

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 4, 2013 AT 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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1. Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approve the agenda and any agenda additions

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed for consideration will be enacted by one motion unless the Mayor, a member of the City Council, City Staff or a person in attendance requests an item to be removed from the Agenda.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A) Approval of the January 22nd Regular Meeting Minutes
 - B) Approval of the January 22nd Special Meeting Minutes
 - C) Approval of Bills
 - D) Accepting the Resignation of Dan Herrmann from the Fire Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, & COMMUNICATIONS

5. Addressing the Council
 - A) Citizens Addressing the Council
6. Announcements
 - A) City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18th for the President's Day Holiday
 - B) Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, February 19th @ 6:30 p.m. (Change Meeting?)
7. Communications
 - A) December Water/Wastewater Report
 - B) January Building Permit Report
 - C) January Police Calls Report
 - D) St. Paul's Lutheran School Letter on Traffic Light

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

8. Yearly Fire Department Update (Chief John Zaske)

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

9. Ordinance 279 (2nd Reading) ó Urban Reserve District
10. Resolutions
 - A) 12-2013 ó Summary Publication of Ordinance 279
 - B) 13-2013 ó Mayoral Appointment to Fire Department Capital Equipment Advisory Committee
 - C) 14-2013 ó Supporting the Preservation of Tax Exempt Financing
 - D) 15-2013 ó Accepting a Petition for Annexation from the Arlington EDA and Approving the Annexation of Land into City Limits

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

11. Approve/Deny Calling an Administrative Hearing with Arlington Liquor to Consider Disciplinary Action on a Liquor License Violation
12. Approve/Deny Change Order for Tech Center Renovation Project
13. Approve/Deny Replacing the Yield Sign with a Stop Sign at the Intersection of 2nd Avenue SW & Adams Street
14. Discussion on Removing the Leaning Pole Installed by the Old Elevator for Christmas Decorations
15. Review/Discuss Project Memo for Safe Routes to School Project
16. Discussion on Procedural Steps with Brimeyer Fursman on the Executive Search
- 17.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. Council Committee Updates
19. Open Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Reminders:

- 1) Library ó February 20th @ 6:30 pm (Library)
- 2) Hospital Board ó February 25th @ 5 pm (SMC)
- 3) Parks ó February 25th @ 7 pm
- 4) EDA ó February 26th @ 6 pm

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

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

Members present: Mayor Kreft, Jaszewski, Nuesse, Reetz, Ruehling, Wills

Members absent: None

Also present: City Administrator Jaunich, Attorney Arneson, Fire Chief Zaske, 1st Asst Chief Dressen, Kurt Menk

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

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

- A) Approval of the January 22nd Regular Meeting Minutes
- B) Approval of the January 22nd Special Meeting Minutes
- C) Approval of Bills
- D) Accepting the Resignation of Dan Herrmann from the Fire Department.

It was noted that there were no public hearings scheduled.

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

The following announcements were reviewed:

- C) City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18th for the President's Day Holiday
- D) Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, February 19th @ 6:30 p.m. (Change Meeting?)
- E) Open House -Farewell for Adm. Jaunich, Friday, February 8th from 1-3 pm in the Council Chambers.

The Council reviewed the following communications:

- E) December Water/Wastewater Report
- F) January Building Permit Report
- G) January Police Calls Report
- H) St. Paul's Lutheran School Letter on Traffic Light.

Fire Chief John Zaske, along with 1st Asst. Chief Keith Dressen, presented the Annual Fire Department Report. The report included a detailed summary of the number/type of calls responded to, along with mutual aid calls given and/or received in 2012. Zaske presented a breakdown of the repairs done for each truck in the last year, or anticipated in the near future. He provided an update on the new 800 MHZ radio system. It was noted that a skid unit for Brush Rig #2 had been purchased for \$9,799 through a grant received from the DNR and donations from VFW, Pepsi and Jerry's Home Quality Foods. Zaske commented that they will need to purchase a new cutter for their jaws of life and some additional pagers in 2013. He stated that the E-Dispatch program is working well.

The second reading of Ordinance 279-An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 169, The Arlington Zoning Ordinance by Adding Section 4.25 Establishing an UR Urban Reserve District, was held. It was noted that there were no changes from the first reading.

