

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 7, 2013 AT 6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The City Council is provided background information for agenda items in advance by city staff, committees and boards. Many decisions regarding agenda items are based upon this information, as well as: City policy and practices, input from constituents, questions or information that has not yet been presented or discussed regarding an agenda item. If you have a concern or question, please ask to be recognized by the Mayor during the "Citizens addressing the Council" portion of the agenda— state your name and address for the record. Please keep comments under 5 minutes. Individuals wishing to speak for more than five minutes should ask to be included on the agenda in advance. All comments are appreciated, but please refrain from personal or derogatory attacks on individuals.

1. Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials
3. Roll Call
4. 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.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A) Approval of the December 17th Regular Meeting Minutes
 - B) Approval of Bills
 - C) Approve the Hiring of Daniel Fahning as Part-Time Skating Rink Attendant
 - D) Accepting the Resignation of Mark Stien from the Fire Department
 - E) Accepting the Resignation of Arden Kreft from the Planning & Zoning Committee

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Public Hearing on the Vacation of an Alley

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, & COMMUNICATIONS

7. Addressing the Council
 - A) Jeffrey Matz on Fish House
 - B) Citizens Addressing the Council
8. Announcements
 - A) City's Annual Meeting ó Friday, January 11th @ 6:00 p.m.
 - B) City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 21st for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
 - C) Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, January 22nd @ 6:30 p.m. (Change Meeting?)
 - D) Meeting with Townships/G.I. on Fire/Ambulance Coverage is January 24th @ 7:00 p.m.
 - E) Experienced & Newly Elected Officials Leadership Conference ó January 25 & 26 (Mankato) or February 1 & 2 (Brooklyn Center)
9. Communications
 - A) December and 2012 Year End Building Permit Report
 - B) December Police Calls Report
 - C) City Administrator's Project List

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

10. Resolutions

- A) 1-2013 ó Appointing City Administrator
- B) 2-2013 ó Mayor Appointments
- C) 3-2013 ó Designating City Depository
- D) 4-2013 ó Designating City Newspaper
- E) 5-2013 ó 2012 Calendar of Public Meetings
- F) 6-2013 ó Vacating a Portion of an Alley
- G) 7-2013 ó Recognizing Jim Pederson
- H) 8-2013 ó Recognizing Bob Pichelmann
- I) 9-2013 ó Gambling Permit for Pheasants Forever

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 11. Discussion/Provide Direction on the Verizon Water Tower Lease Agreement

NEW BUSINESS

- 12. Approve/Deny Bid for City Services/Tech Center Renovation Project
- 13. Approve/Deny Purchase of New Squad Car for Police Department
- ~~14. Review/Discuss Response Letter from Bolton & Menk on Costs Associated with the Railroad Crossings Project~~
 - ~~A) Approve/Deny Action on Railroad Crossings Project Costs (removed)~~

- 15. 2013 Mayoral Goals (Discussion)

16.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- 17. Set New Member/City Council Orientation Workshop Meeting Date and Time
- 18. Council Committee Updates
- 19. Open Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Reminders:

- 1) P&Z ó January 10th @ 7 pm
- 2) Library ó January 16th @ 6:30 pm (Library)
- 3) EDA ó January 29th @ 6 pm
- 4) Hospital Board ó January 28th @ 5 pm (SMC)
- 5) Parks ó January 28th @ 7 pm

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2013**

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

Administrator Jaunich administered the Official Oath of Office to Ben Jaszewski, Jennifer Nuesse and Galen Wills as new Councilmembers.

Members present: Mayor Jim Kreft, Ben Jaszewski, Jennifer Nuesse, Curt Reetz, Jason Ruehling, Galen Wills

Members absent: None

Also present: City Administrator Matthew Jaunich, Attorney Ross Arneson, Howard Brinkman, Brandon Brinkman, Bruce Brau, Kurt Menk

Motion by Ruehling, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda the following changes:

Remove item 14) Review/Discuss Response Letter from Bolton & Menk on Costs Associated with the Railroad Crossings Project

A) Approve/Deny Action on Railroad Crossings Project Costs

Add item 5E) Accepting the Resignation of Arden Kreft from the Planning & Zoning Committee

Add item 10I) Resolution 9-2013 ó Gambling Permit for Pheasants Forever.

