

ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., Mayor Kreft presiding.

Members present: Mayor Kreft, Griep, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan

Members absent: None

Also present: Administrator Jaunich, Attorney Arneson, Engineer Joel Hawbaker, Bruce Pinske, Avery Grochow, Paul Wiemann, PZ Adm. Smith-Strack, Bill Paulsen, Rick Rose, Matthew Carney, Ryan Herrmann, Paul Christensen and Paul Moe of PeopleServices

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Griep, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda with the following changes/additions:

11.1) Approve Liquor License for the Arlington Dugout (formerly Neisen's)

11.2) Approve/Transfer Dance Permit for the Arlington Dugout (formerly Neisen's)

16.5) Discussion on Sportsman's Park Survey.

Mayor Kreft explained that the City is trying to clean up (determine) its southern boundary line and has been working with Seneca Foods to do so. Attorney Arneson spoke on the original legal description that was used to establish the city boundaries and the discrepancies therein. City Engineer Hawbaker and Avery Grochow from Sibley Surveyors (on behalf of Seneca Foods) were present to discuss what options were available to the City for correcting the boundary issue. It was agreed that there were two defined property points (corner points from adjoining properties) that could be connected thereby creating the southern boundary. Lengthy discussion was held.

A proposal from Seneca Foods for a conceptual southern boundary (along the service road behind Seneca Foods) was reviewed. Mayor Kreft stated that the Council could accept Seneca's proposal, which was to follow the service road and annex everything north of it (splitting Seneca's property) or annex all of Seneca's property and use the quarter section line as the conceptual southern boundary line. PZ Adm. Smith-Strack discussed the pros and cons of both concepts. Brief discussion was held on the Orderly Annexation Area, Urban Reserve District and zoning control within both. Lengthy discussion was held.

Motion by Vrklan, and seconded by Griep, and carried (Pederson and Pichelmann opposed) to accept City Staff's recommendation to approve a resolution at a future Council meeting to annex all of Seneca Foods' property into city limits (as a non-petitioning parcel) and use the quarter section line as the conceptual southern boundary line.

Motion by Griep, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A) Approval of the April 6th Regular Meeting Minutes
- B) Approval of the Bills
- C) Approve the hiring of Matt Scharpe to the Ambulance Department
- D) Approve the hiring of Robert Lueth as Assistant Ambulance Manager
- E) Approval of Police Department license renewal for Bruce Rovinsky, Tony Padilla, Elijah Schewe, Charles Selchow and Paul Stelter for \$315
- F) Approve the Bid from Trocke Construction in the amount of \$3,450 for curb/catch basin repairs

It was noted that there were no public hearings scheduled.

Bill Paulsen introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. He stated that he was considering running for the State Senate, District No. 25 and was present to observe/learn about Arlington. It was noted that there were no other citizens present to address the Council on non-agenda items.

The following announcements were reviewed:

- 1) Spring Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 25th from 8 am to 1 pm in the Municipal Parking Lot
- 2) Town Hall Meeting with State Senator Kevin Dahle – Saturday, May 2nd at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers
- 3) Residential solid waste collection will resume in alleys next week.

The Council reviewed the following communications:

- 1) March Financial Reports
- 2) “Open Book Meeting” results and the 2008 Property Sales Report
- 3) EDA Activity Report.

Ryan Herrmann and Matthew Carney introduced themselves as the new owners of the Arlington Dugout, f/k/a Neisen’s Bar and presented their applications for an On Sale & Off Sale Liquor License and Dance Permit. Adm. Jaunich commented that they had filled out the application for the Dance Permit, but it was more for the purpose of transferring the permit issued to Neisen to the Arlington Dugout. He noted that they were keeping the security plan the same and had presented a Certificate of Liability Insurance with their application.

Motion by Griep, seconded by Pichelmann, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the On Sale (\$1,300) and Off Sale (\$100) Liquor Licenses for the Arlington Dugout.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the transfer of the Dance Permit from Neisen’s Bar to the Arlington Dugout with the condition that the security plan is verified by the Police Chief.

