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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: Councilmember David Jeffrey
Councilmember Randy Backous

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich
Deputy City Administrator Heidi A. Nelson
Public Works Director Brian Olson
Senior Planner Timothy Gladhill
Assistant City Engineer Tim Himmer
Police Chief James Way
Parks Supervisor Mark Riverblood
City Attorney William Goodrich
Human Resources Director Colleen Lasher
Economic Development/Marketing Manager Aaron Backman
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

Mayor Ramsey recognized Mark Fisher, Anoka County resident, for his induction into the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame.

3. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Tossey requested item 5.10, Report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on April 12, 2011, be removed from the Consent Agenda and added as item 7.05.

Motion by Councilmember Tossey, seconded by Councilmember Elvig, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- 5.01 Receive Cash & Investments for Period Ending March 31, 2011
- 5.02 Receive January - March 2011 Financial Reports - General Fund and Enterprise Funds
- 5.03 Note the following Commission and Boards meeting minutes:
 - a. Planning Commission meeting minutes dated Thursday, March 3, 2011
 - b. EPB meeting minutes dated Monday, March 7, 2011
 - c. Economic Development Authority meeting minutes dated March 10, 2011
- 5.04 Approve Exemption for a Gambling License for Capable Partners at Game Fair
- 5.05 Approve Rental License - Terrace Hill Apartments
- 5.06 Approve Building Inspection Services Agreement - Contract Renewal
- 5.07 Approve Easement Modification at 7130 156th Avenue NW Related to City Project #10-24; Wetland 656W Outlet
- 5.08 Adopt Resolution #11-04-087 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing received during the Period of April 7, 2011 through April 20, 2011
- 5.09 Adopt Resolution #11-04-088 Recognizing Mark Fisher for His Induction into the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7.01: Approval of Contractors for Abatement Services

Police Chief Jim Way reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Councilmember Tossey, to approve Rushstar Systems for mowing abatement and clean up abatement services.

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

7.02: Request for Adopt Ordinance Amending Section City Code Section 30-3 titled Property Conditions Constituting a Public Nuisance AND Amending City Code Section 2-332 titled Abatement and relating to the Abatement of Grass, Weeds or Noxious Growths in Excess of Eight Inches in Height.

City Attorney Goodrich reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember Wise pointed out the reason the height is being changed from 12 to 8 inches is that by the time the abatement process is complete, the weeds are already at 8 inches.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to waive the reading of and adopt Ordinance #11-06 amending Section City Code Section 30-3 titled Property Conditions constituting a public nuisance AND amending City Code Section 2-332 title Abatement and relating to the abatement of grass, weeds or noxious growths in excess of eight inches in height.

Roll call vote:

Councilmember Tossey	aye
Councilmember Elvig	aye
Councilmember Jeffrey	absent
Councilmember Backous	absent
Councilmember Wise	aye
Councilmember McGlone	aye
Mayor Ramsey	aye

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

7.03: Consider Site Plan for Parking Lot Amendments for Ramsey Office Plaza

Senior Planner Gladhill reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember McGlone questioned whether there is a minimum or maximum parking requirement and if the City was meeting one of them.

Senior Planner Gladhill explained there are no minimum parking requirements at this time. The City does want to be assured there is sufficient parking, and the parking requirements will be considered with the developer.

Councilmember Wise inquired whether the discussion regarding the assurance that the access would align with any to the south is documented.

Senior Planner Gladhill explained there has been a verbal discussion regarding the line up of the accesses. He suggested this requirement be put in writing with instruction from the City Attorney for the applicant.

Councilmember Elvig commented there seems to be a bottleneck with trucks and other large vehicles getting in and out of there.

Senior Planner Gladhill noted a more detailed drawing could be created and the permit will not be released without stipulations the Council proposes.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to approve the site plan for parking lot expansion and additional access at 7533 Sunwood Drive NW and require written documentation on the southern ingress and egress.

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

7.04: Consider Lease Agreement for 7039 Hwy 10 by RM Golf Carts

Economic Development/Marketing Manager Backman reviewed the staff report.

City Attorney Goodrich stated the rent will be at least as much as the property taxes. The tenant can have possession in May, subject to the City moving its equipment from the property. They will not start rental payments until the City's possessions are removed. The City recognizes the applicants are putting substantial dollars into the property in order to open it.

Councilmember Elvig stated proof of insurance will be needed for early possession.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember McGlone, to approve the proposed five-year lease with RM Golf Carts, Inc.

Discussion: Councilmember McGlone stated it is important to point out the building is a gutted structure. There is no sheetrock, heat, or bathroom and the applicant is fronting all of those costs at his own risk.

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

7.05: Report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on April 12, 2011.

Case 1: Resolution to Consider the Probationary Period of the Economic Development and Marketing Manager

Deputy City Administrator Nelson reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember Tossey explained the probation was voted to be extended by the City Council. The City Administrator is to make the decision and not the Council. Therefore, the Council acted in error.

Mayor Ramsey agreed that the recommendation to extend the probation should not have been made.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Tossey to reverse the motion to extend the probationary period and adopt Resolution #11-04-089 to end the probationary period of the Economic Development and Marketing Manager as of May 8, 2011.

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

8. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF INPUT

Mayor Ramsey noted the following events:

Thursday, April 28, 2011 - Anoka Technical College Annual Fundraiser Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. at The Fountains of Ramsey. Honored at the breakfast will be retired Anoka County Commissioner Dennis Berg.

Friday, April 29, 2011 - Retirement Dinner for Anoka County Administrator Terry Johnson - 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Greenhaven Golf Course, Anoka, MN

Saturday, April 30, 2011 - Ramsey Business/Environmental Expo. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Business Expo will be held at The Fountains and the Environmental Expo & Tree Sale will be held at the Ramsey Municipal Center

Monday, May 2, 2011 - Joint City Council meeting with the City of Andover - 6:30 p.m. - Ramsey City Hall - Lake Itasca Room. Public is invited.

Saturday, May 7, 2011 - Spring Recycling Day Event - 8:00 a.m. to Noon - Ramsey Public Works Facility - 14100 Jasper Street NW, Ramsey

Monday, May 9, 2011 - Joint City Council meeting with the City of Elk River - 6:30 p.m. - Elk River City Hall

Tuesday, May 31, 2011 – City Council meeting. There will be no meeting on Tuesday, May 24.

Councilmember Tossey noted that Councilmember Jeffrey had surgery and is doing remarkably well.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator

ATTEST:

Jo Ann M. Thieling
City Clerk

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