Motion by Ruehling, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to approve Ordinance 279 ó An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 169, The Arlington Zoning Ordinance by Adding Section 4.25 Establishing an UR Urban Reserve District, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 279

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 169, THE ARLINGTON ZONING ORDINANCE, BY ADDING SECTION 4.25 ESTABLISHING AN UR URBAN RESERVE DISTRICT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1

Arlington Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance 169) shall be amended to include Section 4.25 as follows:

SECTION 4.25: UR URBAN RESERVE DISTRICT:

SUBDIVISION 1. PURPOSE

The UR Urban Reserve District is established for the following purposes:

- A. To preserve a low density, rural environment in a manner conducive to future urbanization.
- B. To protect the integrity, viability, and potential for expansion of existing agricultural uses.
- C. To allow for an orderly transition from agricultural to urban uses through implementation of the orderly annexation agreement, rezoning, and development when in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.
- D. To defer urban development in areas adjacent to municipal boundaries until it is determined it is economically and financially feasible to extend public utilities and services to the area.
- E. To prevent premature residential subdivision of property.

SUBDIVISION 2. INTENT

- A. The UR Urban Reserve District is intended:
 - 1. To apply to lands within the Orderly Annexation Area but external to the corporate limits which are guided toward future urban use within the City's Comprehensive Plan.
 - 2. To implement the City's growth management strategy by prohibiting premature urban development within portions of the City's future land use area, while still allowing reasonable interim uses of these properties. Land within the Urban Reserve is intended to be preserved in current uses/densities until capital funds for the extension of urban facilities and services are committed in an either an adopted capital improvement plan or as a result of a petition for extension of urban services. This implements the City's growth management goals and objectives by protecting these areas against interim subdivision that will hinder future urban development and the provision of adequate streets, water, sanitary sewer and other urban services in a cost-effective and efficient manner.
- B. The UR, Urban Reserve is intended to be an interim zone until such time as these areas can be developed at urban densities and can be provided with urban services.
- C. Land within the UR Urban Reserve shall only be rezoned upon annexation into the city. Once annexed, these areas shall be zoned in conformance with the Future Land Use Plan contained in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

SUBDIVISION 3. PERMITTED USES

- A. Farming, dairying, pasturage, agriculture, horticulture, and animal and poultry husbandry subject to state pollution control standards, but not including animal feedlots or other commercial operations.
- B. New non-farm dwellings at a density of no less than one (1) unit per forty (40) acres, except as provided under Subd. 7(A) of this Section.
- C. Continuation and maintenance of existing nonfarm uses.
- D. State Licensed Residential Facility serving six (6) or fewer persons in a single family detached dwelling which is connected to municipal sewer and water.
- E. Day care facilities serving twelve (12) or fewer persons in a single family detached dwelling which is connected to municipal sewer and water.
- F. Field crop production.
- G. Nurseries, greenhouses, and tree farms with limited public sales.

- H. Public parks, playgrounds, recreational uses, wildlife areas, and game refuges.

SUBDIVISION 4. CONDITIONAL USES

The following uses require a Conditional Use Permit. Conditional use permits shall be issued as provided for in Section 15 of the Arlington Zoning Ordinance. Uses as identified below or reasonably similar to those listed below that are existing at the time this Section becomes effective shall be considered as having a conditional use permit; however, any expansion of such existing use shall require the issuance of a conditional use permit.

- A. Governmental and public utility buildings and structures.
- B. Retail or wholesale trade related to agricultural operations and services.
- C. Dwellings used for farmers or farm families providing such farm dwelling
 1. Exists on a parcel or tract of record as of the establishment of this Section; or,
 2. Exists on a lot comprised of at least forty (40) acres and that factual evidence is submitted which establishes the dwelling as farm related (i.e. assessor's tax classification of agricultural, farm management plan, testimony by local experts, etc).
- D. Any use in the allowed in the R1/R2 Agricultural Residence District, B-1 Highway Service District, B-2 Central Business District, I-1 Light Industrial District, or I-2 General Industrial District under the Arlington Zoning Ordinance provided such use is located on a lot of record in existence on the effective date of this ordinance.
- E. Extraction of soil, minerals, and the like.
- F. Essential services.
- G. Commercial riding stables, domestic animal kennels, and similar uses.

