

Mayor Heitman called the regular meeting back to order at 7:48 p.m.

COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

Case #2: Adoption Of Assessments For Certain 1985 Public Improvement Projects:

A. Public Improvement Project #84-16 For Ramsey Terrace Street Surfacing:

Motion by Councilmember Sorteberg and seconded by Councilmember Cox to adopt Resolution #85-196 adopting the assessments for Ramsey Terrace streets, Project #84-16. (Please refer to resolution file for Resolution #85-196).

Further Discussion: Mayor Heitman inquired if all properties proposed to be assessed have been notified. Mr. Schnelle replied that they have.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heitman, Councilmembers Sorteberg, Cox, Reimann and Schlueter. Voting No: None.

B. Public Improvement Project #84-1 for Flintwood Hills Second Addition Sanitary Sewer, Water, Storm Sewer and Street Surfacing:

Motion by Councilmember Sorteberg and seconded by Councilmember Cox to adopt Resolution #85-197 adopting the assessments for Flintwood Hills Second Addition sanitary sewer, water storm sewer and streets, Project #84-1. (Please refer to resolution file for Resolution #85-197).

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heitman, Councilmembers Sorteberg, Cox, Reimann and Schlueter. Voting No: None.

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Case #3: Drainage Problems:

Clara Jenson - 5231 150th Lane - Gorham's Sandy Acres - Stated that she bought this home new in 1973; the pond is flooding her property; Andover pumped for their citizens; what will Ramsey do for those citizens being flooded.

Kevin Leonard - 5230 150th Lane - Gorham's Sandy Acres - Stated he bought his existing home in 1981; the water has come to within 5 yards of his home; home foundation is cracking.

Karen Osc - 7750 152nd Lane - Stated she moved into her existing home seven years ago; has water in her basement; over half of the lot is under water; water problems have increased since the installation of culvert.

Kris Bancroft - 7431 151st Avenue - Stated she moved into her new home in 1978; at 2:30 a.m. the water was up to the bottom step in the basement and now it is up to the second step; have no hot water or heat and appliances are floating; sump pump no longer works; daughter is taking 3 different medications because of health problems associated with the water; 3 month old son had to go live with grandmother because of conditions in the home; we have been before Council 3 times. At this time Ms. Bancroft submitted pictures to Council.

Karen Osc - Stated she knows it is not drainfield problems as she recently spent \$1700 redoing her septic system.

Mayor Heitman inquired as to why Ms. Bancroft did not remove valuables from basement.

Ms. Bancroft - Replied that it was difficult to save things at 2:30 a.m.

Dale Cameren - 149th Lane - Stated that he purchased his home new this past spring and it was VA approved; sump pump is running constantly; would a drainage ditch help?

Mr. Raatikka replied that a drainage ditch would help provided it was built with plenty of grade and directed towards the river.

Sandra Peterson - 7351 151st Avenue - Stated her basement is flooding; she is pumping 24 hours a day; home was built in 1972 and she purchased it in 1974.

Councilmember Cox stated that he and City Engineer Raatikka have met on this drainage problem; the area of 149th will be expensive to resolve; Gorham's Sandy Acres could be piped to the storm sewer in River's Bend; this problem is not uncommon to Ramsey.

Mr. Raatikka stated that he has made a list of problem areas; most could be relieved by pumping; the City has to be careful not to create other flooding problems when solving existing flood problems.

Mr. Goodrich stated that when the City starts moving water, it opens itself up to liability.

Mayor Heitman stated that the City should identify those plots of land now showing water problems; a so called 'moratorium' should be placed on those lots and building permits not issued unless with modifications such as no basement, modifications to the land or only with storm sewer installed.

Dale McKnight - 7421 150th Lane - Asked Mr. Raatikka to report on meeting with John Steiner of DNR.

Mr. Raatikka stated that Mr. Steiner was in Ramsey last Thursday; Mr. Steiner indicated that the water level in Ramsey was 1-1½' higher than that which DNR has documented.

Mr. McKnight - Stated that DNR has wetland maps available; Ramsey is issuing building permits in dry times; then in wet years the people have to pay to have water pumped; this is a government created problem as the City is not doing it's homework before issuing building permits.

Kris Bancroft - Stated that the pond that encroached her property is a DNR wetland; those wetlands are supposed to be for wildlife; the water on her property has attracted a domestic goose which is becoming a nuisance.

Bill Baker - 11208 Arrowhead - Noted that the Rum River is closer to 150th than the River's Bend storm sewer. Also noted that he has a model home on Magnesium; the County raised Industry Blvd.; will the City raise Magnesium to prevent flooding.

Douglas Fountain - 15255 Garnet Street - Stated that he attended a County Board meeting this morning and there was some discussion regarding the high water table and building homes in dry years. County discussed the possibility of recording in the abstracts any evidence of high water so the purchaser is aware.

Ms. Bancroft - Stated that a storm culvert was installed on 152nd; it drained down Rhinestone to 151st and into a ditch that is backing up; why wasn't this water drained to a natural low area?

Mr. Goodrich stated that even though Ramsey is a Charter city, it has a grant of power and Council has the authority to provide for the good order of the City and protection of public and private property; the City does have authority to expend general funds to resolve problems. With respect to liability, there is a possibility that the City could be held liable for not solving a problem that the City implied it would solve by undertaking a pumping project. Liability increases substantially when the City moves water; if you flood out someone else, the City will be held liable for damages. With respect to budget considerations, the Council should give Staff direction on how much pumping will be done, how much money is to be spent, and where.

Mr. Raatikka stated that Gorham's Sandy Acres and Magnesium Street could be pumped; it would be costly and take many days to accomplish; pumping requires landowner permission and DNR permits. A possible solution for the 149th area would be to pump the water across Highway #10; possibility of creating another problem because the water would have to be brought across Skelgas property which is already flooded.

