

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2007 – 5:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Regular Meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council was held on Monday, January 22, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

**CALL OF ROLL:** On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Mayor Jim Millis, Councilmembers: Dan Erkkila, Larry Schlauderaff, Dale Adams and Gary McInerney.

**Others Present:** Interim City Administrator Greg Andrews, City Attorney Chad Sterle, and City staff: Jeff Davies, Janet Coy, Marilyn Isaac, Shirley Miller, Dale Rosier, Leigh Serfling, Matt Romanik, Tom Pagel, Bob Cahill, Lynn DeGrio.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** None.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** Councilman Erkkila noted that he would be attending the upcoming RAMS meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MCINERNEY, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2006 AT 3:30 AND 5:00 AS PRESENTED. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCINERNEY, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1-7 AS PRESENTED:**

1. Award bid for a new ice resurfacer at the IRA Civic Center.
2. Approve purchase of computer equipment as approved in the 2007 budget and CIP for the Information Technology Department.
3. Adopt Resolution 07-05, 07-06 and 07-07 recognizing the service to the City of past Grand Rapids Mayor Susan Zeige, and past Councilmembers Robert (Skip) Drake, and Charles (Todd) Driscoll.
4. Approve Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit to National Wild Turkey Federation – North County Spurs Chapter for raffles. Date of event March 9, 2007 at Sawmill Inn.

5. Approve Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit to Itasca Community College Foundation for raffles. Date of event: February 23, 2007 at Reif Center.

6. Approve Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit to Itasca Community College Foundation for raffles. Date of event: February 24, 2007 at Reif Center.

7. Approve Lawful Gambling LG220 Application for Exempt Permit to CAP Baker Lions Club for raffles. Date of event: May 4, 2007.

**SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA:** The Regular agenda was approved with the addition of 22A and 22B.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT:**

8. Fire Department – Dale Rosier, Fire Chief

Dale Rosier, Fire Chief, introduced departmental personnel and highlighted 2006 departmental activities. The full report is on file in the Administration for public review.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:**

9. Consider rescinding ordinance 06-11-08 establishing public use zoning on SW/NE Section 22.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCINERNEY, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 07-01-02 - AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 06-11-08 WHICH PREVIOUSLY AMENDED THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP THROUGH THE REZONING OF THE *SE NE LESS S 268.71' of E 483.42', SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 55 NORTH, RANGE 25 WEST* FROM R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO PU (PUBLIC USE). The following voted in favor thereof: Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, McInerney, Millis. Opposed: None, whereby the ordinance was declared duly passed and adopted.**

10. Consider approval of the preliminary plat of Pokegama Fairways.

Mayor Millis asked that this item be postponed for further discussions as it relates:

- to the sale of property
- where do monies go if property sold – Golf Course/General Fund?
- would like input from community

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AS IT RELATES TO:**

- to the sale of property
- where do monies go if property sold – Golf Course/General Fund?

- community input

The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

#### **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

11. Consider approving Master Engineering Agreement between the City of Grand Rapids and Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, TO APPROVE THE MASTER ENGINEERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AND SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON, INC., AGREEMENT TO END 12-31-09. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

12. Review Notice of Intent & Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan related to Storm Water Permitting with MPCA.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCINERNEY, TO SUBMIT THE NOTICE OF INTENT AND STORM WATER POLLUTION PLAN TO THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

13. Adopt resolution Ordering Project and Plans & Specifications for CP 2006-1, Grussendorf Trail.

Tom Pagel provided background information noting a neighborhood meeting was conducted on December 7, 2006 to present information relative to the project. At that meeting some of the residents wanted the City to consider an alternative trail route and inquired if the trail could be reduced in width from 10 feet to 8 feet. City officials contacted all property owners and requested their response on whether they were in favor of the alternative route and if they would be willing to grant the City an easement at no cost to the City. Of the eight property owners, two were not in favor, and five did not respond. Because of this input staff is recommending the construction of the trail in its preferred location. Mr. Pagel also stated the trail width could be reduced from 10 to 8 feet, however the trail would need to be shifted away from the back of the curb & gutter, leaving a two foot wide strip of grass between the trail and curb & gutter. Staff is also recommending keeping the trail 10 feet in width to eliminate a 2 foot wide strip of grass.

