and costs \$30,000 to paint one. The City could put tow roads around the city and put that money in the water fund, if you use that same analogy. The \$40,000 should go into the water fund for maintenance, fund depreciation and/or keep the rates level. None of the council pays a water bill except Duane. This doesn't look good. Later tonight the Finance Committee wants the council to put this in the general fund.

Member Palmer asked him how the city should fund depreciation. Greg Stang replied raise rates.

Duane Willenbring – 25123 County Road 139, stated that on behalf of John Clark Senior Housing they have the same issue as Greg Stang. Mr. Willenbring asked for advice on how to be heard. Should he ask to be heard at the Finance Committee meeting?

Chair Palmer indicated that Mr. Willenbring is listed on the 4/13/09 Finance Committee agenda.

Member Willenbring indicated the city threatened to shut off the water for John Clark Senior Center in 2004. The Board will be meeting in short order and they will contest the 15% increase.

Tudie Hermanutz - 211 1<sup>st</sup> St N, asked if there were more agendas.

Member Becker stated that while he was sitting in on the committee meetings he has been noticing the members are requesting city staff to answer questions. He wants to know the proper procedure in doing this. Should people go through the committee and/or you as Mayor to get these questions answered? He is prepared to make a motion regarding this.

Member Volkmuth indicated that they should really watch it.

Member Willenbring reported that he did e-mail the Mayor to get approval to contact staff and further that he was acting on behalf of John Clark Senior Housing.

Mayor Hagen voiced concern that if it does get excessive then what Member Becker is proposing should be considered.

Member Palmer stated people should feel free to ask questions, but when they are asked to do research that is another matter. We ask staff to use their time wisely so we should be aware of that too.

Member Schmitt indicated staff should not be forced to make decisions on what they are being asked that should come to the council.

Member Willenbring agreed that staff should use their time wisely, but referred to MN Statute 462.353 Sub. 4 states "that upon request a municipality must explain the basis of their fees."

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Palmer, to approve the consent agenda as presented:**

- a) **Approve minutes of 03/04/09**
- b) **Approve Treasurer's Report of 03/18/09**
- c) **Approve List of Bills and Additions of 03/18/09**

<b>Accounts Payable CK #011043 to 011068</b>	<b>\$20,271.94</b>
<b>Payroll CK #003402 to 003410</b>	<b>5,366.05</b>
<b>EFT CK # 000196 to 000199</b>	<b>3,724.86</b>
- d) **Approve Tobacco License – B's Quick Mart**
- e) **Approve 6/5/09 Gambling License – Clearwater Lions – 400 Club Resolution No. 2009-06**

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

#### BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Lt. Jon Lentz reported on the following:

February 2009 – There were 44 contract hours and while he knows the city contracts for 42 he will watch this and shorten up the hours on another month.

Member Schmitt questioned what constitutes a loud muffler. Lt. Lentz replied that 120 sustained decibels may be the answer he is looking for.

Member Schmitt asked if we have an ordinance for loud noises. Rena Weber asked if he was referring to jake breaking.

Mayor Hagen asked if we were looking for a dog running at large ordinance. Lt. Lentz reported that one is needed if we hope to recover the expense of housing the dogs. The city currently has one or two dogs per month and some may be strays.

Rena Weber explained that the Animal Section of the Basic Code was not adopted as there was a concern on licensing all dogs. She pulled out all reference to licensing and anything regarding cats for consideration.

Member Schmitt asked about a dog chasing livestock and can the farmer shoot the dog? Lt. Lentz indicated yes, but he would caution against doing that.

It was determined that a question shall be put on the survey that goes out to the public.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – Planning Commission Chair Toni Honer was present to report on:

**COWMART SITE PLAN APPROVAL RE: SITE PLAN APPROVAL**

76.41631.100 Owners: Richard J & Jo A Schmit

Property Address: 246 Broadway Street West, Rockville, MN 56369

REQUEST:

Approval to construct 2,659 SF unheated addition to existing 3,032 SF one story storage  
 Coverall construction

RELEVANT INFORMATION

1. Property is zoned B -1
2. Property is 14,040 SF approximately.
3. The owner is proposing a color that will match the current structure.