Engineer Hawbaker presented the plans and specs related to the 2009 Street and Utility Improvement project. It was noted that the preliminary construction cost estimate was \$713,743 and with the revisions that were made the estimated construction cost were at \$760,960. Hawbaker explained what changes had been made after the public hearing. It was also noted that the estimated total overall project costs were \$926,438, however taking off contingencies put them at \$897,930. Hawbaker explained what the difference was between construction costs and project costs. He stated that the bid opening date was set for May 18th at 10:00 am.

Councilmember Pederson introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2009

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING
AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution passed by the City Council on March 2, 2009, the city engineer (Bolton & Menk) has prepared plans and specifications for an improvement titled “2009 Street & Utility Improvements” which included the improvement of Circle Lane from 4th Avenue SE to the end of Circle Lane on the east, along with Horseshoe Drive from Freedom Drive to the end of Horseshoe Drive on the south, and has presented such plans and specifications to the council for approval;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA:

1. Such plans and specifications, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and are hereby approved.
2. The City Engineer shall prepare and cause to be inserted in the official paper and in the *Construction Bulletin* or similar trade magazine, an advertisement for bids upon the making of such improvement under such approved plans and specifications. The advertisement shall be published for two weeks, shall specify the work to be done, shall state that bids will be received by the City Administrator until 10:00 a.m. on May 18, 2009, at which time they will be publicly opened in the council chambers of the community center by the City Administrator and Engineer, will then be tabulated, and will be considered by the Council at 6:30 p.m. on May 18, 2009, in the council chambers of the community center. Any bidder whose responsibility is questioned

during consideration of the bid will be given an opportunity to address the council on the issue of responsibility. No bids will be considered unless sealed and filed with the City Administrator and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond or certified check payable to the City Administrator for five (5) percent of the amount of such bid.

3. The City Administrator shall work with the City Engineer on a specific bid date deadline if the dates selected in bullet #2 do not work.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Reetz and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Griep, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 20th day of April, 2009.

Signed: /s/ James R. Kreft Attested: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
Mayor City Administrator

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Mayor whose signature was attested by the City Administrator.

Engineer Hawbaker presented the plans and specifications related to the 2009 Parking Lot Improvement project. Adm. Jaunich noted that this project will not affect the tax levy as it will be paid for with TIF funds. It was noted that the estimated construction costs were \$54,410 and estimated total overall costs were \$64,204.

Councilmember Vrklan introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2009

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution passed by the City Council on March 16, 2009, the city engineer (Bolton & Menk) has prepared plans and specifications for an improvement titled "2009 Parking Lot Improvements" which included the improvement of the public parking lot on Main Street (west of Reetz Floral); such an improvement would convert the existing gravel parking lot into a bituminous (paved) parking lot. The improvement also includes the upgrade of the alley to the north of the property with storm sewer and an alley reconstruct, and has presented such plans and specifications to the council for approval;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA:

1. Such plans and specifications, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and are hereby approved.
2. The City Engineer shall prepare and cause to be inserted in the official paper and in the *Construction Bulletin or similar trade magazine*, an advertisement for bids upon the making of such improvement under such approved plans and specifications. The advertisement shall be published for two weeks, shall specify the work to be done, shall state that bids will be received by the City Administrator until 10:30 a.m. on May 18, 2009, at which time they will be publicly opened in the council chambers of the community center by the City Administrator and Engineer, will then be tabulated, and will be considered by the Council at 6:30 p.m. on May 18, 2009, in the council chambers of the community center. Any bidder whose responsibility is questioned during consideration of the bid will be given an opportunity to address the council on the issue of responsibility. No bids will be considered unless sealed and filed with the City Administrator and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond or certified check payable to the City Administrator for five (5) percent of the amount of such bid.
3. The City Administrator shall work with the City Engineer on a specific bid date deadline if the dates selected in bullet #2 do not work.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Pichelmann and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Griep, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan; and the

following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 20th day of April, 2009.

Signed: /s/ James R. Kreft Attested: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
Mayor City Administrator

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Mayor whose signature was attested by the City Administrator.