Scott Sarkella and Greg Freemont, area residents, spoke to the Council voicing their objection to the trail.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ORDERING PROJECT AND**

**PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CP 2006-1, GRUSSENDORF TRAIL. The following roll call vote was taken: Aye: Adams, Schlauderaff. Nay: Erkkila, McInerney, Millis. Motion fails.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

14. Consider authorizing the Police Department to sell two City vehicles to Hibbing Community College.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MCINERNEY, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SELL TWO VEHICLES TO HIBBING COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS:**

- **AN OUTRIGHT SALE OF A 1997 DODGE INTREPID FOR 2500.00**
- **SALE OF A 1999 FORD CROWN VICTORIA FOR 2000.00 – HALF OF WHICH THE CITY WOULD RECEIVE IN PAYMENT AND HALF TO BE HELD IN A TRAINING ACCOUNT.**

**The following roll call vote was taken: Aye: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Nay: None, motion passed unanimously.**

15. Consider authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the School Liaison Officer Agreement for the 2006-2007 school year.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER AGREEMENT FOR THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Miller, Nay: None, motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

16. Consider proceeding with the implementation of the proposed parking changes as outlined in the December 18, 2006 Central Business District (CBD) Parking Plan prepared by the Central Business District Association Parking Task Force.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MCINERNEY, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES AS OUTLINED IN THE DECEMBER 18, 2006, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING PLAN. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

17. Consider reclassifying temporary employees.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, TO APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES WHO DO NOT HAVE AN EXPECTED ENDING DATE AND MAY EXCEED 67 WORKING DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR FROM “TEMPORARY” TO “PART-TIME/INTERMITTENT AS PRESENTED. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Zeige. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

18. Consider approving policy on Police Department employee gun purchase.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, TO ADOPT THE GUN PURCHASING POLICY AS PRESENTED. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

19. Consider changes to the Council By-Laws as presented.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, TO POSTPONE CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL BY-LAWS UNTIL COUNCIL HAS HAD TIME TO REVIEW. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

20. Consider accepting the resignation of Nancy Nelson from the Human Rights Commission effective immediately.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCINERNEY, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF NANCY NELSON FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IMMEDIATELY. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

21. Consider approving the list of finalists for the City Administrator position and direct Sharon Klumpp of Springsted, Inc. to inform the candidates of their status.

The Council set January 23, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. to continue discussions .

22. Consider authorizing staff to begin process of hiring new Police Officer.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, SECOND BY ERKKILA, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO BEGIN PROCESS OF HIRING NEW POLICE OFFICER. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

22A. Consider approving the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local No. 49 (Public Works) Collective Bargaining Agreement and authorize the appropriate signatures on the contract.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MCINERNEY, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, TO APPROVE THE UNION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AND IUOE LOCAL 49 (PUBLIC WORKS), AND AUTHORITY THE APPROPRIATE SIGNATURES. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

22B. Set special meeting on Friday, January 26, 2007 to continue discussions relative to target development agreement.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MCINERNEY, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, TO SET A SPECIAL MEETING FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2007 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS RELATIVE TO TARGET DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

#### **VERIFIED CLAIMS:**

23. Approve verified claims for the period December 30, 2006 through January 12, 2007, in the total amount of \$3,331,983.43, of which \$400,000 are investments.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN ADAMS, TO APPROVE THE VERIFIED CLAIMS AS PRESENTED:**

ASV, INC.	56.51	THE DAMA COMPANY	123.54
ACHESON TIRE COMPANY INC	96.63	DATA COMPUTER PRODUCTS	496.65
AMERICAN BANK	400,000.00	DAVIS PETROLEUM INC	2,270.47
AMERIPRIDE LINEN & APPAREL	45.84	JAMES DENNY	650.00
ANDERSON GLASS	160.91	TIM DORHOLT	650.00
ARROW EMBROIDERY	564.00	DULUTH CLINIC	309.60
ARROWHEAD CONS SERVICE	8.37	DUSTCOATING INC	3,607.16
ARROWHEAD HUMAN RESOURCES	30.00	EARL F. ANDERSEN & ASSOC	564.40
ARROWHEAD REGIONAL FIRE FIGHTER	60.00	EARTHGRAINS -FERGUS FALLS	82.37
ASPEN EQUIPMENT COMPANY	145.86	FERRELLGAS	2,367.22
AUTO VALUE -GRAND RAPIDS	520.12	FLAHERTY & HOOD	567.93
BARBARA BAIRD	78.00	GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	593.88
EUGENE BENNETT	650.00	GENERAL PET SUPPLY	25.00
LMC INS TRUST	84,943.00	WILBERT GIESE	650.00
BILL BLOCK	650.00	MATTHEW GOOKINS	650.00
BNY MIDWEST TRUST CO	108,072.50	GRAND ITASCA CLINIC	121.45
BRENT BRADLEY	650.00	CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS	240.00
BRINK SAND AND GRAVEL	111.19	GRAND RAPIDS CITY PAYROLL	328,313.67
BURGGRAF'S ACE HARDWARE INC	117.98	GRAND RAPIDS NEWSPAPERS INC	37.63
CARGILL INCORPORATED	6,610.57	HEIMAN INC	2,027.20
CELLULAR ONE	101.70	HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY	1,622.00
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	30.00	HOLIDAY INN RIVER CENTRE	132.56
COALITION MN CITIES	10,946.00	GREGORY HOPKINS	650.00
COLE HARDWARE INC	302.78	IKON OFFICE SOLUTION	143.73
CONNECTING POINT TECH	377.14	INDUSTRIAL LUBRICANT CO	1,983.37
CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT	461.71	IT COUNTY AUDITOR/TREAS.	2,000.00