4. Required parking is 8 stalls which will be provided, however, the council can reduce this requirement if desired.
5. This project has been in discussion stage since summer of 2008 (before adoption of storm water management ordinance).
6. SWMP has been approved by city engineer and also applicant has received approval to empty into Stearns County storm sewer (Broadway Street) thereby avoiding a variance.
7. Height requirement – 30' can't exceed – proposed is 24'8"

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. Maintain existing drainage patterns over, under, and across their property.
2. Proper temporary and permanent erosion control measures (BMP's) shall be implemented during and after construction to minimize sediment leaving the site; this would include proper installation of silt fence or bio-rolls on the down gradient side(s) of any excavations or earth disturbing activities, and subsequent re-vegetation of the disturbed areas soon after work is completed. It appears there are wetland(s) nearby south and southwest of the property.
3. Construct rain garden according to approved plan of city engineer.
4. Approve with these conditions.

Chair Honer reported that this is Coverall building and will be homogenous (no cow spots) with the existing building. The building will be used as a warehouse and also serve as an example of what Mr. Schmit sells. This structure meets wind and snow loads, is considered a permanent structure so it is not the same as a hoop structure. Split face block will be placed on the bottom four feet of the structure to match the current building.

***Motion by Member Becker, second by Member Koerber, to approve the Cowmart Site Plan based on Staff recommendations and conditions as set forth.***

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 2009-54 – DEFINITIONS** – Mayor Hagen announced that a public hearing would now be held to consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2009-54 – Amending Definitions in the Zoning Code. Rena Weber read the notice of public hearing and informed the Council that the definitions also include definitions for wind towers. This is an ordinance that should be coming for council consideration within a few months.

No person appeared at the hearing.

***Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Palmer, to close the hearing at 6:31 p.m.***

Member Willenbring requested that the definition of alley be amended by deleting the word "secondary" as there are residents that use an alley as their primary access.

Member Palmer expressed concern that this takes away from the meaning.

Member Willenbring would like to add the word "alternating" before parallel in the definition of corrugated metal.

Mayor Hagen suggested that Member Willenbring bring those issues back to the Planning Commission and get their recommendation.

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

***Member Palmer introduced the following Ordinance and moved for its adoption:***

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-54  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY ZONING CODE DEFINITIONS  
(A copy is hereby attached and marked Exhibit A)**

***The motion for the foregoing ordinance was duly seconded by Member Koerber with the following vote being taken:***

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

***Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ROCORI SCHOOL BOARD** – Scott Staska thanked the council for the opportunity to attend on the behalf of the District. He is here to inform the council of the plans for the vote on 4/7/09 and share information on the proposal.

History on the process:

- 2 ½ years of work – survey that was done, issues, survey, and what needs to be done
- Task Force formed

Review of Map showing:

Resolves Middle School issues with District Wide Focus

- Proposed additions
- Proposed remodeling
- Efficiency & Consolidation
- Circulation of students
- Sharing of space
  - \$400,000 per year saving by consolidating
    - 60,000 consolidating of spaces
    - 340,000 consolidation of positions 2 to 1
  - Safety & Security Issues
- Controls access through the building

Why Now?

Cold Spring Elementary Bond comes to an end next year and the new one would start the year after that. The change is minimal if you do construction now. While economic conditions are not good it is expected the bids will be very good at 20% lower than expected.

*(Refer to Exhibits Marked B)*

Member Palmer asked how many students are housed in the Middle School and what are the demographics projected going forward.

Scott Staska reported that currently there are 750 students in the high school and 400 students in the Middle school (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades). In the new project the 6<sup>th</sup> grade would move into this area and become 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. For the long term demographic projections they expect a fairly stable numbers and that is what this project was built on.

Mayor Hagen asked what kind of impact does the Kennedy School have on this.

