

SPECIAL ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP WITH
ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP AND SIBLEY COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

The Special Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Kreft. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible amendments to the Orderly Annexation Agreement between the City of Arlington and Arlington Township.

City Council Members Present: Mayor Kreft, Borchert, Griep, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills
Arlington Township: Chairman Darrel Alsleben, Clerk Sharon Sickmann, Don Nuessmeier
Sibley County: Commissioner Bill Pinske, Commissioner Harold Pettis, Assistant Auditor Gary Kloempken,
Environmental Services Director Jeff Majeski, Attorney Dave Schauer
Also Present: City Administrator Jaunich, City Attorney Ross Arneson, City P&Z Administrator Cynthia
Smith-Strack

Attorney Arneson gave a history on the Orderly Annexation Agreement and how it originated. It was noted that the Agreement did not cover zoning control of the annexation area. Arneson commented that there were laws in place that addressed this issue, such as forming a Joint Commission to govern the zoning or allow the City to do it. Smith-Strack stated that it is not the intention to completely overhaul the Agreement, but make some amendments to it in order to make implementation go smoother in the future. Some discussion was held on the 2 options presented. Commissioner Pinske (on behalf of the County) commented that whatever method works best for both the City and Township would be ok with the County. Some concern was expressed by the Township members about losing complete zoning control. Smith-Strack and Attorney Arneson explained that the City's Zoning Ordinance would be amended to include some of the County's Zoning Ordinance language to address the agricultural zoning that currently exists in the annexation area. Majeski commented briefly on how the zoning control is handled between the City of Gaylord and the County within their annexation area. Attorney Arneson suggested creating a temporary Joint Board to establish the zoning rules/regulations for the area within the orderly annexation only. Once the rules/regulations are determined the zoning control for said annexation area could be turned over to the City for implementation. It was the consensus of those present that this was a good suggestion. Smith-Strack and Majeski will work together on drafting a document.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Griep, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

City Administrator Matthew Jaunich

Mayor James Kreft