Discussion was held on the Sportsman's Park survey that had just been completed by Bolton & Menk, which included an aerial view. Adm. Jaunich noted that there was a discrepancy with the legal description. Attorney Arneson commented on how the description can be fixed.

Paul Christensen and Paul Moe of PeopleServices presented the annual report on the water and wastewater departments to the Council. Moe reviewed the monthly water/wastewater report in detail. Griep commented that there is an odor problem in his neighborhood again (Meadowlark Lane) like there was a few years back. PeopleService will check into it to make sure things are still working as they are supposed to be. Christensen summarized the accomplishments made in the past year and highlighted what they are hopeful to accomplish in the future for both water and wastewater.

The Council reviewed the Inflow and Infiltration Investigation and Elimination Plan that had been prepared by PeopleService. Paul Christensen explained what the purpose of the document was and highlighted the main points within the plan. He stated that the A-GI WW Committee had reviewed it.

Motion by Griep, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to implement an Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) Plan. *See attached.*

The second reading of Ordinance No. 240 – An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance 117, 136, and 138 Relating to Management of Flood Plains Within the City of Arlington, was held. It was noted that there were no changes made after the first reading and the Planning & Zoning Committee was recommending its approval.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Pichelmann, and passed by unanimous vote to approve Ordinance No. 240 – An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance 117, 136, and 138 Relating to Management of Flood Plains Within the City of Arlington, as follows:

Ordinance No. 240

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 117, 136, AND 138 RELATING TO MANAGEMENT OF FLOOD PLAINS WITHIN THE CITY OF ARLINGTON

SECTION 1.0 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION, FINDINGS OF FACT AND PURPOSE

SECTION 2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 3.0 CONFLICT WITH PRE-EXISTING ZONING REGULATIONS AND GENERAL COMPLIANCE

SECTION 4.0 PERMITTED USES, STANDARDS, AND FLOOD PLAIN EVALUATION CRITERIA

SECTION 5.0 UTILITIES, RAILROADS, ROADS AND BRIDGES IN THE FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICT

SECTION 6.0 SUBDIVISIONS

SECTION 7.0 ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 8.0 VARIANCES

SECTION 9.0 NONCONFORMITIES

SECTION 10.0 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

SECTION 11.0 AMENDMENTS

SECTION 12.0 TRAVEL TRAILERS AND TRAVEL VEHICLES

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication, as required by law and/or charter.

See attached for complete document.

For City of Arlington

/s/ James R. Kreft
By James R. Kreft
It's Mayor

/s/ Matthew Jaunich
By Matthew Jaunich
It's City Administrator

The second reading of Ordinance No. 241 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 169, The Arlington Zoning Ordinance by Repealing Existing Standards Relating to Signage and Replacing Them With Section 13.5, was held. It was noted that there were not changes after the first reading and that the Planning & Zoning Committee was recommending its approval.

Motion by Vrklan, seconded by Griep, and passed by unanimous vote to approve Ordinance No. 241 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 169, The Arlington Zoning Ordinance by Repealing Existing Standards Relating to Signage and Replacing Them With Section 13.5, as follows:

Ordinance No. 241

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 169, THE ARLINGTON ZONING ORDINANCE BY REPEALING EXISTING STANDARDS RELATING TO SIGNAGE AND REPLACING THEM WITH SECTION 13.5

SECTION ONE:

The City Council of the City of Arlington, Minnesota to promote the public safety, health, and welfare, hereby ordains Ordinance 169 shall be amended by adding Section 13.5 as follows:

- SUBDIVISION 1. FINDINGS.*
- SUBDIVISION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT.*
- SUBDIVISION 3. EFFECT.*
- SUBDIVISION 4. DEFINITIONS.*
- SUBDIVISION 5. PERMIT/FEE REQUIRED.*
- SUBDIVISION 6. EXCEPTIONS.*
- SUBDIVISION 7. GENERAL PROVISIONS.*
- SUBDIVISION 8. PERMITTED SIGNS BY ZONING DISTRICT.*
- SUBDIVISION 9. NON-CONFORMING SIGNS.*
- SUBDIVISION 10. VIOLATION/PENALTY.*
- SUBDIVISION 11. SEVERABILITY.*
- SUBDIVISION 12. SUBSTITUTION.*
- SUBDIVISION 13. REPEALER.*

SECTION TWO: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Section shall be effective upon publication.

