

ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL                      MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6, 2006

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

Members present: Mayor Czech, Borchert, Reetz, Wills

Members absent: Griep, Voight

Also Present: Administrator Krueger, Street Supt. Thomes, Engineer Joel Hawbaker, Mike Schoenecker, SMC  
Administrator Ken Archer, Darwin Mathwig

Mayor Czech congratulated Administrator Krueger on the birth of his second child.

Motion by Borchert, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda with the following additions:

5c) Sidewalk Plan 2006

16a) Jim Morrisette Letter.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2006 meeting as presented.

Motion by Borchert, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the bills as presented.

Engineer Hawbaker and Street Supt. Thomes were present to discuss the 2006 Street Improvement Project. Supt. Thomes explained that the 2005 street project was not done and would be included in the 2006 project, which was going to be seal coating only, no curb and gutter replacement. Engineer Hawbaker presented the costs for each project to be approximately \$175,000 for 2005 and \$147,000 for 2006. Administrator Krueger commented that a new public hearing would have to be held regarding assessments for the 2005 project, due to the fact that the work was not done in 2005.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Borchert, and passed by unanimous vote to authorize Engineer Hawbaker to proceed with the 2005 & 2006 Street Improvement project as presented including the County review of said project.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to proceed with the public hearing process for the curb and gutter assessment.

Administrator Krueger commented that Engineer Hawbaker has been working on the proposed improvements for the alleyway that lies within the 400 Block of East Main Street and East Adams Street. Engineer Hawbaker explained that approximately \$16,000 was proposed as a cost estimate for the improvements. Some discussion was held on who would be assessed. No action was taken.

Administrator Krueger and Street Supt. Thomes talked about the 2006 Sidewalk Improvement project. Supt. Thomes explained that they were planning to continue moving west along Main Street and the Avenues within one block of Main Street. He felt that the 2005 project went well as far as cooperation from the residents and assessments.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Borchert, and passed by unanimous vote to authorize Supt. Thomes to determine how much sidewalk needs to be replaced and then obtain estimates on the cost for such replacement.

Supt. Thomes asked the Council to review the Street Sweeping policy that he had obtained from the League of Minnesota Cities website and then provide him with their input.

Mayor Czech introduced Mike Schoenecker of Winkelman Building Corp., a company that builds apartments. Mr. Schoenecker gave a slide presentation that showed some different apartment complexes that his company has built. Reetz questioned if the apartments could be completely handicap accessible. Mr. Schoenecker said that some could be converted. Administrator Krueger commented that a housing study needs to be done and

TIF money can be used to help with costs. Administrator Krueger and the EDA will be working with Mr. Schoenecker on trying to get apartments constructed.

SMC Administrator Ken Archer was present to discuss the Crossover Financing/Refinancing Hospital Bonds. He had talked with a couple of other financial agencies that handle bonds and found that the City and/or Hospital should consider competitive bidding when it comes to bonds, rather than dealing with just one company. He suggested slowing things down a bit to look at all options available to the City and/or Hospital related to bonds and future growth.

Darwin Mathwig was present on behalf of the Arlington Lions/SEA Lions organizations and was asking for the Council's permission to be charged the non-profit rate when using the Community Center for an upcoming event. He stated that the SEA Lions would like to hold a fundraiser at the Community Center on March 24<sup>th</sup> for Amy Bigaouette and Brent Doebbeling to help raise money for his stem cell surgery. He stated that the Arlington Lions organization had voted to give a cash donation. The Lions organization would help with setting up the tables the next day for the Hospital Auxiliary's event.

Motion by Borchert, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to charge the non-profit rate (pay for cleaning costs and officer fees only) to the SEA Lions for their fundraiser at the Community Center on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Krueger handed out Councilmember Wills' suggestions for revising the Rules & Guidelines for the Police Committee. He explained that Councilmember Reetz had also provided his ideas and would make sure that copies were sent out to the rest of the Council for them to review. He commented that he would like all Councilmembers to provide their ideas to him so they could be compiled into one document and then be reviewed by the Council at the upcoming work session on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Borchert, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the \$2,873.36 technology grant from the Cable Commission for upgrading the recording equipment in the Council Chambers and also putting in recording equipment at the Technology Center.

Administrator Krueger talked about the biocube. He explained that the Council had given permission to WW Supt. McCormick to obtain bids for installation of a cement slab for the biocube and CMC Construction had submitted a bid of \$2,424, which included labor and materials, including gravel, for a 15 x 25 floating slab with one course of block around the perimeter.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the bid from CMC Construction in the amount of \$2,424 for the 15 x 25 cement slab for the biocube.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 6-2006

### **RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL ELECTION EQUIPMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Federal Government passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to provide for equality and uniformity in the elective process and;

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has provided funding to each state to comply with the Help America Vote Act for the purchase and maintenance of electronic voting systems equipped for individuals with disabilities, and for the purchase and maintenance of optical scan voting equipment, and for certain related operating expenses and;

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington, has participated in and/or supported the creation of a "Local Election Equipment Plan" for Sibley County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Arlington recommends that the "Local Election Equipment Plan" be adopted by the Sibley County Board of Commissioners after holding a public hearing and through the Office of the Sibley County Auditor; submit the adopted plan to the Secretary of State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Arlington approves the Local Election Equipment Plan Agreement with Sibley County and All City, Township, and School Districts on the Local Equipment Plan for Using Assistive Voting Technology AutoMARK VAT and M100 Precinct Counter in Sibley County Polling Places.

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

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

Signed: /s/ David Czech  
Mayor

Attested: /s/ David L. Krueger  
City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

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

Mayor Czech spoke on the fundraising for the sesquicentennial celebration. He reviewed the year end report that had been presented at the last meeting.

Mayor Czech presented a brochure from the Friends of the Minnesota Valley, Minnesota River Board, Minnesota River Basin Data Center, Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River that talked about community clean-up events. He was very interested in working with these groups during the city's Spring clean-up day. He asked the Council to review the brochure and bring their thoughts and/or comments to the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Administrator Krueger commented that the second reading of Ordinance No. 192 – Rights of Way would be on the agenda for the next regular council meeting. It was being postponed due to the fact P&Z Administrator Jenness had a fire at his home and needed some time off to attend to the situation.

Administrator Krueger updated the Council on the recent meeting the Park Board and Arlington Good Samaritan Center had about the proposed expansion project for the Good Sam Center. The project is essentially at a stand still at this time due to a problem with the location of a water main being under the proposed expansion project. The Good Sam's architect will be working with Engineer Hawbaker on moving the project further to the west and closer to the existing building.

The Council reviewed the letter from Jim Morrisette regarding a pay increase for transporting Council tapes to Winthrop.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Borchert, and passed by unanimous vote to pay Jim Morrisette \$10.00 (per tape round trip) to transport the Council meeting tapes to Winthrop in order to have them played on the public access channel.

It was noted that the meeting schedule for the next couple of Council meetings was as follows: Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and then Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> would be a short meeting with a working session (items for this agenda are to be brought to the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting).

Motion by Wills, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Administrator David L. Krueger

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Mayor David Czech