SUBDIVISION 5. PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES

- A. Operation and storage of vehicles, machinery, and equipment which is incidental to permitted or conditional uses allowed in this district.
- B. Home occupations as regulated by this Ordinance.
- C. Detached garages and accessory structures.
- D. Vehicle Parking. No vehicles may be parked or stored on the premises which are inoperable or unlicensed, unless such vehicles are kept in a fully enclosed structure or fully enclosed licensed trailer, so that no part of the vehicle can be viewed by the public. No vehicles may be parked or stored on the premises which are advertised for sale or rent, except that one vehicle may be advertised for sale or rent as an isolated personal transaction, and not in the ordinary course of business of sale or rent of vehicles, and such vehicle advertised for sale or rent must be operable and licensed.
- E. Accessory uses incidental and customary to uses allowed as permitted and conditional allowed within this Section.
- F. Signs:
 1. A nameplate sign identifying the owner or occupant of a building or dwelling unit, provided such sign does not exceed two (2) square feet in surface area.
 2. One additional sign not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area.

SUBDIVISION 6. PROHIBITED USES

- A. New or expanded agriculture feedlots.
- B. Non-farm uses on new created parcels/tracts of less than 40 acres, except as provided under Subd. 7(A) of this Section.

SUBDIVISION 7. LOT/DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Rezoning, subdividing, or re-subdivision of property for the purpose of expanding existing nonfarm uses or for developing new nonfarm uses shall be prohibited, except that a one-time split of an existing parcel of record as of the adoption of this Section which results in two (2) lots each being not less than five (5) acres may be allowed provided: soil and water conditions allow a well and an on-site sewer system, access is allowed from an existing public road, approval of such lot split is contingent upon no further division of parcels resulting from said split, and the lot split is filed with each resulting property records at the Sibley County Recorder's Office.
- B. Minimum lot area:
 1. Parcels created after adoption of this Section: Forty (40) acres, except as provided in Subdivision 7(A) of this Section.

2. Lots of record existing prior to adoption of this Section: 15,250 square feet (.35 acre)
- C. Minimum lot width:
1. Parcels created after adoption of this Section: 200 feet.
 2. Lots of record existing prior to adoption of this Section: 40 feet.
- D. Setback Requirements.
1. Front yard setbacks of not less than 30 feet from all other public right-of-ways, unless subject site is a lot of record as of the date of adoption of this ordinance and said lot abuts a lot with buildings that have observed a smaller front yard in which instance the observed smaller front yard setback shall be the minimum distance the existing structures are setback. A viewing triangle measuring 25 feet from the intersection of the front/side property line at street intersections shall be maintained free of structures at all times.
 2. Side yard setback shall be thirty (30) feet, except existing lots of record less than 100 feet in width shall have minimum side yard setbacks of ten (10) feet.
 3. Minimum rear yard setback shall be thirty (30) feet.
- E. Maximum Building Height: Two stories or thirty (30) feet. Heights in excess of thirty (30) feet may be allowed provided a conditional use permit is issued.
- F. Site Coverage. No structure or combination of structures shall occupy more than twenty (20) percent of the lot area.

SUBDIVISION 8. RIGHT TO FARM.

Minnesota Statute 561.19, as may be amended, is hereby incorporated by reference and shall be applicable to this district as agricultural uses are allowed within this district.

Section 2

Effective Date: This Ordinance is effective upon its adoption and publication as prescribed by law.

Adopted by the City of Arlington on the 4th day of February, 2013.

For City of Arlington:

/s/ James R. Kreft
 By James R. Kreft
 Itø Mayor

/s/ Matthew Jaunich
 By Matthew Jaunich
 Itø Administrator

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

**RESOLUTION 12-2013
 A RESOLUTION APPROVING ORDINANCE 279 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
 ORDINANCE 169, THE ARLINGTON ZONING ORDINANCE, BY ADDING SECTION 4.25,
 ESTABLISHING AN URBAN RESERVE DISTRICT” AND PROVIDING FOR SUMMARY
 PUBLICATION THEREOF**

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

WHEREAS, Arlington Township and the City of Arlington entered into an agreement for orderly annexation several years ago; and,

WHEREAS, Sibley County, the zoning authority in Arlington Township, has provided zoning authority to the City of Arlington for areas included in the Orderly Annexation Agreement but external to the corporate limits; and,

WHEREAS, the Arlington Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Administrator have met with property owners within the proposed UR District area to gain input and comment on proposed language; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was properly noticed and held on January 10, 2013 by the City of Arlington Planning and Zoning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a resolution recommending the City Council approve Ordinance 279; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 279 at its regular meeting on January 22, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council approved second reading and the adoption of Ordinance 279 at its regular meeting on February 4, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance is itemized in Exhibit A which is attached to this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arlington has determined the publication of the title and a summary of Ordinance 279 would clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance 279; 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 279 as presented in Exhibit A which is attached to this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator shall cause a summary of Ordinance No. 279 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 February 4, 2013 the City Council of the City of Arlington approved Ordinance 279, entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 169, the Arlington Zoning Ordinance, by Adding Section 4.25, Establishing an Urban Reserve District." 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 establishes an Urban Reserve zoning classification that applies to all properties within the city/town orderly annexation agreement that are external to the corporate limits. The ordinance provides for allowable uses, lot performance standards, and protects existing uses. The purpose of the district is to preserve the area in its present state in as much as feasible until such a time urban services are extended.