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

A) Approval of the December 17th Regular Meeting Minutes

B) Approval of Bills

C) Approve the Hiring of Daniel Fahning as Part-Time Skating Rink Attendant

D) Accepting the Resignation of Mark Stien from the Fire Department

E) Accepting the Resignation of Arden Kreft from the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Mayor Kreft recessed the regular meeting to hold a public hearing.

Mayor Kreft called to order the public hearing regarding the vacation of an alley. Adm. Jaunich explained that the alley in question lies between West Main Street & West Adams Street on west side of Hwy 5 (known as the Brau Alley). Brandon Brinkman was present to express his opposition to the vacation, as he utilizes the alley to access his rear yard/garage (specifically from the east). Bruce Brau stated the reason he was requesting the alley vacation was to meet some new requirements that General Motors was placing on their business, more specifically to move their service area to the south side of the building, plus add a canopy over the service area. He commented that this would create a space issue in their used car lot. He explained that it was their intent that the alley would become a one-way service road with access off of Hwy 5 going east only; so Mr. Brinkman could still access his garage as needed. Concern was expressed about the need then for an easement to protect Brinkman's (future owners) right to cross Brau's property to gain access to his rear yard from the east.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Nuesse, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the public hearing.

Mayor Kreft adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to table action on Resolution 6-2013 ó A Resolution Vacating a Portion of an Alley, until such time as the Councilmembers can do a site visit and also review the plans for the proposed addition.

Mayor Kreft commented that Jeff Matz was scheduled to address the Council about his fish house. He stated that Mr. Matz would not be attending as a separate meeting had been scheduled with PZ Adm. Smith-Strack, Council/PZ member Reetz, and himself to discuss the matter at hand.

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

The following announcements were reviewed:

- 1) City's Annual Meeting on Friday, January 11th @ 6:00 pm
- 2) City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 21st for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 3) Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, January 22nd @ 6:30 p.m. (Change Meeting?)
- 4) Meeting with Townships/G.I. on Fire/Ambulance Coverage is January 24th @ 7:00 p.m.
- 5) Experienced & Newly Elected Officials Leadership Conference on January 25 & 26 (Mankato) or February 1 & 2 (Brooklyn Center).

The Council reviewed the following communications:

- D) December and 2012 Year End Building Permit Reports
- E) December Police Calls Report
- F) City Administrator's Project List.

It was noted that there were no reports from Officers, Boards & Committees.

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

**RESOLUTION 1-2013
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

BE IT RESOLVED that Matthew Jaunich is hereby re-appointed to serve as the City Administrator for the City of Arlington for an additional one-year term commencing on January 7, 2013.

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 7th day of January, 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 2-2013
A RESOLUTION RATIFYING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES**

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor James R. Kreft has appointed the following individuals to the following appointments:

APPOINTEES TO MUNICIPAL OFFICES:

<i>Vice Mayor:</i>	Councilmember Jason Ruehling
<i>City Attorney:</i>	Attorney Ross Arneson
<i>Health Officer:</i>	Representative from Sibley County Public Health
<i>Emergency Management Director:</i>	Tim Haggemiller

DELEGATES TO EXTRA-MUNICIPAL AGENCIES:

<i>Minnesota Municipal Utility Association (MMUA) Delegates:</i>	Councilmember Jason Ruehling City Administrator Matt Jaunich
<i>Minnesota Municipal Power Association (MMPA) Delegates:</i>	City Administrator Matt Jaunich

Cable Commission Delegates: City Clerk Lisa Tesch
 Councilmember Galen Wills
 Bruce Hanneman

A-GI Wastewater Board Delegates: Councilmember Curt Reetz
 Councilmember Jennifer Nuesse
 People Service Representative
 Councilmember Ben Jaszewski
 Pauline Wiemann

Prairie Line Trail Committee Delegate:
Sibley County Library Board Representative:
Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Coalition
(MVRRC) Delegate: City Administrator Matt Jaunich
Sibley County Economic Development
Corporation (SEDCO): Dick Thomes

COUNCIL COMMITTEES: (All council members serve one year terms)

Employee Relations Committee: Councilmember Curt Reetz
 Councilmember Jennifer Nuesse

Finance Committee: Councilmember Jason Ruehling
 Councilmember Ben Jaszewski

Public Buildings Committee: Councilmember Jennifer Nuesse
 Councilmember Ben Jaszewski

