



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Special Meeting and Study Session
Monday, September 14, 2009
5:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Asay called the special meeting/study session to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present were Beaudry, Borek, Drotz, Heddlesten, Sanderson, and Whalen.

Council Member Neal was absent.

STAFF PRESENT

Interim City Administrator Fessler, Finance Director Pierce, Fire Chief Jaques, Police Chief Rhoads, Public Works Director Neal, City Attorney Olbrechts, Deputy City Clerk Stevenson-Ness.

ACTION ITEM:

Award of the 7th Avenue Repair Contract

Director Neal stated four bids were received for the 7th Avenue project with Lloyd's Enterprises providing the lowest bid to complete the stormwater repairs. She stated the bid was divided into two parts; stormwater repair and pavement repair, with the pavement repair being additive items dependent on overall cost of the project. She stated Lloyd Enterprise's bid for the additive items is competitive and would result in a solid roadway surface for approximately 500 linear feet of 7th Avenue.

COUNCIL MEMBER WHALEN MOVED to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Lloyd Enterprises for the construction of the 7th Avenue Repair Project, including the additive items to provide partial overlay of 7th avenue, for a total bid amount of \$126,416.32. Seconded by Council Member Drotz.

The motion passed 6-0.

COUNCIL MEMBER BEAUDRY MOVED to adjourn the special meeting at 5:38 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Heddlesten seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and carried 6-0.

Call to order:

Mayor Asay called the study session to order at 5:38 p.m.

STUDY ITEMS:

AB09-049 Amendment to MMC 9.37 Noise Ordinance

City Attorney Olbrechts provided background information on the city's noise standards. He stated the city's standards are stricter than those of the state and recommended bringing the city's standards in line with those of the state.

Mayor Asay asked for direction from the council. The council concurred to move forward with the ordinance to amend the noise regulations on the agenda for September 21, 2009.

AB 09-043 Electric and Water Utility rate increase

There was extensive discussion regarding how to minimize the amount of the rate increases by reducing expenditures, transferring money from the cumulative reserve fund and exploring rising personnel costs.

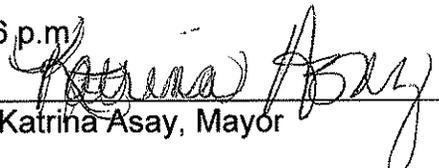
Mayor Asay recessed the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Finance Director Pierce provided various scenarios for the proposed utility rate increases.

After further discussion, at the direction of the council, the propose rate increases would be brought to council for consideration at the September 21, 2009, meeting. The proposed increase for the water utility would be set at 35% on October 1, 2009, and 10% on January 1, 2010. The proposed increase for the electric utility would be set at 10% on January 1, 2010.

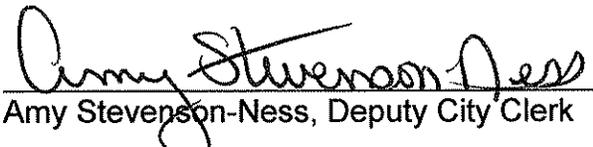
Adjournment

Mayor Asay adjourned the study session at 8:16 p.m.



Katrina Asay, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy Stevenson-Ness, Deputy City Clerk