Scott Staska reported the School Board feels that Kennedy School was built for a reason. Where we gain students is in the early grades (K – 7). They also feel that once you have them through the 7<sup>th</sup> grade they tend to stay within the district. They did not see a major change in our enrollment patterns.

Member Schmit asked if any green power would be used in the construction. Scott Staska replied that all rooms in the middle school area are naturally sun lit. The designs are green friendly. It costs \$1 million to get green certification so the District decided not to do that.

Member Schmit asked how much power do you feel you will gain from the green – solar panels. Scott Staska indicated the savings are rolled into the \$60,000 per year.

Mayor Hagen asked if citizens don't vote is that a no vote. Scott Staska stated that they count the votes.

Member Volkmuth asked what they are doing during construction. Scott Staska indicated that this project would happen over two construction seasons. Because there are additions outside of the school session this can happen during the year.

Rena Weber asked if the traffic would change/improve. Scott Staska indicated the traffic would change so bus safety would improve. The flow of traffic will change.

**GOING TO ONE MEETING PER MONTH** – Rena Weber indicated that going to one meeting per month could possibly work if the construction industry does not pick up as the need for specific approvals could be down. Rena asked the council to be open to a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting when necessary (and only after she confers with the Mayor as to the necessity). Also, the paying of bills would still need to occur on a timely basis with council approval at a later date. She would ask that Amy prepare the list of bills as she does now which would be e-mailed to members and if there are questions – call right away.

Member Volkmuth indicated he would like to try it for the summer. Most of the meetings are now an hour or hour and half.

Mayor Hagen asked how much notice is required. *There is the standard three day notice and postings at City Hall, Post Office and Bank.*

Member Palmer asked about the 60 day rule and how that might be affected.

Toni Honer reported that's what the Planning Commission has done (one meeting per month) and it is working for them.

Discussion was held regarding using the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month as it falls one week after the Planning Commission meeting.

***Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Koerber, to go to one meeting per month (on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) for 6 months. Further if the City Administrator and Mayor determine if another meeting is needed an additional meeting could occur.***

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

***NAYS: Becker***

***Motion passed on a 6 to 1 vote.***

**WARRIOR TO CITIZEN** – Rena Weber presented the resolution 2009-07 regarding the Warrior to Citizen Initiative. Additional information was provided from Mayor Tim O'Driscoll – Sartell.

Member Palmer asked if there were any specific implications the city would be involved in.

Rena Weber read from the resolution: *“This community support will include support for deployed services members and their families until those who serve the cause of freedom have returned home to embark once again on their own pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness.”*

***Member Palmer introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:***  
***RESOLUTION NO. 2009-07 A RESOLUTION EMBRACING THE WARRIOR TO CITIZEN INITIATIVE.***

***Whereas:*** Our great nation was founded on three simple and yet profound principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and

***Whereas:*** As Americans we hold and cherish these values for our citizens and for all around the world who share and value freedom and

***Whereas:*** These guiding principles are challenged from time to time by those who wish to oppress the rights of individuals and

***Whereas:*** Since the time of the American Revolutionary War, the men and women of the United States Armed Services have spent time away from family, friends, their professions, communities and their own pursuit of life liberty and happiness in order to ensure these principles for others at home and abroad and

***Whereas:*** We recognize that the families of deployed service men and women also make sacrifices for our nation and

***Whereas:*** Through the tireless commitment and service of the United States Armed Services, these principles still prevail and

***Whereas:*** We recognize, honor and support the needs of the members of the United States Armed Services throughout their service to our country, upon their return home, as they once again enjoy the principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. and

***Whereas:*** Families of service members make special sacrifices, which are not often seen by others and as a result may need additional community support. and

**Whereas:** We the undersigned mayors on behalf of our cities support, recognize and honor the service of the members of the United States Armed Services and their families and we encourage others to do likewise and

**Whereas:** This community support will include support for deployed services members and their families until those who serve the cause of freedom have returned home to embark once again on their own pursuit of life, liberty and happiness.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the elected officials of the cities listed below encourage our cities, their residents, their business communities, non profit organizations, faith-based community and educational providers to embrace the Warrior to Citizen initiative in central Minnesota as we endeavor to become a Yellow Ribbon Community in Minnesota as recognized by the governor of the state of Minnesota, the honorable Tim Pawlenty.

