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

The Ramsey City Council conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 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  
Councilmember Jeffrey Wise

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich  
Deputy City Administrator Heidi A. Nelson  
Public Works Director Brian Olson  
City Engineer Tim Himmer  
Fire Chief Dean Kapler  
Police Chief James Way  
Parks Supervisor Mark Riverblood  
Finance Officer Diana Lund  
Economic Development/Marketing Director Aaron Backman  
Human Resources Representative Colleen Lasher  
Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Chris Anderson  
City Attorney William Goodrich

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ramsey called the regular meeting of the Ramsey City Council to order at 7:03 p.m., and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**2. PRESENTATION**

**2:01 2012 Levy and General Fund Budget Presentation**

Finance Officer Lund presented the 2012 Levy and General Fund Budget of \$8,413,798. The increase of \$285,189, or 3.51% from 2011 will be offset by TIF 1 decertification generating \$285,189, resulting in a zero net levy impact. A short video was presented explaining the

Market Value Homestead Credit (MVHC) calculation and its impact on property taxes. Finance Officer Lund completed the levy and budget presentation and stood for questions.

The Council asked staff to place a link to the PBS video on the City's website. The Council indicated its direction to staff was to assure the tax burden to residents remained the same. Finance Officer Lund answered questions of the Council relating to the elimination of homestead credit and indicated that residents with questions on their valuation were referred to the County Assessor.

Mayor Ramsey opened the floor for input from the public. There being no response, Mayor Ramsey moved to the next agenda item.

### **2:02 Rail Event Video**

A video was played of the November 16, 2011, inaugural train stop in Ramsey. City Administrator Ulrich acknowledged the attendance of Anoka County Commissioner Look who played a big part in supporting the Ramsey rail station, which is an economic investment in Ramsey's future development and would return tax increment to residents in the future.

### **3. CITIZEN INPUT**

Anoka County Commissioner Matt Look thanked all who supported the rail station and event. He provided an update on Anoka County Board activities over the past year.

The Council thanked Commissioner Look for his support of Ramsey's initiatives and asked for his assistance with improvements to the Highway 10 corridor and Highway 47.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember McGlone, seconded by Councilmember Strommen, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda as revise to remove Items 4:05, 4:06, and 4:08.

- 4:01 Receive October 2011 Financial Reports – General Fund and Enterprise Funds
- 4:02 Receive Cash and Investments for Period Ending November 30, 2011
- 4:02 Approve the following Council Meeting Minutes:
  - 1) City Council – Regular – October 11, 2011
  - 2) City Council – Regular – October 25, 2011
  - 3) City Council – Regular – November 7, 2011
  - 4) City Council – Work Session – November 7, 2011
  - 5) City Council – Work Session – November 15, 2011
  - 6) City Council – Regular – November 22, 2011
- 4:04 Approve Assignments of Councilmembers to Serve on Various Boards/Committees
- ~~4:05 Review and Adopt 2011/Payable 2012 Tax Levy and 2012 General Fund Budget~~ This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as Item 7:07.
- ~~4:06 Consider Waiving/Not Waiving Statutory Tort Limits~~ This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as Item 7:06.