Streets Committee: Councilmember Jason Ruehling
 Councilmember Galen Wills

Utilities Committee: Councilmember Curt Reetz
 Councilmember Galen Wills

Police Committee: Councilmember Galen Wills
 Councilmember Jason Ruehling

MISC. COMMITTEES:

Firefighter Relief Committee: Mayor: James Kreft
 (per by-laws) City Administrator: Matt Jaunich
 Fire Chief: John Zaske

Ambulance Department Committee: Rep. to SMC: Councilmember Ben Jaszewski
 Councilmember: Councilmember Curt Reetz
 City Administrator: Matt Jaunich
 Ambulance Director: Kevin Sullivan
 Volunteer Ambulance Director: Bob Lueth
 SMC Administrator: Todd Sandberg

Fire Department Committee: Councilmember Galen Wills
 Councilmember Jason Ruehling
 Fire Department Officer Corp.

CITIZEN COMMITTEES: (All council members serve one year terms)

Cemetery Committee: (Term Length: Two year)
 Staff Representatives: City Administrator Matt Jaunich
 Superintendent Dan Thomes
 Councilmember Appointees: Councilmember Jennifer Nuesse
 Citizen Appointees: **VACANT (2013)**
VACANT (2013)
VACANT (2013)
VACANT (2014)
VACANT (2014)
VACANT (2014)

Economic Development Authority: (Term Length: Six years)
 Staff Representative: EDA Director Cynthia Smith-Strack
 Councilmember Appointees: Councilmember Jason Ruehling
 Councilmember Jennifer Nuesse
 Citizen Appointees: Larry Sorenson (2013)
 Mark Lundstrom (2014)

Dick Thomes (2015)
Tim Kloeckl (2016)
VACANT (2017)

Library Committee: (Term Length: Two years)

Staff Representative:	Library Director Kathy Homme
Councilmember Appointee:	Councilmember Galen Wills
Citizen Appointees:	Pauline Wiemann (2013) Ellen Boreen (2013) Annmarie Trocke (2013) Sue Morrisette (2014) Dee Czech (2014) Jean Olson (2014)
Ex-officio Member:	Sibley County Library Board Representative

Park Committee/Shade Tree Board: (Term Length: Two years)

Staff Representative:	Superintendent Dan Thomes
Councilmember Appointee:	Councilmember Ben Jaszewski
Citizen Appointees:	Gary Hultgren (2013) Gerry Ebersviller (2013) Karan Pichelmann (2013) Al Ihrke (2014) Robert Thomes (2014) Jim Pederson (2014)

Planning and Zoning Committee: (Term Length: Three years)

Staff Representative:	Consulting P & Z Administrator Cynthia Smith-Strack
Councilmember Appointee:	Councilmember Curt Reetz
Citizen Appointees:	Dwight Grabitske (2013) Lowell Nagel (2013) Jeff Pinske (2014) Mike Vrklan (2014) Richard Nagel (2015) Michelle Battcher (2015)

Sibley Medical Center Board of Directors: (Term Length: Five years)

Staff Representatives:	SMC Administrator Todd Sandberg
Councilmember Appointees:	Councilmember Ben Jaszewski
Citizen Appointees:	Lisa Pfarr (2013) Dennis Schultz (2014) Dave Welch (2016) Kevin Lindstrand (2017)
Ex-officio Member:	Chief of Staff Ehtaisham Mohammed, M.D.

TASK FORCES AND COMMISSIONS:

Arlington Historical Society:

Staff Representative:	None
Board of Directors, Volunteers:	Curt Boeder Greg Goblirsch Pauline Wiemann Dwight Grabitske Ramona Bade Mike Noack Annmarie Trocke

Fire Department Capital Equipment:

Staff Representative:	City Administrator Matt Jaunich
Councilmember Appointees:	Councilmember Galen Wills Councilmember Jason Ruehling Arlington Township Travis Tuchtenhagen Dryden Township Ron Otto

Green Isle Township Kevin Biermann
Jessenland Township Jerry Narr
Kelso Township MaryAnn Buck
New Auburn Township _____

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is Ex-Officio for all Boards, Committees and Commissions.

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 7th day of January, 2013.

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

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator

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

RESOLUTION 3-2013
A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL CITY DEPOSITORY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Arlington State Bank of Arlington, Minnesota be hereby designated as the official City of Arlington depository for the year 2013.

