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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Monday, November 7, 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 Sarah Strommen
Councilmember Jason Tossey

Members Absent: Councilmember Jeffrey Wise

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
Deputy City Administrator Heidi A. Nelson
Public Works Director Brian Olson
Senior Planner Timothy Gladhill
Police Chief James Way
Finance Director Diana Lund
City Attorney William Goodrich

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PRESENTATION

None.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember McGlone, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as amended, removing Item 4:05 and considering Item 4:08 as Item 7:03 under Council Business:

- 4:01 Approve of Institution Community Work Crew Contract for 2012
- 4:02 Approve the following Council Meeting Minutes:
- 1) City Council Work Session – August 30, 2011
 - 2) City Council Work Session – September 6, 2011
 - 3) City Council Special – September 6, 2011
 - 4) City Council Work Session – September 27, 2011
 - 5) City Council Special – September 27, 2011
 - 6) City Council Regular – September 27, 2011
 - 7) City Council Work Session – October 18, 2011
 - 8) City Council Work Session – October 25, 2011
- 4:03 Approve License Applications:
- Transient Merchant License
Abundant Life Ministries to sell Christmas Trees
- Special Events Permit
City of Ramsey HRA for larger signage than allowed by Code
November 11 VA Grand Opening and November 16 Rail Event
- Motor Vehicle
A Plus Auto Sales, Inc., 7751 Highway #10 #5, Ramsey, MN 55303
- 4:04 Approve Request to Declare Surplus Property, 1998 Ford F150 Vehicle #555 and authorize sale/auction of same
- ~~4:05 Introduce Ordinance for 2012 Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges and Call for a Public Hearing~~
- 4:06 Adopt Resolution #11-11-214 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of October 19, 2011 through November 2, 2011
- 4:07 Adopt Resolution #11-11-215 Accepting the State of Minnesota Agency Agreement No. 99948 with the Department of Transportation for Projects Involving the Delegated Contract Process for Receiving Federal Transportation Funding (Consider MnDOT Agreement related to Federal Participation for Transportation Related Projects)
- ~~4:08 Adopt Resolution Requesting Certain Practices of All Utilities Doing Business in the City of Ramsey~~
- 4:09 Report from Finance Committee of October 25, 2011:
- 1) Award Contract for Professional Audit Services – *Ratify the recommendation of the Finance Committee to enter into five-year contract with MMKR for the City's auditing service at the not-to-exceed amount prices quoted within their proposal.*
 - 2) Adopt Resolution #11-11-216 Restricting and/or Committing Revenue Sources in Special Revenue Funds and Adopt Resolution #11-11-217 Amending the Fund Balance Policy in Regard to the Implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 54 – *Ratify the recommendation of the Finance Committee to Adopt Resolution #11-11-218 Restricting and/or Committing Revenue Sources in Special Revenue Funds; and, Adopt Resolution #11-11-219 Amending the Fund Balance Policy in Regard to the Implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 54.*
 - 3) Report on Fiscal Disparities – *Informational only.*
 - 4) Credit Card Update – *Informational only.*
- 4:10 Report from Public Works Committee of November 7, 2011:

- 1) Consider Vacation of Right-of-Way at 14241 Fluorine Street NW – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to undertake a formal right-of-way vacation process and schedule a public hearing with the City initiating and paying the required fees/escrows.*
- 2) Consider Proposal from Metro Area Repeater Association to Install Skywarn Facilities on Water Tower #2 – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to postpone consideration of the request by Metro Area Repeater Association to install Skywarn facilities on Water Tower #2 to allow time for MARA to provide the names of other municipalities that have allowed this type of equipment on its water towers, costs that would be involved, and agreeing to cover all costs for installation, inspection, and maintenance.*
- 3) Contracted Street Sweeping – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve Option 3, authorize staff to seek RFPs for 2012 spring street sweeping, and include an add alternate for disposal of road debris.*
- 4) Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Policy – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to authorize staff to formalize the Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Policy.*
- 5) Consider Change Order for City Improvement Project #11-09; Alpine Drive Overlay – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve a change order for Improvement Project #11-09, Alpine Drive Overlay, for subgrade preparation in the amount of \$12,000.*
- 6) Consider Guard Rail Enhancements for the Parking Ramp – *Considered by the City Council on October 25, 2011*

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

5. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Introduce Ordinance Amending City Code Section 54-96 through 102 Titled Recreational Vehicles

Police Chief Way reviewed the staff report.

The Council discussed the proposed amendment and agreed to prohibit studded vehicles.

City Attorney Goodrich recommended an amendment to Section 54-97.

Police Chief Way answered the Council's questions and indicated information is available on the City's website and a map will identify designated routes.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey seconded by Councilmember McGlone, to introduce the ordinance amending City Code Section 54-96 through 102 Titled Recreational Vehicles, amending Section 54-97 Definitions, to add a 4th paragraph indicating: Except as amended above, no other defined terms in Section 54-97 are affected by this amendment.

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

7.02: Request for an Amended Conditional Use Permit for an Accessory Dwelling at 16101 Ramsey Boulevard NW; Case of Anthony Reed

Senior Planner Gladhill reviewed the staff report.

The Council discussed the request and asked questions of Senior Planner Gladhill.

Motion by Councilmember Tossey, seconded by Councilmember Elvig, to adopt the Resolution approving the findings of fact and adopt the Resolution approving the conditional use permit and request for stucco fence.

Further discussion: City Attorney Goodrich recommended the findings of fact and conditional use permit be acted on separately. Councilmembers Tossey and Elvig withdrew the motion on the floor.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Tossey, to adopt Resolution #11-11-220 approving Findings of Fact #0894 favorable to the applicant, Anthony Reed at 16101 Ramsey Boulevard NW.

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

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Tossey, to adopt Resolution #11-11-221 approving the conditional use permit and request for stucco fence.

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

7.03: Adopt Resolution #11-11-XXX Requesting Certain Practices of All Utilities Doing Business in the City of Ramsey

Councilmember McGlone stated his rationale for not supporting adoption of this resolution.

The Council discussed the resolution and support was expressed to protect Ramsey's residents, especially in the event of eminent domain, and to assure utility companies "play fair" with residents.

Motion by Councilmember Tossey, seconded by Councilmember Strommen, to adopt Resolution #11-11-222 Requesting Certain Practices of all Utilities Doing Business in the City of Ramsey.

Motion by Councilmember McGlone, seconded by Mayor Ramsey (for discussion purposes), to amend Resolution #11-11-222 to add language to address only City-owned property rather than private property.

Further discussion: The Council discussed that the intent of the resolution is to communicate City policy, which will protect residents and improve its working relationship with utility companies. Councilmember McGlone advocated amending the resolution so it only addressed City-owned property, stating again that private property dealings are not under the City's purview.

Amendment failed. Voting Yes: Councilmember McGlone. Voting No: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Elvig, Backous, Strommen, and Tossey. Absent: Councilmember Wise.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Ramsey, Councilmembers Tossey, Strommen, Backous, and Elvig. Voting No: Councilmember McGlone. Absent: Councilmember Wise.

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

Councilmembers and City Administrator Ulrich announced the upcoming school district election, meetings and events.

John Enstrom, 8702 – 181st Avenue NW, invited all to visit Veteran's Park on Veteran's Day and advised of his website.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

Drafted by Carla Wirth
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.