- 4:07 Adopt Resolution #11-12-236 Approving Sale of \$3,090,000 General Obligation Improvement Crossover Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 B
- ~~4:08 Adopt Resolution Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of November 17, 2011 through December 7, 2011 This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as Item 7:08.~~
- 4:09 Adopt Resolution #11-12-237 Approving Proposed 2012 EDA Levy
- 4:10 Adopt Resolution #11-12-238 Requesting No Change in Fiscal Disparities
- ~~4:11 Adopt Resolution #11-12-XXX Requesting No Change in Fiscal Disparities (*Duplicate – same as Item #4.10.*)~~
- 4:12 Adopt Resolution #11-12-239 Authorizing Partial Payment to Knutson Construction for IP 10-22 Ramsey Municipal Parking Facility – Phase II
- 4:13 Adopt Resolution #11-12-240 Authorizing Partial Payment to Douglas-Kerr Underground LLC for IP 11-21 Armstrong/Bunker Int and Extensions
- 4:14 Adopt Resolution #11-12-241 Authorizing Final Payment to North Valley, Inc. for IP 11-09 Alpine Drive Overlay
- 4:15 Adopt Resolution #11-12-242 Authorizing Final Payment to Omann Brothers Paving, Inc. for IP 10-25 Chameleon Street Paving
- 4:16 Adopt Resolution #11-12-243 Authorizing Final Payment to County Line Excavating LLC for IP 09-25 Dysprosium Street Reconstruction
- 4:17 Report from Public Works Committee – Meeting Date: November 15, 2011
- 1) Discuss Trail Easement Acquisition on the Hansen Tree Farm – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and enter into an agreement to secure an easement with the Hansen Tree Farm for a 20-year term, renewable for a 5-year periods after the initial term, and subject to legal review with no compensation nor any promise to construct the trail in question.*
  - 2) Consider Proposal from Metro Area Repeater Association (MARA) to Install Skywarn Facilities on Water Tower #2 – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and direct staff to formalize an agreement with MARA including 24-hour notice for tower access, additionally insured on \$1 million liability policy, removal of equipment at their cost should another lease be received or signals conflict, and payment of electric costs.*
  - 3) Consider Policy on Turf Establishment Related to City Improvement Project – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and adopt a Turf Establishment Policy, as presented, requiring the import of 4 inches of premium top soil, sod, and 30 days of watering.*
  - 4) Discuss Turf Restoration Concerns on City Improvement Project #08-34; the Bituminous Paving of 151<sup>st</sup> and 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenues, and Fluorine Street – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and direct staff to write a letter to residents in the project area indicating the project would be inspected in the spring to determine whether additional corrective actions are necessary and, at a minimum, the rocks will be removed. After that, the property owners are expected to take responsibility.*
  - 5) Consider Final Draft of RFP and Contract for Contracted Sweeping Services – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and approve the Response for Proposal for 2012 spring sweeping, subject to legal review.*

- 6) Discuss Potential Reconstruction of Garnet Street, North of 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue – *Ratify the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and approve a Garnet Street roadway project of the same width as streets to the north including concrete curb and gutter, full utilities, and a sidewalk on the east side. The funding would be a 50/50 cost split with the residents for the roadway improvements only, and subgrade corrections would be included with the utility work and paid for through the appropriate City enterprise fund (to be reimbursed in the future if/when the properties connect).*

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

## **5. APPROVE AGENDA**

City Administrator Ulrich added Case 7:09, Appoint Alternate to the Joint Fire Board.

Motion by Councilmember McGlone, seconded by Councilmember Elvig, to approve the agenda as revised.

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

Councilmember McGlone left the Chambers at 7:53 p.m.

## **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **6.01: Public Hearing to Introduce Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of Fluorine Street NW Right-of-Way and Certain Drainage and Utility Easements Adjacent to and on 14241 Fluorine Street NW; Case of City of Ramsey**

Mayor Ramsey closed the regular portion of the City Council meeting at 7:53 p.m. in order to conduct a public hearing.

#### **Public Hearing**

Mayor Ramsey called the public hearing to order at 7:53 p.m.

#### **Presentation**

Associate Planner/Environmental Coordinator Anderson reviewed the staff report.

#### **Citizen Input**

There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to close the public hearing.

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

The public hearing was closed at 7:57 p.m.

### **Council Business**

Mayor Ramsey called the regular City Council meeting back to order at 7:57 p.m.

The Council acknowledged this item was recommended by the Public Works Committee and provides a straightforward solution.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to Introduce the Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of Fluorine Street NW Right-of-Way and Certain Drainage and Utility Easements Adjacent to and on 1424 Fluorine Street NW; Case of City of Ramsey.

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

### **6.02: Public Hearing to Consider Tax Increment Financing Plan Modifications to TIF Districts 1 & 2**

Mayor Ramsey closed the regular portion of the City Council meeting at 7:59 p.m. in order to conduct a public hearing.

### **Public Hearing**

Mayor Ramsey called the public hearing to order at 7:59 p.m.

Councilmember McGlone returned to the Council dais at 7:59 p.m.

### **Presentation**

Economic Development/Marketing Director Backman reviewed the staff report.

