

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
May 1, 2007

A special meeting of the City Council was called to order in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building at 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 1, 2007, all members of the Council having been duly notified of the meeting and the business to be transacted.

Present: Mayor Larry G. Buboltz; City Attorney William Briggs; City Administrator Richard Grabow; Assistant City Administrator Lynne Krieger; Finance Officer Louis Krieger; Community Development Director Larry Remmen and Public Works Director Brad Green.

Aldermen: Anderson, Aune, Brenk, Hannon, Heltemes, Imholte, Tollefson, Tucker and Zeman.

Others

Present: Township Officials: John Tigges; Hubert DeMartelaere; Eugene Pavelko and Don Skarie.

Mayor Buboltz advised the Council that the Selection Committee reviewed two proposals for an Executive Search Consultant. Upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the Selection Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Hannon, seconded by Alderman Brenk to accept the proposal of the Brimeyer Group, Inc., Hopkins, Minnesota, in the amount of \$16,500.00 plus expenses, for consulting services in the selection of a City Administrator. A motion was made by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Imholte and carried, without a dissenting vote, to amend the motion by appropriating 50% of the funds from General Fund surpluses and request the Public Utilities Commission to appropriate the balance from the Public Utilities Fund. Mayor Buboltz then called the question on the amended motion and it carried unanimously.

At 5:02 P.M., Mayor Buboltz called to order a joint informational meeting with the Detroit Township Board concerning a proposal for orderly annexation of the Richwood/Tower Road Area. Mayor Buboltz and Detroit Township Board Chair Eugene Pavelko acted as co-chairpersons of the informational meeting.

Detroit Lakes Community Development Director Larry Remmen reviewed the proposal for the Richwood /Tower Road area orderly annexation. He reported that public notice of the informational hearing had been given as provided by law, identified the area proposed for orderly annexation and presented a drawing depicting the area proposed for orderly annexation and noted that it is contiguous with the present City boundary.

Mr. Remmen presented the history of requests to the City for extension of municipal services to the area. He summarized the City's responses to the requests and

the results of the City's engineering review. He reported that the City expects that it can provide municipal services to the area and presented information concerning potential costs and assessments to provide those services. Mr. Remmen reported that the City has received a petition for annexation signed by 52% of the property owners within the area proposed for orderly annexation.

Persons attending the meeting were invited to ask questions about the proposed orderly annexation. After questions by David Pratt, representing Arvig Communication Systems and Tom Mack, the informational meeting was opened for comments. Community Development Director Larry Remmen read into the record a letter from Scott Kahan, Wetland District Manager, expressing concerns about indirect impacts to the wetlands and Mr. Kahan's request that the City's Planning Commission consider the present value of these lands to wildlife and people and only permit development that takes steps to compliment the natural resource values. Jeff Leighton, representing KDLM radio, spoke in favor of the annexation and noted the problems his property has suffered from poor drinking water and poor sewage treatment. There being no further questions or comments, the informational meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m. Mayor Buboltz adjourned the City Council meeting at 5:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Krieger
Asst. City Administrator