

On Monday, October 24, 2011 the meeting of the Albert Lea City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Center Council Chambers by Mayor Vern Rasmussen, Jr.

PRESENT: Mayor Rasmussen, Councilors Schulte V., Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Brooks. City Manager Chad Adams, City Clerk Shirley Slater-Schulte, City Engineer Steve Jahnke, Community Development Director Bob Graham.

CONSENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the October 10, 2011 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the October 6, 2011 Work Session
- C. Approve Minutes of the September 6, 2011 Special Meeting
- D. Licenses and Permits (See attached list)
- E. Motion Declaring Surplus and Abandoned Property – Albert Lea Police Department
- F. Motion Approving Purchase of Flow Pump for Utility and Wastewater Treatment Departments
- G. Resolution 11-173 - Accepting Donations
- H. Resolution 11-174 - Calling Public Hearing for Proposed Miscellaneous Assessments Roll 0091

MOTION: Move to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilor Olson, seconded by Councilor Kehr. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Schulte V, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr.; Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

PETITIONS-REQUESTS-COMMUNICATIONS

REQUEST FROM UNITED WAY TO HOLD ‘KEEP THE FIRES BURNING’ EVENT FROM 7:30 AM TO 5:00 PM, OCTOBER 28, 2011

Ms. Ann Austin explained that the United Way of Freeborn County is requesting permission to hold their annual ‘Keep the Fires Burning’ event on Friday, October 28, 2011 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Permission has been granted by the Northbridge Mall to use their east parking lot for the event. The fire container has been inspected and approved by the Fire Dept. Staff supports the request.

MOTION: I will move to authorize this request.

Motion made by Councilor Kehr and seconded by Councilor Baker. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Schulte V, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

REQUEST FROM AMERICAN LEGION TO HOLD VETERAN’S DAY PARADE AND PROGRAM, NOVEMBER 11, 2011

City Manager Adams explained that the American Legion, Leo Carey Post 56, is requesting permission to hold a Veteran’s Day Parade and Program on Friday, November 11, 2011. At approximately 10:30 a.m., they will march from the American Legion to the Courthouse. Following the parade, a program will be

held at the Veterans Memorial to honor the 10th anniversary of September 11th. Law enforcement and fire officials, EMT personnel, and other organizations have been invited to participate in the program. Staff supports the request.

MOTION: I will move to approve this request.

Motion made by Councilor Brooks and seconded by Councilor Anderson. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Schulte V, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 11-175 -ADOPTING PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR JOB 0632

City Manager Adams explained that this is a public hearing for the project that involved the construction of stormwater, watermain, sanitary sewer, and concrete roadway on 14th Street between Margaretha Avenue and South Broadway (in the ALEDA South Industrial Park). The project also involved construction of a stormwater line from 14th Street north along South Broadway and going westerly along 9th Street to outlet into an existing wetland. The total project costs were \$2,004,502.21 with the Port Authority paying the entire cost of the project. The project involves a "Held for Future" assessment in the amount of \$121,461.76 against one parcel. This Held for Future assessment will come into effect if the impacted property develops in the next 15 years. The attached resolution would adopt the Held for Future assessments for Job 0632. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Rasmussen Jr. opened the Public Hearing.

No one spoke to this issue. After calling three times, Mayor Rasmussen closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Brooks moved the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Councilor Schulte V. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Schulte V, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 11-175
included with these minutes)

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 11-176 - AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MnDOT GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 99766 FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

City Manager Adams explained that the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Office of Aeronautics, has provided the City with a Grant Agreement for the Taxiway 'A' Paving & Lighting Airport Improvement Project. The project cost is \$1,636,068.00, with the State portion being \$0.00, the Federal

portion being \$1,554,265.00 (95%), and the City portion at \$81,803.00 (5%). The attached resolution would authorize the City to enter into the Grant Agreement with MN/DOT. Staff recommends approval. Councilor Anderson moved the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Councilor Olson. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Schulte V, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 11-176
included with these minutes)

RESOLUTION 11-177 - AUTHORIZING EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH GOLDMAN, STURTZ & HALVORSEN, CHARTERED

City Manager Adams explained that the Heritage Preservation Commission has issued Certificates of Appropriateness for two façade restorations to be funded through the Broadway Ridge Renewal Grant. Goldman, Sturtz & Halvorsen Law Firm, 137 N. Broadway Ave. has an estimated project cost of \$52,500 and is eligible for a grant of up to \$25,000, but not to exceed 50% of the project cost if less than \$50,000 based on having a façade of less than 900 sq. ft. Staff recommends approval.

Councilor Baker moved the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Councilor Anderson. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Schulte V, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 11-177
included with these minutes)

RESOLUTION 11-178 - AUTHORIZING EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH FOR CHRIST – ALBERT LEA

Mr. Dennis Bergstrom, 1424 Edgewater Drive, representing Youth for Christ (The Rock) located at 116 W. Clark St. showed pictures of the proposed project. This project has an estimated project cost of approximately \$95,000 and is eligible for a grant of up to \$50,000, but not to exceed 50% of the project cost if less than \$100,000. The \$50,000 is based on the Rock having a façade of greater than 900 square feet. In either case, the grant amount will be calculated on the final contractors bid but shall not exceed the maximum limits. Staff recommends approval.

Councilor Baker moved the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Councilor Olson. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Schulte V, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 11-178
included with these minutes)

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

First Ward, Councilor Schulte V. reported:

- Committee Updates
- No Ward Items

Second Ward, Councilor Baker reported:

- Committee updates
- No Ward Items
- Announced a Downtown Halloween Event

Third Ward, Councilor Kehr reported:

- Committee Updates
- No Ward Items

Fourth Ward, Councilor Olson reported:

- Committee Updates
- No Ward Items
- Watch for Children during the Halloween Celebration

Fifth Ward, Councilor Anderson reported:

- Committee updates
- No Ward Items
- Thanked everyone who worked for the city

Sixth Ward, Councilor Brooks reported:

- Committee updates
- No Ward Items

Mayor Rasmussen Jr. reported:

- No items to report

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Adams reported on the following:

- State House Bonding Committee meeting was held this afternoon at the Edgewater Park Pavilion to review the proposed dredging/restoration project for Fountain Lake.
- First Neighborhood Budget Meeting to be held this Wednesday, at the Senior Center.

- Second Budget Meeting to be held this Thursday at the Elbow Room.

RESOLUTION 11-179- APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Councilor Olson moved that the resolution be approved for payment of claims in the amount of \$880,682.43 seconded by Councilor Baker. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Schulte V, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr.; Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 11-179
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ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Brooks moved and Councilor Baker seconded that there being no further business, the council meeting be adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until the next regular meeting of the Albert Lea City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2011. On roll call vote, all councilors voted in favor of said motion. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Vern Rasmussen, Jr.

Filed and attested October 24, 2011

Secretary to the Council