### **Citizen Input**

There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Tossey, to close the public hearing.

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

The public hearing was closed at 8:03 p.m.

### **Council Business**

Mayor Ramsey called the regular City Council meeting back to order at 8:03 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Mayor Ramsey, to adopt Resolution #11-12-244 adopting a modification to the Tax Increment Financing Plans for Tax Increment Financing Districts 1 and 2.

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

### **6.03: Public Hearing and Request for Adoption of City of Ramsey 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program**

Mayor Ramsey closed the regular portion of the City Council meeting at 8:04 p.m. in order to conduct a public hearing.

### **Public Hearing**

Mayor Ramsey called the public hearing to order at 8:04 p.m.

Councilmember Backous left the Chambers at 8:05 p.m.

### **Presentation**

Finance Officer Lund reviewed the staff report.

### **Citizen Input**

There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Mayor Ramsey, to close the public hearing.

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

The public hearing was closed at 8:06 p.m.

### **Council Business**

Mayor Ramsey called the regular City Council meeting back to order at 8:06 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Mayor Ramsey, to adopt Resolution #11-12-246 adopting the City of Ramsey's 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

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

#### **6.04: Public Hearing and Adopt Ordinance Establishing the 2012 Schedule of Rates, Fees & Charges**

Mayor Ramsey closed the regular portion of the City Council meeting at 8:07 p.m. in order to conduct a public hearing.

#### **Public Hearing**

Mayor Ramsey called the public hearing to order at 8:07 p.m.

Councilmember Backous returned to the Council dais at 8:08 p.m.

#### **Presentation**

Finance Officer Lund reviewed the staff report.

#### **Citizen Input**

There was none.

Motion by Councilmember Wise, seconded by Councilmember Tossey, to close the public hearing.

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

The public hearing was closed at 8:10 p.m.

#### **Council Business**

Mayor Ramsey called the regular City Council meeting back to order at 8:10 p.m.

Councilmember McGlone stated his intention to oppose adoption of this ordinance because he did not believe there had been enough reductions. He supported a line-by-line consideration to eliminate or reduce every fee possible.

Councilmember Tossey stated this is a good start but agreed it was not enough of a reduction, especially related to development fees, and he intended to oppose adoption of this ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to adopt Ordinance #11-17, 2012 Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

Further discussion: The Council debated the motion. It was acknowledged some fees had been eliminated in the 2012 schedule and others had been reduced.

A roll call vote was performed by the Recording Secretary:

Councilmember Backous	aye
Councilmember Elvig	aye
Councilmember McGlone	nay
Councilmember Strommen	aye
Councilmember Tossey	nay
Councilmember Wise	aye
Mayor Ramsey	aye

Motion carried.

## **7. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **7.01: Request for a Conditional Use Permit to Permit Motor Vehicle Sales at 8175 Riverdale Drive NW; Case of Quality RV**

Environmental Coordinator Anderson reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to adopt Resolution #11-12-247 Adopting Findings of Fact #0896 related to a Request from Quality RV to Permit Motor Vehicle Sales in the B-2 Highway Business District at the Properties Located at 8101, 8151, and 8175 Riverdale Drive NW, subject to review by the City Attorney as to legal form, and adopt Resolution #11-12-248, Approving the Issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Permit Motor Vehicle Sales in the B-2 Highway Business District and Declaring Terms of Same, contingent on review and approval by the City Attorney as to legal form.

Further discussion: Environmental Coordinator Anderson answered questions of the Council relating to the drainage plans to assure it does not sheet flow onto Riverdale Drive or the County right-of-way. Brian Achteлик, business manager representing the applicant, advised the site will be graded to assure it drains to the middle of the property and holding pond.

City Attorney Goodrich advised that waivers should occur in 2015 or 2016 if the improvement seems imminent and in the best interest of the City and applicant. He indicated it was not in the best interest of the performance standards to make that determination at this time. The City Council accepted this recommendation.