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 7th day of January, 2013.

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

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator

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

RESOLUTION 4-2013
A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Arlington Enterprise of Arlington, Minnesota be hereby designated as the official City of Arlington newspaper for the year 2013.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Wills 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 7th day of January, 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 5-2013
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2013 CITY CALENDAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Calendar is hereby designated as the official City of Arlington Calendar of Public Meetings for the year 2013.

CITY OF ARLINGTON
2013 PUBLIC MEETINGS
(MEETING DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Holidays - City Offices Closed:

January 1 - New Year's Day	January 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 18 - President's Day	May 27 - Memorial Day
July 4 - Independence Day	September 2 - Labor Day
November 11 - Veteran's Day	November 28 - Thanksgiving Day
November 29 - Day after Thanksgiving	December 25 - Christmas Day
Council	January 7 @ 6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning	January 10 @ 7:00 pm
Council (Holiday 21 st)	January 24 - 22 nd @ 6:30 pm
Township/Fire/Ambulance	January 24 (10 Day Notice) @ 7:00 pm
Hospital	January 28 @ 5:00 pm
Parks	January 28 @ 7:00 pm
EDA	January 29 @ 6:00 pm
Council	February 4 @ 6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning	February 7 @ 7:00 pm
Council (Holiday 18 th)	February 18 (19 th) @ 6:30 pm
Library	February 20 @ 6:30 pm
Hospital	February 25 @ 5:00 pm
Parks	February 25 @ 7:00 pm
EDA	February 26 @ 6:00 pm
Council	March 4 @ 6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning	March 7 @ 7:00 pm
Council	March 18 @ 6:30 pm
Hospital	March 25 @ 5:00 pm
Parks	March 25 @ 7:00 pm
EDA	March 26 @ 6:00 pm
Council	April 1 @ 6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning	April 4 @ 7:00 pm
A-GI Wastewater (Arlington)	April 11 (10 Day Notice) @ 7:00 pm
Council	April 15 @ 6:30 pm
Parks	April 22 @ 7:00 pm
EDA	April 23 @ 6:00 pm
Hospital	April 29 @ 5:00 pm
Planning & Zoning	May 2 @ 7:00 pm
Council	May 6 @ 6:30 pm
Library	May 15 @ 6:30 pm
Council	May 20 @ 6:30 pm
Hospital (Holiday 27 th)	May 27 ? (20 th) @ 5:00 pm
Parks (Holiday 27 th)	May 27 ? (28 th) @ 7:00 pm
EDA	May 28 @ 6:00 pm
Council	June 3 @ 6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning	June 6 @ 7:00 pm
Council	June 17 @ 6:30 pm
Hospital	June 24 @ 6:30 pm
Parks	June 24 @ 7:00 pm
EDA	June 25 @ 6:00 pm
Council	July 2 @ 6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning (Holiday 4 th)	July 4 (11 th) @ 7:00 pm
Council	July 15 @ 6:30 pm
Parks	July 22 @ 7:00 pm
EDA	July 23 @ 6:00 pm
Hospital	July 29 @ 5:00 pm
Special Council . Budget	July
Planning & Zoning	August 1 @ 7:00 pm
Council	August 5 @ 6:30 pm
Council	August 19 @ 6:30 pm
Hospital	August 26 @ 5:00 pm
Parks	August 26 @ 7:00 pm
EDA	August 27 @ 6:00 pm
Special Council . Budget	August

Council (Holiday 2 nd)	September 2 3 rd @ 6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning	September 5 @ 7:00 pm
A-GI Wastewater (Green Isle)	September 12 (10 Day Notice) @ 7:00 pm
Council	September 16 @ 6:30 pm
Library	September 18 @ 6:30 pm
Township/Fire/Ambulance	September 19 (10 Day Notice) @ 7:00 pm
Parks	September 23 @ 7:00 pm
EDA	September 24 @ 6:00 pm
Hospital	September 30 @ 5:00 pm
Planning & Zoning	October 3 @ 7:00 pm
Council	October 7 @ 6:30 pm
Council	October 21 @ 6:30 pm
Hospital	October 28 @ 5:00 pm
Parks	October 28 @ 7:00 pm
EDA	October 29 @ 6:00 pm
Special Council . Budget	October
Council	November 4 @ 6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning	November 7 @ 7:00 pm
Council	November 18 @ 6:30 pm
Library	November 20 @ 6:30 pm
Hospital	November 25 @ 5:00 pm
Parks	November 25 @ 7:00 pm
EDA	November 26 @ 6:00 pm
Special Council . Budget	November
Council	December 2 @ 6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning	December 5 @ 7:00 pm
Council	December 16 @ 6:30 pm
Hospital	December 30 @ 5:00 pm
Parks	
EDA	

