

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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a Special City Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: None – Council Vacancy

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
City Engineer Tim Himmer
Public Works Director Brian Olson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramsey called the Special City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. CITIZENS INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Case 4.2 was moved to Case 4.1. The agenda was approved, as amended.

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS

4.1: Consider Purchase of a Drainage and Utility Easement at 16259 Coquina Street Related to the 2011 Street Maintenance Program

City Engineer Tim Himmer reviewed in the staff report the resident, Benjamin Brent at 16259 Coquina is open to the discussion of an easement or a right of entry and staff is presenting this to see if the Council is interested in pursuing this.

Mayor Ramsey stated if we are going to put water there then we are going to need the easement.

Councilmember McGlone stated it appears to him that there is more than one affected property.

City Engineer Himmer responded the easement area shown is large, this is an isolated area.

Councilmember Wise asked would it increase the amount of water in there and if this would change any drainage pattern.

City Engineer Himmer reviewed that it wouldn't because the outlet is buried.

Mr. Brent commented to the discussion of water problems is only temporarily with a decent rain, because it is very sandy.

Councilmember McGlone asked about the water elevations.

City Engineer Himmer stated today the water does not impact the low lying area adjacent to his property.

Consensus is to put this on the next available works session agenda for further discussion.

4.2: Consider Award of Contract for City Improvement Projects 11-01 through 11-06, 2011 Street Maintenance Program

City Engineer Himmer reviewed the staff report.

Public Works Director Olson wanted to comment from the staff report that staff was concerned when only one bid was received for Division B, so staff took the opportunity to talk to the paving company, and they responded the state shutdown was affecting this and people are afraid to bid.

Mayor Ramsey stated that is the point, did we not get the best price because everyone is afraid to bid.

Public Works Director Olson responded, this could be, the State could come back, and they would have so much work, and they would say now we know what we have for workload, we are going to bid, but we are going to bid high.

Motion by Councilmember McGlone, seconded by Councilmember Tossey, to approve Resolution #11-07-129A awarding contract for City Improvement Projects 11-01 through 11-06 to Astech for Division A in the amount of \$288,937.40 and North Valley Paving for Division B in the amount of \$276,664.34.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers McGlone, Tossey, Backous, Elvig, and Wise. Voting No: None. Absent: None

COUNCILMEMBER/STAFF INPUT

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Tossey, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Tossey, Backous, Elvig, McGlone and Wise. Voting No: None.

The Special City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

Drafted by Mary Jo Warner
City of Ramsey Public Works Secretary