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

**7.02: Request for a Home Occupation Permit to Operate a Youth Horse Ranch at 7202 181<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW; Case of Robin Veach Fitzgerald (Second Chance Youth Ranch)**

Environmental Coordinator Anderson reviewed the staff report and advised that Finding 29 should read in the positive indicating the property will be served adequately.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to adopt Resolution #11-12-249 Adopting Findings of Fact #0897 Related to the Request from Robin Veach Fitzgerald for a Home Occupation Permit to Operate a Youth Horse Ranch for Second Chance Youth Ranch on the Property Located at 7202 181<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW, as revised, and adopt Resolution #11-12-250 Approving Issuance of a Home Occupation Permit to Operate a Youth Horse Ranch for Second Chance Youth Ranch on the Property Located at 7202 181<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW Based on Findings of Fact #0897 and Declaring Terms of Permit.

Further discussion: Robin Veach Fitzgerald, applicant, responded to the Council's inquiries by explaining how they will recruit volunteers who will be screened and backgrounds checked. The Council expressed its support for the approach taken by the Youth Horse Ranch to gear children toward outdoor activities, and the 1-to-1 ratio between volunteer and attendee.

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

**7.03: Consider Resolution #11-12-XXX Supporting the Mississippi River Trail**

Parks Supervisor Riverblood reviewed the staff report.

The Council discussed the location of the proposed pedestrian walkway over Highway 10, noting it would connect with existing trails and allow a transit customer to be dropped off, walk over the bridge, and use the train. In addition, separating the pedestrian walkway from the Armstrong Boulevard overpass would provide additional pedestrian safety, bring attention towards the River, and create synergy. However, the Armstrong Boulevard interchange is currently a higher priority.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to adopt Resolution #11-12-251 supporting the goals of the Mississippi River Trail and Bikeway in Minnesota.

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

Parks Supervisor Riverblood reported the City has secured an engagement partner from the Anoka Ramsey Community College to work 30 hours a week and assist with this project. This is the result of staff working with community partners on the City's behalf and the student would be paid by the college. The Council thanked Parks Supervisor Riverblood for securing a donated tree and lights. Parks Supervisor Riverblood acknowledged Kinghorn Construction had identified a tree that would have been impacted by future grading and thanked Connexus for its assistance.

**7.04: Consider Entering into the Transit Taxing District and Final Approval of Master Cooperation, Funding and Delegation Agreement for the Ramsey Rail Station**

Public Works Director Olson reviewed the staff report.

Anoka County Commissioner Look announced the MTC has considered the City Council's request and agreed to provide a demonstration bus for six months if it meets suburban ridership criteria. It is the intention of the MTC to meet with the Council to work out the details and determine when the bus service will start.

Public Works Director Olson completed presentation of the staff report and answered questions of the Council relating to the taxing district. He explained that in 2014 and 2015, decertified TIF will be utilized to offset costs with the municipal center debt; however, there is a funding gap in 2013.

The Council acknowledged the train stop will spur development of The COR.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to approve the Master Cooperation Funding and Delegation Agreement for the Ramsey Rail Station waiving the lease agreement condition and to enter into the Transit Taxing District for fiscal year 2013 subject to review by the City Attorney.

Further discussion: The Council thanked those who worked with the MTC to get a demonstration bus. It was noted the rail station will tie into a transit system and the Northstar will connect to other transit systems once downtown, opening commuting opportunities to residents who work in downtown Minneapolis or St. Paul. In addition, residents will be able to get to the airport, with luggage, without the need for taxi service or paying to park a car. The Council noted it does not take it lightly to enter into a Transit Taxing District equaling \$30 a year for the average tax holder, when only 1% of the population uses the rail. However, it will save money since the City currently subsidizes bus service in the amount of \$480,000.

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

**7:05: Report from Personnel Committee – Meeting Date: December 13, 2011**

**7:05:1 Consider Resolution #11-12-XXX to Accept the Resignation of the Building Official and Address the 2012 Building Official Needs**

Human Resources Representative Lasher reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Mayor Ramsey, to ratify the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Adopt Resolution #11-12-252 Accepting the Resignation of the Building Official and Address the 2012 Building Official Needs.

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

**7:05:2 Consider Resolution #11-12-XXX to Approve a 1-year Contract with AFSCME for 2012**

Human Resources Representative Lasher reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Strommen, to ratify the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Adopt Resolution #11-12-253 Approving a 1-Year Contract with AFSCME for 2012.