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

Approved by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 4th day of February, 2013.

CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA
/s/ James R. Kreft, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator

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

RESOLUTION 13-2013
A RESOLUTION RATIFYING ADDITIONAL MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor James R. Kreft has appointed the following individual to the following appointment:

Fire Department Capital Equipment Advisory Committee

Citizen Appointee: Dale Schauer (New Auburn Township).

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

Approved by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 4th day of February, 2013.

CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA
/s/ James R. Kreft, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator

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

RESOLUTION 14-2013

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESERVATION OF TAX EXEMPT FINANCING

WHEREAS, municipal bonds are the means by which the City of Arlington has been able to finance critical infrastructure needs of the City, including roads, bridges, hospitals, wastewater facilities, water systems and electric utility systems; and

WHEREAS, under current law the owners of municipal bonds are not required to pay federal income tax on the interest income they receive from the bonds; and

WHEREAS, exempting municipal bond interest results in lower capital costs to the City of Arlington, which is key in enabling us to make timely investments in critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, municipal bonds are a sound, time-tested financing tool that provide a natural test of project viability, as issuers must convince investors to purchase the bonds for feasible projects that will realize a return on investment; and

WHEREAS, this tax exemption is part of a more than a century-long system of reciprocal immunity under which owners of federal bonds are not required to pay state and local income tax on the interest they receive from those bonds; and

WHEREAS, the precept that one level of government should not tax another was set out by this nation's founders and has been embodied in statute since enactment of the first federal income Tax Code in 1913; and

WHEREAS, Congress and the President are considering proposals to eliminate or alter the federal tax exemption of interest on municipal bonds; and

WHEREAS, the capital cost of building new municipal infrastructure has increased greatly since the last major revision to the federal income Tax Code in 1986. One of the major drivers in the increased capital costs is the cost of compliance with a broad matrix of increasingly stringent federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, in prior years cities could often obtain grants to cover as much as ninety percent of the capital cost of developing new infrastructure such as water and wastewater treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, cities today must typically bear the full capital cost of developing these expensive new facilities; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the tax exemption on municipal bonds would increase borrowing cost to the City of Arlington and make it more difficult and, in some cases, impossible for us to provide vital repairs and improvements to essential infrastructure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Arlington opposes any effort to eliminate or limit the federal tax exemption on interest earned from municipal bonds.

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: Jaszewski, Nuesse, Reetz, Ruehling, Wills; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 4th day of February, 2013.

CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA

/s/ James R. Kreft, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator

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

**RESOLUTION 15-2013
ANNEXATION RESOLUTION**

In the matter of said Resolution of the City of Arlington for annexation of certain areas as described herein, under Minnesota Statute 414.0325.

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington, hereafter "city", entered into a Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation with the Town of Arlington, said agreement dated September 2, 1997, approved by the State of Minnesota on August 7, 1998; and

WHEREAS, under paragraph 4(b) of said joint resolution, the city may at any time annex property for which it

receives a property owner petition for annexation, for land abutting municipal corporate limits within the sector of Area 3 as identified in said Joint Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington has received a petition for annexation by the owner of the property described in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the property described in Appendix A attached hereto abuts present city limits, is about to become urban in character, and it is the intention of the city to provide said area with city utility services when appropriate, and it is therefore appropriate to annex said property to the City of Arlington at this time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Arlington that the city hereby petitions for annexation and hereby resolves to annex the property described in Appendix A attached hereto.

Said property is located within the area described as Area 3 of the Joint Resolution. Under paragraph 4 (d) and 4 (e) of said Joint Resolution, no hearing is required. The State of Minnesota, by the Office of Administrative Hearings, Municipal Boundary Adjustments, may review and comment, but shall within 30 days of receipt of said resolution, order the annexation of the area designated therein in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Joint Resolution.

