

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey City Council conducted a special Council meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, in the Council Chambers of the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Bob Ramsey
Councilmember Randy Backous
Councilmember David Elvig
Councilmember David Jeffrey
Councilmember Colin McGlone
Councilmember Jason Tossey
Councilmember Jeff Wise

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis G. Ulrich
Deputy City Administrator/Dir of Comm Dev Heidi A. Nelson
Finance Officer Diana Lund
Fire Chief Dean Kapler
Parks Supervisor Mark Riverblood
City Attorney William K. Goodrich
Development Manager Darren Lazan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramsey called the Special City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZEN INPUT

None

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Jeffrey, seconded by Councilmember McGlone to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. All voted in favor.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Case #4.1 Swearing in Ceremony for Councilmember Randy Backous, Councilmember David Elvig and Councilmember Jason Tossey

City Attorney Goodrich issued the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Backous, Elvig and Tossey. A few minutes were taken for photos with families, etc.

Case #4.2 Recognition of Outgoing Councilmembers

City Administrator Ulrich recognized former Councilmembers Dehen and Look for their service to the City of Ramsey and read resolutions declaring same.

Motion by Councilmember Jeffrey, seconded by Mayor Ramey to adopt Resolution #11-01-005 recognizing Councilmember John Dehen for his service to the City of Ramsey.

Motion carried. All voted in favor.

Former Councilmember Dehen stated he was very pleased to serve Ramsey in the capacity of Councilmember and talked about the friendships he formed with the City Council members and staff. He wished everyone the best and hoped to continue the friendships.

Motion by Councilmember Jeffrey, seconded by Councilmember Wise to adopt Resolution #11-01-006 recognizing Councilmember Matt Look for his service to the City of Ramsey.

Motion carried. All voted in favor.

Former Councilmember Look thanked the residents of Ramsey for their support and talked about what a pleasure it was to serve on the Council – stating it is an education you cannot buy. He extended his congratulations to the new Councilmembers – suggested they find strength and rely on each other and that it will be a fun time. He appreciated the recognition and the opportunity to serve.

Case #4.3 2011 Council Organization

Mayor Ramsey pointed out a couple of changes (Councilmember Jeffrey to the Joint Law Enforcement Council with Chief Jim Way and Councilmember Tossey as alternate) made to the resolution from discussion at the work session.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Wise to adopt Resolution #11-01-001 for 2011 Council Organization.

Motion carried. All voted in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Tossey to adopt Resolution #11-01-002 designating financial institutions as official depositories of City funds for 2011.

Motion carried. All voted in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Wise to adopt Resolution #11-01-003 designating Village Bank as official financial institution for the City of Ramsey banking services for the year 2011.

Motion carried. All voted in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Mayor Ramsey to adopt Resolution #11-01-004 authorizing signatures for financial transactions.

Motion carried. All voted in favor.

Case #4.4 Approve Funding for Annual Holiday Party

City Administrator Ulrich asked Council to approve funding for the annual 2010 Holiday Party/Commission Appreciation Dinner. He requested \$5,000 for facility rental, food and entertainment to be taken from the Council Contingency Fund. He added that the Mayor would be making his State of the City Address and give recognition to the volunteers and commissioners.

Motion by Councilmember Jeffrey, seconded by Councilmember Wise to approve a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000 from the 2011 Council Contingency Fund to pay for the Employee Holiday Party/Commission Appreciation Dinner.

Motion carried. All voted in favor.

It was noted this is the same amount as was requested last year.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF INPUT

City Administrator Ulrich announced the City Council would continue its work session in the Lake Itasca Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Councilmember McGlone to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. All voted in favor.

The special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

Minutes drafted by Jo Thieling, City Clerk