Further discussion: The Council acknowledged this action will result in bargaining with all units at the same time.

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

**7:05:3 Consider Resolution #11-12-XXX to Approve 2012 Health Insurance Contributions for LELS-Patrol and LELS-Sergeants**

Human Resources Representative Lasher reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Strommen, to ratify the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Adopt Resolution #11-12-254 Approving 2012 Health Insurance Contributions for LELS-Patrol and LELS-Sergeants.

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

**7:05:4 Consider Resolution #11-12-XXX to Approve 2012 Non-union Health Insurance Contribution and 2012 Non-union Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)**

Human Resources Representative Lasher reviewed the staff report, noting the Personnel Committee's recommendation was revised to a 1% increase COLA for department heads and a 2% COLA increase for other nonunion employees.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Strommen, to ratify the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Adopt Resolution #11-12-255 Approving 2012 Non-union Health Insurance Contributions and 2012 Non-union Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA), as revised.

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

## **7:06 Consider Waiving/Not Waiving Statutory Tort Limits**

Finance Officer Lund reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember Tossey stated his intention to vote against waiving tort limits, thinking the City should be held responsible if found negligent.

City Attorney Goodrich read the League finding relating to Tort limits.

Councilmember McGlone stated his intention to vote against waiving tort limits because he believed coverage of \$1.5 million per incident is not a high enough award in some cases.

The Council discussed the tort limits, difference between publicly owned facilities (parks, swimming pools) versus privately owned property, and cost to purchase additional coverage. It was noted the Council is the fiduciary for the City's taxpayers and if the statute regulating tort limits is not supported, the statute should be addressed at the State level. City Attorney Goodrich advised that if the Council takes action tonight, that action can be reversed at a future meeting should the Council determine to purchase additional insurance coverage.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to Adopt Resolution #11-12-256 Not To Waive Statutory Tort Limits for LMCIT Liability Coverage.

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

## **7:07 Review and Adopt 2011/Payable 2012 Tax Levy and 2012 General Fund Budget**

Finance Officer Lund reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember McGlone stated his intention to oppose this action, noting his property value went down 18% in the past year, but his taxes increased.

Finance Officer Lund and City Administrator Ulrich answered questions of the Council relating to reducing the debt service on the municipal building and General Fund budget. It was noted the Council did reduce spending if not for debt service on the municipal building.

Motion by Councilmember Strommen, seconded by Mayor Ramsey, to Adopt Resolution #11-12-258 Adopting the 2011, Payable 2012 Municipal Tax Levy and Adopt Resolution #11-12-259 Adopting the 2012 City of Ramsey General Fund Operating Budget.

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

**7:08 Adopt Resolution #11-12-XXX Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of November 17, 2011 through December 7, 2011**

Councilmember McGlone questioned several items on the bill list and stated his intention to oppose this action.

City Administrator Ulrich indicated staff would provide specific information on the bill items questioned.

Motion by Mayor Ramsey, seconded by Councilmember Backous, to Adopt Resolution #11-12-260 Approving Cash Disbursements Made and Authorizing Payment of Accounts Payable Invoicing Received During the Period of November 17, 2011 through December 7, 2011.

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

**7:09 Appoint Alternate to Joint Fire Board**

City Administrator Ulrich advised of the need to appoint an alternate to the Joint Fire Board.

Motion by Councilmember Backous, seconded by Councilmember Wise, to appoint Councilmember Tossey as an alternate to the Joint Fire Board.

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

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

Staff announced upcoming meetings and events and encouraged interested residents to make application for Commission vacancies.

Mayor Ramsey announced he has taken a full-time job in North Dakota and fully intends to be present at all Council meetings and special events, as needed. He assured the public that he is dedicated to the City and will make a decision in June whether to run for re-election. He indicated his wife and family continue to reside in Ramsey.

The Council stated its support for Mayor Ramsey, noting he has set the “bar” high to be accessible to his constituents and the Council expected him to uphold his duties as Mayor. If not, the Council will deal with it at that time.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:56 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 Carla Wirth  
*TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.*