ITASCA COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	20.00	PEPSI-COLA	1,992.25
ITASCA COUNTY TREASURER	3,860.39	PERSONNEL DYNAMICS, LLC	108.00
BRIAN N. JOHNSON	650.00	PORTABLE JOHN	370.64
KERNEL CONCESSION SUPPLY	841.84	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	5,813.44
L&M SUPPLY	11.37	P.U.C.	12,628.18
LAB SAFETY SUPPLY INC	186.69	QUILL CORPORATION	442.42
LAKE COUNTRY POWER	42.38	QWEST	402.84
LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	6,375.00	RAMS	950.00
LEAGUE OF MN INS TRUST	1,100.00	RAPIDS AUTO WASH	28.00
LEEF SERVICE	52.56	RAPIDS BODY SHOP	479.25
LET'S PLAY HOCKEY/SOFTBALL	554.40	RAPIDS ELECTRIC INC	740.39
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT INC	1,227.86	RAPIDS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	389.00
MADDEN'S DUTCH ROOM &	107.38	RAPIDS WELDING SUPPLY	19.04
MAREK HEATING & COOLING	95.00	RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING CO	61.95
MID-AM RESEARCH CHEMICAL	503.38	REESE RUBBER STAMP COMPANY	34.50
JAMES MILLIS	191.58	REGENCE BC BS	132.00
MINNESOTA DEPT OF ADMN	75.00	MICHELLE ROSS	650.00
MN BUREAU OF CRIMINAL	390.00	RURAL CELLULAR CORPORATION	143.92
MN STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	235.00	SEH-RCM	10,648.18
MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	198.52	SAMMY'S PIZZA	264.83
MN ICE ARENA MANAGERS	125.00	SANDSTROM COMPANY INC	3,087.54
MN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSOC	400.00	SUE LEHTO	120.91
LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES	20.00	SAWMILL INN	200.39
MN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INS	80,087.92	FRANK SCHERF	650.00
MINNESOTA REC & PARK ASSOC	225.00	SHEFFIELD'S UPHOLSTERY	75.00
MN STATE TREAS/BLDG INSP	2,125.32	SIMPLEX GRINNELL LP	793.92
MINNESOTA TORO	54.37	SIM SUPPLY INC	393.03
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	250.00	SW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	136.85
MINUTEMAN PRESS	122.30	STEIN SIGNS	225.00
ANDY MORGAN	650.00	STOKES PRINTING COMPANY	144.60
MORNES CONSTRUCTION	369.48	SUPERAMERICA 4758	133.04
MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION	681.60	SUPERIOR USA BENEFITS CORP	507.00
NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FNDTN	15.00	TREASURE BAY PRINTING INC	249.80
NORD AUTO PARTS	88.00	TRUSTMARK VOLUNTARY BENEFIT	829.28
NORTHERN 2-WAY SERVICE LLC	120.00	U S BANK	1,797,498.76
NORTHERN BUSINESS PROD INC	90.26	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	208.20
NORTHERN LIGHTS TRUCK	739.59	UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	39.00
NORTHLAND MACHINES	54.05	UPPER LAKE FOODS INC	828.18
NORTHLAND HYDRAULIC SERV	499.34	STEPHEN VALLEY	650.00
NORTHSTAR CABINETS &	165.48	VISA	2,028.84
NORVEND INC	93.00	VISIT GRAND RAPIDS	11,077.65
NUCH'S IN THE CORNER	104.91	WASTE MANAGEMENT	981.66
OAKDALE COMMUNICATIONS	203.73	WELLS FARGO BANK MN, N.A.	381,460.00
OCCUPATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	326.25	WESTERN MESABI MINE	200.00
OFFICE DEPOT	254.73	RYAN WHITING	845.05
OGLE'S FAMILY FOOD-IGA	206.83	WILSON DEVELOPMENT SERV	1,259.75
OPERATING ENG LOCAL #49	19,600.00		

**The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.**

**RECESS:**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ERKKILA, SECOND BY COUNCILMAN SCHLAUDERAFF, TO RECESS THE REGULAR MEETING UNTIL JANUARY 23, 2007 AT 2:00 P.M. TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION. The following voted in favor thereof: McInerney, Adams, Erkkila, Schlauderaff, Millis. Opposed: None, therefore the meeting was adjourned until 2:00 p.m. January 23, 2007.**

Respectfully submitted:

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Karen Alto, Interim City Clerk