Under paragraph 5 of the Joint Resolution, the tax rate of the area annexed shall be increased in substantially equal proportions over 6 years to equality with the tax rate of the property already within the city. However, the annexed property shall be assessed for the cost of providing city utility services to the property when necessary under the city's standard improvement assessment policy and assessment payment schedule, in the same manner as applied to all other property within the city limits.

Under paragraph 6 of the Joint Resolution, and as required by state law, Arlington Township shall be reimbursed for the loss of taxes generated from the annexed property as follows: For six years following the tax year that Arlington Township last collects a levy, the city will reimburse the township 100 percent of the amount of taxes that were collected by the township in the year the land was annexed. Thereafter, the City of Arlington will no longer reimburse Arlington Township for such lost tax revenue.

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: Jaszewski, Nuesse, Reetz, Ruehling, Wills; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 4th day of February, 2013.

CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA

/s/ James R. Kreft, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator

Adm. Jaunich commented that liquor compliance checks had been held (by the County) and one business was non-compliant for the second year in a row. He stated that an Administrative Hearing would have to be held with the business owner before the Council could take any disciplinary action. He stated that because this is a second violation in a 3-year period City Ordinance calls for a 3-day suspension of the license and a \$1,000 fine. It was noted that the County would not be pursuing charges against the employee and was also suggesting leniency in this matter, such as waiving the fine and/or suspension in lieu of taking a training class. Reetz, Wills and Ruehling were opposed to being lenient as this is a serious problem that needs to be addressed.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Nuesse, and carried (Reetz opposed) to call an Administrative Hearing with Arlington Liquors to consider Disciplinary Action on a liquor license violation.

A change order for the Tech Center Renovation project in the amount of \$9,000 was reviewed. Wills explained what the contractor found upon starting work in the building (non-level or cracking cement flooring, mold, cracked block, etc.).

Motion by Wills, seconded by Nuesse, and carried (Reetz opposed) to approve the change order for the Tech Center Renovation Project in the amount of \$9,000.

Discussion was held on replacing the yield sign with a stop sign at the intersection of 2nd Avenue SW & Adams Street. Adm. Jaunich commented that the yield sign had been damaged and when St. Supt. Thomes went to repair it, he thought a stop sign would be better for the intersection since traffic no longer had to stop at the railroad crossing a block away. It was determined that a yield sign was sufficient at this time.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Ruehling, and passed by unanimous vote to deny replacing the yield sign with a stop sign at the intersection of 2nd Avenue SW and Adams Street.

Brief discussion was held on the leaning pole installed by the old elevator used to hang Christmas decorations on. It was suggested to remove the pole and either use the light pole in the same area or install something more appropriate (light standard).

The Council reviewed the Project Memo for the Safe Routes to School Project. Mayor Kreft explained that a proposed alternate (d) was added to the project, which included the extension of sidewalk from the new crosswalk being installed by MnDOT at the intersection of MN TH 5 and 2nd Ave. NW to the parking lot of the Community Center. Concerns were expressed about the proposed new sidewalk on the east side of the school and transformer boxes currently in the same location. Mayor Kreft commented that bids letting will be this spring and work to begin this summer on this project.

Brief discussion was held on setting a date for the Council and Staff to interview with Brimeyer Fursman regarding the Executive Search.

Adm. Jaunich gave an update on the proposed electrical project for 2013. He stated that the engineer was 3-4 weeks away from having the plans and specs ready. The question was asked if the Council wanted to continue to move this project forward given that the City would be without an Administrator for a period of time. Adm. Jaunich stated that he felt it could move forward as the engineer and financial advisor would be doing most of the work and would guide the Council through the bidding/bonding process.

Adm. Jaunich talked briefly about an ongoing dispute between former Councilmember Bob Pichelmann and Cemstone regarding damages being done to Pichelmann's water service line. He stated that when Cemstone's drivers fill their trucks, they use certain valves to shut the water off, which builds up pressure and causes the water lines to vibrate/shake (water hammering) in Pichelmann's house. Adm. Jaunich commented that other residents on the same block have also experienced problems in the last few years. Cemstone believes that the problem is not being caused by them and their practices, but rather the City's water system. It was suggested to have the City Engineer look into the problem.

Adm. Jaunich gave a thank you speech. He stated that he has enjoyed his time at the City of Arlington and the opportunities given to him.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

City Administrator Matthew Jaunich

Mayor James R. Kreft