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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich  
Deputy City Administrator Heidi A. Nelson  
Fire Chief Dean Kapler  
Public Works Director Brian Olson  
Senior Planner Timothy Gladhill  
City Engineer Tim Himmer  
Police Chief James Way  
Finance Officer Diana Lund  
Parks Supervisor Mark Riverblood  
City Attorney William Goodrich  
Development Manager Darren Lazan

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ramsey called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Ramsey.

**2. PRESENTATION**

None.

**3. CITIZEN INPUT**

None.

#### **4. APPROVE AGENDA**

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

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

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Strommen, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

- 5.01 Note the Following Commission and Boards Meeting Minutes:
  - 1) Board of Adjustment meeting minutes dated June 2, 2011
  - 2) Economic Development Authority meeting minutes dated July 14, 2011
  - 3) Environmental Policy Board meeting minutes dated August 1, 2011
  - 4) Planning Commission meeting minutes dated August 4, 2011
- 5.02 Approve License Applications:
  - Motor Vehicle
  - B Brothers Auto LLC, 7103 Highway #10 NW, Suite A, Ramsey, MN 55303
- 5.03 Approve the following Meeting Minutes:
  - 1) Canvassing Board – August 23, 2011
  - 2) City Council Work Session – August 23, 2011
  - 3) City Council Regular Session – August 23, 2011
- 5.04 Introduce Ordinance to Assign Board of Adjustment and Appeals Duties to the Planning Commission
- 5.05 Adopt Resolution #11-09-162 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of September 8, 2011 through September 21, 2011
- 5.06 Adopt Resolution #11-09-163 Approving the Classification and Sale of Tax-Forfeit Parcel in the City of Ramsey - Namely Lot 1, Block 3, Pondvale Estates 2nd Addition - PIN 23-32-25-44-0040
- 5.07 Adopt Resolution #11-09-164 Authorizing Distribution of Non-TIF Funds (Interest Earnings) to HRA & PIR Funds in the Amount of \$357,250
- 5.08 Adopt Resolution #11-09-165 Authorizing Partial Payment to Omann Brothers Paving Inc. for IP 10-25 Chameleon Street Paving
- 5.09 Adopt Resolution #11-09-166 Authorizing Partial Payment to Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation for IP 11-01 through 11-04; 2011 Street Maintenance
- 5.10 Adopt Resolution #11-09-167 Authorizing Partial Payment to North Valley Inc for IP 11-05 through 11-06 Division B 2011 Street Maintenance Program
- 5.11 Adopt Resolution #11-09-168 Authorizing Partial Payment to County Line Excavating, LLC for IP 09-25 Dysprosium Street Reconstruction
- 5.12 Adopt Resolution #11-09-169 Authorizing Final Payment to Rum River Contracting for IP 08-34 151st, 152nd, and Fluorine Street

- 5.13 Adopt Resolution #11-09-170 Authorizing Partial Payment to Rum River Contracting for IP 10-07 Alpine/Roanoke Street Improvements
- 5.14 Adopt Resolution #11-09-171 Authorizing Final Payment to Gohman Construction for IP 10-23 East Meandering Commons Park (aka, *The Draw*)
- 5.15 Adopt Resolution #11-09-172 Authorizing Final Payment to CB&I Inc. for IP 08-21 Water Tower No. 3
- 5.16 Adopt Resolution #11-09-173 Authorizing Partial Payment to Douglas-Kerr Underground, LLC for IP 11-21 Armstrong and Bunker
- 5.17 Report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on September 13, 2011.
  - 1) Discussion Regarding the Recent All-staff Employee Satisfaction Survey – *No action required.*
  - 2) Consider a Resolution to Approve a Non-union Sick Leave for Wellness Policy – *Ratify the recommendation of the Personnel Committee adopting Resolution #11-09-174 to approve a Non-union Sick Leave for Wellness Policy.*

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

## **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **6.01: Public Hearing and Levy of Assessments for Past-Due Charges on Municipal Utility Bills and Current Services Rendered**

Mayor Ramsey closed the regular portion of the City Council meeting at 7:03 p.m. in order to conduct a public hearing.

#### **Public Hearing**

Mayor Ramsey called the public hearing to order at 7:03 p.m.

#### **Presentation**

Finance Director Lund reviewed the staff report.

#### **Citizen Input**

There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Mayor Ramsey 7:04 p.m., to close the public hearing.