Motion by Mayor Heitman and seconded by Councilmember Cox, for discussion, to direct the City Engineer to review possible candidate areas for pumping keeping in mind the liability the City can incur in altering water, i.e., to look for a short term solution that does not compound the problem; further, to report back to Council on October 11, 1985 with a plan to be implemented and approximate costs.

Further Discussion: Mr. Schnelle stated that Council should take action to get immediate relief to Gorham's Sandy Acres and Magnesium Street. Councilmember Cox stated that there are areas like Gorham's Sandy Acres which Council can take action on tonight and the City Engineer can report back to Council on October 10 regarding other recommended areas for pumping.

Mayor Heitman withdrew his motion and Councilmember Cox withdrew his second to it.

Motion by Councilmember Cox and seconded by Mayor Heitman to request that a special Council meeting be scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. at which time the City Engineer will present recommendations and their associated costs with respect to the drainage problems presented to Council this evening.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heitman, Councilmembers Sorteberg, Cox, Reimann and Schlueter. Voting No: None.

Motion by Mayor Heitman and seconded by Councilmember Reimann, for discussion, directing the City Engineer, in conjunction with the Planning and Zoning Commission, to develop a revised high water table map identifying those areas currently flooded in Ramsey.

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Further Discussion: Mr. Schnelle stated that such a map was developed in 1979. Mayor Heitman inquired to why Ramsey is having a problem today if this high water map was development; stated that he does not want to perpetuate a bad problem. Councilmember Reimann noted that Ramsey is over the 100 year flood plain now.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heitman, Councilmembers Sorteberg, Cox, Reimann and Schlueter. Voting No: None.

Mr. Schnelle inquired if there is a possibility of using City equipment to alleviate some of the water problems at the Bancroft home and any other private homes needing assistance, to be determined by the Public Works Superintendent.

Mayor Heitman stated that pumping would be a very short term solution; the water level would be back up again the following day; the City can exercise the option to satisfy the problems these people are confronted with but we should not make promises we cannot keep.

Mr. Schnelle stated that all the City would do is pump the water out of the Bancroft home so that their furnace can be lit; the Bancroft's would be responsible to continue pumping from then on.

Motion by Councilmember Cox and seconded by Mayor Heitman directing the Public Works Superintendent to pump at the Bancroft home, and any other home as deemed necessary by the Public Works Superintendent.

Further Discussion: Councilmember Reimann stated that the City will do this immediate pumping to get the water level down but the property owners will be responsible to continue pumping. Ms. Bancroft stated that she understands that the City will get the water level down and she will continue to pump from then on.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heitman, Councilmembers Sorteberg, Cox, Reimann and Schlueter. Voting No: None.

Refer to page 6 of these minutes for additional comments.

Council recessed at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Heitman called the meeting back to order at 9:05 p.m.

COUNCIL OLD BUSINESS

Case #1: Complete Unfinished Council Old Business From Council Agenda Dated September 24, 1985:

Case #1: Personnel:

Councilmember Cox stated that he doesn't feel the issue of City employees conducting private business while on duty at City Hall has been adequately covered. Councilmember Cox stated that he would like to see the City Attorney research this issue and report back to Council at their next meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Cox and seconded by Councilmember Reimann directing the City Attorney to review the following issues and report back to City Council at their meeting scheduled for October 22, 1985:

1. City employee utilization of City time for other endeavors, i.e., as it pertains to Mr. Clayton Berg and Ms. Sheila Beyer.

2. To request that Mr. Berg be present at the October 22, 1985 Council meeting to discuss this issue.

Further Discussion: Mr. Goodrich stated that he needs more direction than what is stated in the motion. Councilmember Cox stated that he wants information regarding the utilization of Staff personnel and time involved with the private endeavors of Mr. Berg and Ms. Beyer; more information regarding VA inspections. Councilmember Cox stated that Council did receive a letter indicating that no Staff time was used for personal matters and this issue should be reviewed by someone other than payrolled Staff in order to come up with a factual presentation. Mr. Goodrich inquired if he should talk to Staff members about this issue. Councilmember Cox replied that Mr. Goodrich should talk to Staff. Mr. Goodrich asked Councilmember Cox if he would see a problem with individuals not wanting to offer information. Councilmember Cox replied that he would not see it as a problem; those persons have that right. Councilmember Cox stated that he can provide Mr. Goodrich with a list of persons he should talk to. Councilmember Cox also noted that if Mr. Goodrich sees a legal problem, he should report that back to Council on October 22.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Heitman, Councilmembers Sorteberg, Cox, Reimann and Schlueter. Voting No: None.

Refer to page 12 for further comments on this issue.

COUNCIL OLD BUSINESS

Case #3: Drainage Problems (Continued):

Council noted that all areas designated in Staff memo dated October 7 regarding drainage problems will be addressed in City Engineer's report to Council on October 10, 1985.

Glen Zettervall - 7601 163rd Lane - Inquired if his property is on the list of drainage problem areas to be addressed and stated that the water has been an ongoing problem for him since April.

Council informed Mr. Zettervall that his property is on the list of drainage problem areas.

Case #1: Complete Unfinished Council Old Business From Council Agenda Dated September 24, 1985: (Continued)

Case #2: Airport:

A. Council Endorsement Of Airport Master Plan:

Airport Commission Chairman Ippel was present and reviewed the proposed resolution with Council. Mr. Ippel stated that the resolution simply notifies FAA, Mn/DoT and Metro Council that the plan is Ramsey's Master Plan and the one Ramsey will be pursuing in ensuing studies; it obligates Ramsey to no further cost or expenditures at this time.