See attached for complete document.

For City of Arlington

/s/ James R. Kreft
By James R. Kreft
It's Mayor

/s/ Matthew Jaunich
By Matthew Jaunich
It's City Administrator

Councilmember Griep introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2009

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ORDINANCE 240, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCES 117, 136, AND 138 RELATING TO MANAGEMENT OF FLOOD PLAINS WITHIN THE CITY OF ARLINGTON AND AUTHORIZING SUMMARY PUBLICATION THEREOF

WHEREAS, the City of placed Ordinances 117, 136, and 138 into effect several years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has instructed the City that an update of Ordinances 117, 136, and 138 regarding flood plain management is in order; and

WHEREAS, an Ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinances 117, 136, and 138 has been developed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinances 117, 136, and 138 is Ordinance 240, entitled “An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinances 117, 136, and 138 Relating to Management of Flood Plains Within the City of Arlington”; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Planning Commission and City Council have reviewed and studied proposed Ordinance 240; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was properly noticed and held on March 5, 2009 by the City of Arlington Planning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission approved a resolution recommending the City Council approve Ordinance 240; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council held first reading of Ordinance 240 on April 6, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council held second reading and approved Ordinance 240 on April 20, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined the publication of the title and a summary of Ordinance 240 would clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of Ordinance 240; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the publication of the title and summary, the Council has read and approved the text of the summary and determined that it clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Arlington hereby approves Ordinance 240; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator shall cause a summary of Ordinance No. 240 to be published in the City’s official newspaper at the earliest practicable date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the summary publication shall read as follows:

“On April 20, 2009 the City Council of the City of Arlington approved Ordinance 240, entitled, ‘ An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinances 117, 136, and 138 Relating to Management of Flood Plains Within the City of Arlington’ The Ordinance in its entirety is available for review and/or photocopying during regular office hours at the City of Arlington, 204 Shamrock Lane, Arlington, Minnesota 55307. The Ordinance provides the management of floodplains within the City of Arlington and is based on a model created by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.”

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Reetz and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Griep, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 20th day of April, 2009.

Signed: /s/ James R. Kreft Attested: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
Mayor City Administrator

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Mayor whose signature was attested by the City Administrator.

Councilmember Vrklan introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2009

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ORDINANCE 241, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 169, THE ARLINGTON ZONING ORDINANCE BY REPEALING EXISTING STANDARDS RELATING TO SIGNAGE AND REPLACING THEM WITH SECTION 13.5 AND PROVIDING FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City of placed Ordinance 169 into effect several years ago; and

WHEREAS, an Ordinance repealing existing standards relating to signage and replacing them with Section 13.5 of Ordinance 169 has been developed; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Planning Commission and City Council have reviewed and studied proposed Ordinance 241; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was properly noticed and held on March 5, 2009 by the City of Arlington Planning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission approved a resolution recommending the City Council approve Ordinance 241; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council held first reading of Ordinance 241 on April 6, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council held second reading and approved Ordinance 241 on April 20, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined the publication of the title and a summary of Ordinance 241 would clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of Ordinance 241; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the publication of the title and summary, the Council has read and approved the text of the summary and determined that it clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Arlington hereby approves Ordinance 241;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator shall cause a summary of Ordinance No. 241 to be published in the City's official newspaper at the earliest practicable date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the summary publication shall read as follows:

“On April 20, 2009 the City Council of the City of Arlington approved Ordinance 241, entitled, ‘An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 169, the Arlington Zoning Ordinance by Repealing Existing Standards relating to Signage and Replacing them with Section 13.5.’ The Ordinance in its entirety is available for review and/or photocopying during regular office hours at the City of Arlington, 204 Shamrock Drive, Arlington, Minnesota 55307. The Ordinance regulates the number, location, size, type, illumination, and other physical characteristics of signs within the city in order to promote the public health, safety, and welfare. The Ordinance provides for an effective means of communication, consistent with constitutional guarantees and the city's goals of public safety and aesthetics. The Ordinance also provides for fair and consistent enforcement of sign regulations under the zoning authority of the city.”