***The motion was duly seconded by Member Willenbring with the following vote being taken:***

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

**ROCORI TRAIL – JOINT POWER AGREEMENT** – Heidi Peper & Scott Hedlund –SEH along with Gary Cerkvenik were present at the meeting to inform the council of the Rocori Trail update.

Background:

Trail committee is made up of city and township residents and staff who have been meeting since 2004. The Rocori Trail will connect the three cities and the school district. It will also be a part of the Glacial Lakes Trail.

- In the past 5 years there have been 2 or 3 public information meetings
- Received \$900,000 state grants
- 3 phases
  - 1) Richmond to Eastern limits of Cold Spring
  - 2) Cold Spring to Western limits of Rockville
  - 3) Through Rockville
- Coming up against deadlines
- This is an active rail line
- There has been conversation of abandoning the rail from Wenner's west
- There is potential of abandoning east of Wenner's as one customer is contemplating moving east to either the Goldn' Plump site or in Rockville
- This is a Trails by Rails route
- Breakdown even further – Richmond to 14<sup>th</sup> Ave

Heidi Peper indicated that to move forward we need to have something more organized that is efficient and easy for all parties. A Joint Powers Agreement would work whereby all three cities have joint powers. The group has been to Stearns County Rail Authority & Stearns County asking them to be the pass through of Federal money for construction. At this point we need to access the State grant for the design phase and engineer fees. To get the money from the state we need to show equal matching dollars.

Member Volkmuth asked what is this going to cost the city of Rockville. Heidi Peper indicated the estimate is \$950,000 for Phase 1. We have \$900,000 so we are \$50,000 short. The worst case scenario is the \$50,000 would be divided by 3 = \$17,000 per city.

Mayor Hagen asked what is the Stearns County Rail Authority. Heidi reported the Rail Authority was created a few years ago to levy taxes for the North Star Trail. The Stearns County Board is the Rail Authority.

Member Volkmuth asked what the \$900,000 covers and what if Cold Spring backs out. Heidi reported the \$900,000 would cover design and construction of the trail from Richmond to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Cold Spring. Heidi Peper explained the phases and also reminded the Council that Rockville has \$84,000 from S J Louis for the Rocori Trail.

Member Koerber stated the Rocori Trail does not handle 2/3 of the City of Rockville without kid's crossing over Highway 23. Heidi reported that the Rocori Trail is the backbone of the system and each city is to build their own systems connecting to this.

Rena Weber reminded the council of the Comprehensive Plan that shows the anticipated trails.

Member Koerber voiced concern that we could get into spending \$300,000 in building trails connecting these and still not having anything. The consolidation plan calls for this and without that he will not give his support.

Heidi Peper indicated that the potential total cost is \$4 to \$5 million depending on Railroad acquisition costs. The resolution authorizes the committee to continue to seek money for the trail.

Member Willenbring asked what is the intent to continue to go forward if there is no abandonment. Heidi Pepper indicated a fence would be built between the trail and railroad. We are saving \$100,000 on the abandoned portion alone.

Member Willenbring asked if we would have representation on that Board. Yes. When is it time to say enough is enough?

Gary Cerkvenik, lobbyist for SEH, stated the Joint Powers Agreements will put limits so that the person representing you has only so much authority and you limit the liability. Gary spoke further on:

- The pot of federal money that will be available (Enhancement funds)
- State bonding
- Sales tax
- The city should be proud of where we are
- \$50,000 could come from Stearns County

Member Volkmuth asked who takes care of the maintenance. Gary Cerkvenik indicated this has been discussed, and his suggestion is to get it built and hand off to Stearns County Parks or the DNR. Maintenance consists of grass cutting along the side, painting, and sweeping. One of the charges you should make for the committee is this long term maintenance. The DNR has attended the meetings for the past 5 years so they have an interest in this already.