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

The public hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

## **Council Business**

Mayor Ramsey called the regular City Council meeting back to order at 7:04 p.m.

Councilmember Elvig pointed out the property taxes stay with the property; they do not follow the owner.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Mayor Ramsey, to adopt Resolution #11-09-175 Adopting Assessments for Past-Due Charges on Municipal Utility Bills [Which May Include Water, Sewer, Street Lighting, Recycling, Storm Water Charges and Penalties Incurred] and Current Services Rendered.

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

## **7. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **7.01: Request for Conditional Use Permit to Exceed Sign Size Restrictions at 7545 Veterans Drive NW; Case of PSD, LLC.**

Environmental Coordinator/Planner Anderson reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember McGlone, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to adopt Resolution #11-09-176 adopting Findings of Fact #0891 relating to PSD, LLC's request for a conditional use permit to exceed sign size restrictions established in City Code subject to review by the City Attorney as to legal form and to approve PSD, LLC's request to exceed sign size restrictions based on the findings of fact, and to adopt Resolution #11-09-177 declaring terms of the conditional use permit subject to review by the City Attorney as to legal form.

Further discussion: Councilmember Wise questioned the reason for denial when Allina requested overages in sign size. Mr. Anderson responded their overages were ultimately approved. The concern was signage at the access point versus wall signage. The signage on the monument sign was a height difference of six inches from what was originally requested. Councilmember Elvig inquired if staff will re-address the signage policy. Environmental Coordinator Anderson noted staff is aware of the difficulties maintaining some of the requirements. He added this is something staff is working on with the Planning Consultant. Councilmember McGlone said he watched the meeting and learned one of the findings referred to the federal sign requirement standards. Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated the builder is following those standards.

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

### **7.02: Consider Award of Bids for IP 11-09, the Bituminous Overlay of Alpine Drive**

Public Works Director Olson reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember McGlone, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to enter into a contract for IP 11-09 Bituminous Overlay of Alpine Drive with North Valley, Inc. in the amount of \$363,222.71 for the full depth reclamation of Alpine Drive.

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

#### **7.03: Consider Extension of the Ramsey Star Express Service**

Public Works Director Olson reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember McGlone, to ratify the negotiations for the Ramsey Star Express service until December of 2012 or until the opening of the Ramsey Rail Station, whichever comes first.

Further discussion: Councilmember Tossey questioned the amount left in the Landfill Trust. Finance Director Lund answered there is approximately \$2 million; the projected amount at the end of 2013 is \$2,800,000. She explained the City will do an Interfund Loan until revenues come in to pay back the Landfill Trust Fund.

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

#### **7.04: Consider approval of Master Cooperation, Funding and Delegation Agreement for the Ramsey Rail Station**

Public Works Director Olson reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember Elvig stated he would prefer to negotiate an earlier and later bus service than Express currently offers.

Public Works Director Olson responded this is what he meant when he discussed expanding the service that goes to Anoka Technical College. He explained the idea behind the Agreement is that it outlines the roles for the project and the responsibility of the costs. ACCRA approved the Consultant Agreement to move forward with the skyway from the parking ramp to the station earlier in the day. The skyway is in the definition of the project. This sets forth the implementation to the project. He noted another Agreement will document the financing.

Councilmember McGlone clarified a rumor that private money was used for the rail is false. No private money was used in this deal.

Motion by Councilmember Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Elvig, to approve the Master Cooperation, Funding and Delegation Agreement for the Ramsey Rail Station contingent upon successful negotiations of the Transit Taxing District and Lease Agreements subject to the review and approval of the City Administrator and the City Attorney.

Further discussion: Councilmember Tossey stated he will vote for this motion with the understanding that citizens spend more for the bus as it is currently than they will spend when the TIF district is in effect. He also clarified the skyway is not included in this specific agreement at this time.

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

## **8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT**

City Administrator Ulrich announced the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday October 11 at Greenhaven Country Club at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Ramsey noted Happy Days was a successful event. Councilmember Elvig thanked those involved.

City Administrator Ulrich noted the Councilmembers/HRA Commissioners will tour developments around the Metro Area on October 3. There will be no work session on October 4.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kurtis G. Ulrich  
City Administrator

ATTEST:

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Jo Ann M. Thieling  
City Clerk

Drafted by Chris Moksnes  
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