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Pichelmann and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Griep, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 20th day of April, 2009.

Signed: /s/ James R. Kreft Attested: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
Mayor City Administrator

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Mayor whose signature was attested by the City Administrator.

Councilmember Pichelmann introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2009

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION AND DESIGNATING ITS USE

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington may accept a gift of real or personal property, including money, and use it in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor; and

WHEREAS, the City may not, however, accept or use gifts for religious or sectarian purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington has received a donation of \$25 from the Arlington Conqueror's 4-H Club for City Parks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Arlington that the City accepts the donation in full and designates its use to be placed in the General Fund for Park & Recreation use.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Griep and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Griep, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 20th day of April, 2009.

Signed: /s/ James R. Kreft Attested: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
Mayor City Administrator

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Mayor whose signature was attested by the City Administrator.

The Council reviewed the City's Workers' Compensation Coverage. It was noted that the current plan does not cover elected officials, Boards/Committees or volunteers (other than emergency services) and that the deductible was at \$1,000. Adm. Jaunich recommended approving the plan as it was presented (no changes).

Motion by Reetz, seconded Vrklan, and passed by unanimous vote to renew the City's Workers' Compensation package as presented.

Adm. Jaunich commented that the City had received a few phone complaints last year regarding garbage collectors and their starting times (5:00-5:30 am). He noted that the ordinance allows the City to set times as it sees fit. He recommended a start time of 6:00 am and end time of 10:00 pm.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Vrklan, and passed by unanimous vote to set the "Tim of Day" standards for garbage collection to be from 6 am to 10 pm during the week.

Considerable discussion was held on increasing the electric rates. Adm. Jaunich presented a rate study that MMPA had done in 2007. He also reviewed the current rate (user and base) schedule, along with a new proposed rate billing schedule, which included a loss adjustment rate and distribution rate. It was agreed that the Utility Committee should meet to discuss the rates.

Adm. Jaunich presented a report that he had put together regarding city staff overtime. He commented on a few options that were available to the City for reducing overtime. It was the consensus to leave the current overtime policy in place, but Adm. Jaunich is to enforce the policy more strictly.

Reetz gave an update on the Planning & Zoning Committee. He noted that they are researching/discussing Urban Beekeeping.

Pederson stated that the Trails Committee had taken a tour of the eastern portion of the county to review proposed trail sites. He commented that donations from various businesses have been acquired.

Vrklan commented that the EDA has been reviewing its policies. Reetz commented on an anonymous letter that each Councilmember received about the EDA.

Reetz commented that he would like to address the issue of the bad sidewalks at the Arlington Liquors and Y-Not Plumbing & Heating on a future agenda.

Adm. Jaunich reminded the Council of the upcoming pre-construction (contractors) meeting for the wastewater treatment facility.

Brief discussion was held on the light fixtures being replaced and what should be done with them. It was agreed to put this on the next regular agenda as an action item.

Mayor Kreft recessed the regular meeting to hold a closed meeting.

Mayor Kreft called to order the closed meeting at 9:25 pm.

Mayor Kreft stated that the purpose of the closed meeting was to consider an offer or to develop a counteroffer for the purchase of real property. Adm. Jaunich stated that he and Mayor Kreft had met with the property owner about the parcel the City was interested in purchasing for the wind turbine. It was noted that the property owner was still concerned about their property value once the wind generator would go up. Adm. Jaunich stated that the property owner did agree to meet half way between their asking price (\$35,000/acre) and the City's offer (\$20,000), which was \$27,500/acre. Adm. Jaunich spoke briefly on the costs associated with the wind generator (land purchase, construction and infrastructure), and what benefits (if any) there were associated with it. He reminded the Council that this is not supposed to be a money making effort, but rather to meet a mandate for green (renewable) energy. Adm. Jaunich was given direction on the offer/counteroffer.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the closed meeting at 9:46 pm.

Mayor Kreft reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion by Griep, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 pm.

City Administrator Matthew Jaunich

Mayor James R. Kreft