

ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2010

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

Members present: Mayor Kreft, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills

Members absent: Pederson, Pichelmann

Also present: EDA Dir. Schultz, City Attorney Arneson, Engineer Jim Haugen, Tobacco Free Youth members Tami LaGow, Stephanie Stoll, Michael Stoll

Motion by Vrklan, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as presented.

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

- A) Approval of the July 6th Regular Meeting Minutes
- B) Approval of the July 12th Public Hearing Minutes
- C) Approval of the Bills.

It was noted that there were no public hearings scheduled.

Tobacco Free Youth members Tami LaGow, Stephanie Stoll and Michael Stoll presented information on their organization. They asked the City to consider adopting a City-Owned Outdoor Recreational Facilities Model Tobacco-Free Policy, as many cities state-wide, including Winthrop and Gaylord have. LaGow commented that the Arlington Raceway has designated a specific section in the grandstands as tobacco-free. It was noted that the Tobacco Free Youth had met with the Parks Committee. LaGow commented that their funding (grant) expires at the end of December. It was the consensus that the Parks Committee should work with the TFY group.

It was noted that there were no citizens present to address the Council on non-agenda items.

The following announcements were reviewed:

- 1) MMPA Annual Meeting in Arlington – July 29th @ 5:30 pm
- 2) Filing Dates for Mayor and 2 Open Council Positions is August 3 through August 17
- 3) MMUA Annual Summer Meeting – August 23-25 in Alexandria.

The Council reviewed the following communications:

- 1) June Financial Reports
- 2) 2nd Quarter EDA Director's Report
- 3) Website Traffic Report
- 4) Minnesota Department of Public Safety Reminder on FCC Mandate
- 5) Rosenfeld Farm Site.

Engineer Haugen presented the plans and specifications (3 different options) for replacing the Community Center roof. He commented that he has talked with local contractors about the roof and found that during the first 10 years there have been ongoing problems. It was noted that Contractors would have to pay \$50 to obtain a copy of the plans/specs, except that the City was getting 10 copies to mail out to 'local' contractors at no charge to the contractor.

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

RESOLUTION 35-2010
A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

(See resolution book for complete resolution or Community Center file for complete specs)

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

Approved by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 19th day of July, 2010.

CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA

/s/ James R. Kreft
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Denny Schultz
EDA Director

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

RESOLUTION 36-2010
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD THOMES TO THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(See resolution book for complete resolution)

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

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/s/ James R. Kreft
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Dennis Schultz
EDA Director

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

RESOLUTION 37-2010
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LAWFUL GAMBLING LICENSE FOR THE HIGH ISLAND BOTTOM FEEDERS (DUCKS UNLIMITED)

(See resolution book for complete resolution)

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: Reetz, Vrklan, Wills; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: Pederson, Pichelmann.

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/s/ James R. Kreft
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EDA Director

Discussion was held on the July 12th Assessment Hearing related to the 2009 Improvement Project. The Council reviewed a memo from Engineer Hawbaker that addressed a concern from a resident about the amount he is being assessed and that it should be refigured as he has an irregular-shaped lot. Concern was

expressed about changing the assessment amount on one property and how it would affect the others within the project. It was the consensus that Staff should recalculate the assessment for the one property disputing his assessment and then see how the other properties are affected.

The Council reviewed a letter from SMC regarding their emergency preparedness plan. It was noted that SMC was requesting that the City would supply the honey dew wagon to them in the event of an emergency where the sewer system was failing.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the emergency preparedness request from SMC as stated above.

Mayor Kreft commented that Police Officer Scott Bennett was recently involved in a high-speed chase, which is now under investigation and per the City's Personnel Policy is to be placed on paid administrative leave.

Motion by Vrklan, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the actions of the City Administrator to place Police Officer Scott Bennett on paid administrative leave.

Attorney Arneson commented on a Conciliation Court Order and Judgment regarding Keith Doetkott vs. City of Arlington. He noted that the Judge did not find in favor of Mr. Doetkott's request for payment of accrued vacation time as he did not leave the City in good standing (per the City's Personnel Policy). However the Judge did find that Mr. Doetkott was entitled to 20% of his accrued sick time as the City's Personnel Policy regarding sick time did not have a 'good standing' requirement. Attorney Arneson stated that the court order could be appealed, but advised staff not to in lieu of the discrepancy in the Personnel Policy.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Vrklan, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the Judgment of the Court and authorize Adm. Jaunich to pay the amount of \$1,463.23 to Mr. Doetkott for unpaid accrued sick leave.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Vrklan, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

EDA Director Denny Schultz

Mayor James R. Kreft