Member Volkmuth suggested the city approve this with limits and further suggested that of the \$50,000 he would like to see the city benefiting the most pay more first.

Gary Cerkvenik suggested the council authorize the committee to seek outside funding from the county.

***Member Volkmuth introduced the following Resolution 2009-08***

***Whereas, the Rocori Trail will be a new bike and hiking pathway between communities in Stearns County; and,***

***Whereas, the Rocori Trail has been promoted by members of our community; and,***

***Whereas, the Rocori Trail has received substantial federal and state funding to design, acquire, and construct Phase I of the Trail; and,***

***Whereas, it is time to formalize the governing structure for the Rocori Trail and to provide for the Trail's continued funding; now, therefore,***

***Let it be Resolved, that the City of Rockville authorizes the development and execution of a Joint Powers Authority with the cities of Rockville, Cold Spring and Richmond to manage the acquisition, design, construction, fiscal management, and the pursuit of funding for expansion of the Rocori Trail; and,***

***Be it further Resolved, that upon review and recommendation of the City Attorney that the Mayor is authorized to sign such a Joint Powers Agreement; and,***

***Be it further Resolved, that the City of Rockville authorizes its city administrator to apply for a Federal direct appropriation or authorization for additional federal funding and to the State of Minnesota for bonding or Parks and Trails funding for the expansion of the Rocori Trail; and,***

***Be it further Resolved, that the Joint Powers Authority report back to the City on a plan for the long-term operation and maintenance of the Rocori Trail, and that the Stearns County Parks Department be approached as a partner in the Rocori Trail; and, Be it further Resolved, that the City of Rockville encourages its local county commissioners, state representatives, Governor, and federal representatives to support funding for the Rocori Trail and a long-term plan to integrate the Trail into the Stearns County Parks Department and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources trail network in Central Minnesota.***

Mayor Hagen questioned motorized vehicles using the trail and when this is decided. Gary Cerkvenik stated this is a tough question as motorized vehicles are an incompatible use. This has to be decided locally. The DNR has attended the meetings for the past 5 years so they have an interest in this already.

***The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Willenbring for further discussion:***

Other concerns were:

- Is there going to be a secretary or one of the city administrators
- A complete picture of the money to be spent and potential funding
- Abandonment of railway

Gary Cerkvenik stated you have almost \$1,000,000. If you don't get your act together, approve the JPA, you lose the \$1,000,000. So you run up \$50,000 and add that for Administrative purposes you limit to \$6,000 for drafting of JPA so you know how the JPA will come out.

Heidi Pepper's answer to when will we know what will happen with the RR, we are not sure.

Member Becker asked where does it say that SEH is to continue to seek Federal appropriations. It was reported the bullet says "Administrator" so it is her through us.

Member Willenbring voiced concern on the cost of legal counsel. Rena Weber indicated that 1/2 cost is split with Richmond.

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

**ENGINEER** – Rena Weber reported that the e-mail received from Dennis Fuchs states that they (Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation District) "felt the City may not need an engineer, but a design should be developed for the rain gardens. There are few contractors available that could build something of this nature without a plan. This is especially true if the City is using this as a tool to alleviate some road and flooding issues". Rena went on to request the Council determine what the project would involve in this area. This will be discussed at the public works committee meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MAYOR** - Mayor Hagen indicated he had nothing to report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Chair Palmer reported that the Finance Committee met on March 11<sup>th</sup> where staff provided information on 5%, 10% & 20% reductions. The reason for that was due to state funding reduction (LGA and MVHC) and the loss of revenue from the detachment. She thanked staff for their hard work and further reported the committee will continue discussion at next meeting on April 13.

**REFUND BONDS** – Chair Palmer indicated that one way of saving money is to refund bonds if interest rates become favorable. The Committee recommends refunding of bonds if there is a 3% or more savings.

***Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Becker, to approve the refunding of bonds if the interest rates become favorable by 3% or more.***

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



**RFP'S FOR BUILDING OFFICIAL** – Chair Palmer reported that RFP'S for Building Official were sent out and this will be going to the Personnel Committee for interviews on 3/25/09.

**WATER RATE REVIEW** – Chair Palmer reported that water rates will be on the next agenda. Discussion on the rent money from the water towers going to the general fund was held and the committee recommends that all the tower rent money be put in the general fund. Chair Palmer stated the rationale is that the water system should be self sustaining and because putting the cell towers on the tower has nothing to do with the provision of water to the citizens.

***Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Koerber, that all rent money from the water towers for cell towers goes into the general fund.***

Member Willenbring questioned the impact that this will have on affect the water fund. The concept of this going into the general fund he can live with. That is appropriate and we are stopping the segregation of one concept to another. What portion of the rental \$6500 from last year goes into water fund? If we agree the total new found money (approximately \$40,000) then it would all go in the general fund. That's what we are voting on.

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

Chair Palmer stated they had further discussion about where in the general fund this should go or just to capital improvement of the street department. We are not adequately funding street improvements. We had put a vote to the citizens last year which was voted down. The Finance Committee recommends the increase from tower rental go to the capital improvement fund to the Street Department.

***Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Palmer, to approve all money from the water tower rent going into the capital improvement fund of the Street Department.***

Member Willenbring stated that if that is the case then you are truly attempting to segregate the city in his estimation. The pie chart shows about 17% of the total fund is going to Hwy. currently. The Water Fund is about 10%. The Sewer Fund is about 9% with 3% in debt. We are doing an injustice to the people who built the water tower and have put a lot of stuff into the sewer. We need to look at this collectively. All this money going into this one basket where everyone else will have to pick up the difference, and quite frankly the Fire Department is at 13% so it seems reasonable to me to believe that we could take the pie chart and look at all the facts and have the correct proportion to each and every one of them.

Chair Palmer stated the money will go into the street department into road repairs. It benefits all the citizens of Rockville.

Mayor Hagen asked Member Willenbring why he feels that by going into the street department we are segregating the city.

Member Willenbring just feels that by not spreading it around is just wrong.

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

***NAYS: Willenbring***

***Motion passed on a 6 to 1 vote.***

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS** – Chair Palmer reported that staff requested approved to condense certain funds and the Committee recommends approval.

***Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Becker, to approve the request for action to condense certain funds as presented. (A copy of the three requests is hereby attached and marked Exhibit C)***

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

***Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING** – It was determined that the next meeting would be held on 4/1/09 at 6 p.m.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**PARK & RECREATION** – Rena Weber read the e-mail summarizing the report from the Park & Recreation Board:

- a) Submit John Koerber for becoming a board member.

***Motion by Member Willenbring, second by Member Volkmuth, to approve the appointment of John Koerber to the Park & Recreation Board.***

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

***Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

- b) Announce that Summer Ball Program sign up is 3/29/09 – 9 a.m. – City Hall  
 c) Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. – Lion's Park near Pleasant Lake  
 d) Announce that long time Park Board member Glenn Imholte passed away last week.

Member Volkmuth reported that two people have asked him about re-naming the ballpark portion of Lion's Park to Imholte Park. It was determined that this request should go to the Park & Recreation Board for recommendation.

Member Schmitt asked what can be done about people driving on the sidewalk downtown. Rena Weber will tell Lt. Jon Lentz of this concern.

Citizen Survey – Council members were asked to notify staff within one week of the changes they would like to see.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Greg Stang – 509 Walnut Circle, stated he needs clarification on the \$6500 tower rent and where that will go. Amy Goerger the \$6500 is in the 2009 budget. Greg Stang stated so it will be short in the 2010 budget.

Amy Goerger stated her belief is that the council should not rely on the \$6500 for the water rate.

Greg Stang had one more question in that he understands the council is going down to one meeting per month, will you cut your wages in half?

***ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Willenbring, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.***

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

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**JEFF HAGEN  
MAYOR**