MEETING SCHEDULE:

City Council	1 st & 3 rd Monday Evenings @ 6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning	1 st Thursday Evening @ 7:00 pm
A-GI Wastewater	2 nd Thursday Evening April/September (10 Day Notice) @ 7:00 pm (April-Arl, September-GI - alternate locations) (GI Council Meets 2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays)
EDA	4 th Tuesday Evening (Monthly) @ 6:00 pm
Library	3 rd Wednesday Evening (Quarterly) @ 6:30 pm (Library)
Park Board	4 th Monday Evening (Monthly) @ 7:00 pm
Township/Fire/Ambulance	3 rd Thursday Evening . January/September (10 Day Notice) @7:00 pm
Hospital Board	Last Monday Afternoon @ 5:00 pm (SMC Conference Room)
Cable Commission	4 th Wednesday Evening (Monthly)
Fire Relief	Last Wednesday Evening (Monthly) (Fire Hall)

**All meetings are at Community Center-Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.*

***All meeting dates are subject to change, plus additional (special) meetings could be scheduled.*

Annual Schedule for Committees to Report to City Council (attended by a minimum of 2 representatives from each):

February:	Fire Dept.-1 st Meeting, Historical Society-2 nd Meeting
March:	Ambulance-1 st Meeting, Hospital (SMC)-2 nd Meeting
April:	Electrical Engineer-1 st Meeting, PeopleService-2 nd Meeting
May:	Library-1 st Meeting, Planning & Zoning-2 nd Meeting
June:	EDA-1 st Meeting, Parks/Trails-2 nd Meeting
August:	Fire Relief-1 st Meeting

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Wills 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 7th day of January, 2013.

CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA

/s/ James R. Kreft, Mayor _____

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator

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

RESOLUTION 7-2013
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COUNCIL MEMBER JIM PEDERSON FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF ARLINGTON

WHEREAS, Jim Pederson has completed his term of service as a member of the Arlington City Council; and
WHEREAS, Jim Pederson served on the Arlington City Council from January of 2009 through December of 2012; and
WHEREAS, his outstanding service has contributed much to the effective functioning of the city government; and
WHEREAS, his many talents and dedicated service does not go unnoticed and will be missed at future meetings of the City Council.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Arlington that the City of Arlington, acting through its City Council, does hereby express its appreciation and gratitude to Jim Pederson for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the city and to the community of Arlington and does hereby extend to him the very best wishes for the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be given to Jim Pederson so that the City's appreciation will be conveyed directly to him.

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 7th day of January, 2013.

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

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator

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

RESOLUTION 8-2013
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COUNCIL MEMBER BOB PICHELMANN FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF ARLINGTON

WHEREAS, Bob Pichelmann has completed his term of service as a member of the Arlington City Council; and
WHEREAS, Bob Pichelmann served on the Arlington City Council from January of 2009 through December of 2012; and
WHEREAS, his outstanding service has contributed much to the effective functioning of the city government; and
WHEREAS, his many talents and dedicated service does not go unnoticed and will be missed at future meetings of the City Council.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Arlington that the City of Arlington, acting through its City Council, does hereby express its appreciation and gratitude to Bob Pichelmann for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the city and to the community of Arlington and does hereby extend to him the very best wishes for the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be given to Bob Pichelmann so that the City's appreciation will be conveyed directly to him.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Nuesse 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 7th day of January, 2013.

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

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator

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

RESOLUTION 9-2013
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A LAWFUL GAMBLING PERMIT FOR
SIBLEY COUNTY PHEASANTS FOREVER

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Arlington hereby approves the application for a Lawful Gambling Permit as submitted by Sibley County Pheasants Forever for a raffle event on February 9, 2013.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Wills 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 7th day of January, 2013.

CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA

/s/ James R. Kreft, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator

Adm. Jaunich provided an update on the ongoing negotiations with Verizon regarding the Water Tower Lease Agreement. He stated that term length continues to be an issue. Attorney Arneson provided a brief history on this matter for the new Councilmembers. Discussion was held and Attorney Arneson and Adm. Jaunich will continue with the negotiations.

Bids for the City Services/Tech Center Renovation Project were reviewed. Adm. Jaunich explained that the proposed remodel of the building was to make room for the Police Department. He stated that all three bidders had shown up for the tour of the building and met with the building official to get the details for the proposed project. He commented that they had estimated the cost for this project to be \$100,000 within the Capital Improvement Plan. It was noted that the low bid came in at \$107,872. Considerable discussion was held on how to proceed with the project (in its entirety or only certain sections).

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Jaszewski, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the low bid from Travis Tuchtenhagen Construction in the amount \$107,872 for the City Services/Tech Center Renovation Project, with a "not to exceed" clause added and verify that sales tax and dumpster charges were included in the bid, and to also include that any change order over \$500 needs to be submitted to the City Administrator or Sub-Committee of the City Council for approval.

The Council reviewed bids for a new squad car. Adm. Jaunich stated that \$32,000 had been included in the Capital Improvement Plan to replace the oldest squad in 2013.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Ruehling, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the purchase of the 2013 Chevy Impala from Brau Motors in the amount of \$21,851, transfer of equipment and new equipment installation from E.A.T.I. Inc. in the amount of \$7,445, and digital camera system from Pro Vision in the amount of \$2,602.

Mayor Kreft presented his goals for 2013, as follows:

1. Review the Arlington-Green Isle Waste Water Agreement.

In 1999, the cities of Arlington and Green Isle agreed to share a waste water treatment system, and it has proven to be an excellent example of how communities can collaborate and cooperate to address common needs. However, in recent years, it has become increasingly apparent that, while both parties are pleased with the level of service, the financial mechanics of the agreement have led to some confusion and need clarification, and the fund balances need recalculating.

Along with addressing that need, the two cities will review the original agreement with an eye towards clarifying the authority of the individual cities, and better delineating the role of the cooperative board.

2. Investigate funding options for infrastructure extension to future industrial park.

In 2011, our Economic Development Authority carefully considered over a dozen parcels in and around Arlington in a search for valid candidates for a future, municipally-owned industrial park. Last November, 22 acres of land just southwest of the corporate city limits, adjacent to the Minnesota Prairie Line Railroad and Minnesota Highway 5, were purchased for that purpose. This year, the acreage will be brought into city limits, and our EDA will continue to prepare for its development.

It has been the position of the EDA and the City Council that this future industrial park will be developed only when there is a private industry ready to locate there and share in development costs. State funding is available for these public/private partnerships, and this year our EDA will thoroughly investigate these funding sources while continuing and instigating communication with potential partners.

3. Continue negotiations between Sibley Medical Center and Ridgeview Medical Center for an affiliation agreement.

Throughout 2011, the Sibley Medical Center Board of Directors conscientiously contemplated the goal of an affiliation with another medical organization. These efforts included the identification of multiple medical organizations as candidates, inquiries about the candidates' levels of interest, narrowing that field of candidates to three, and finally interviewing those three to ascertain their viability as potential affiliates of Sibley Medical Center

The organization that the Board unanimously viewed as the best potential affiliate is Ridgeview Medical Center. Sibley Medical Center and Ridgeview currently enjoy, and prosper from, an excellent working relationship and a highly effective administrative contract. The City of Arlington's Ambulance Service also works closely with SMC and RMC for enhancement of our license to part-time Advanced Life Support.

SMC and RMC have recently agreed to negotiate exclusively with one another for a potential affiliation agreement. Successful negotiation of an agreement would lead to higher efficiency for our medical center; provide increased accessibility to specialty health care for our area residents, and further SMC's mission of being, "Your partner in care, for life."

4. Repurpose the Tech Center to the Emergency Service Building.

After evaluating the conditions and uses of our municipal buildings in 2011, it was concluded that redundancy could be reduced and efficiency increased by consolidating the spaces needed by our Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments. Last year, an assessment of current and future space requirements of these three departments was commenced, and with these considerations in mind, a floor plan for the remodel of the current Tech Center was designed.

Recently, bids for the proposed remodel were reviewed, and a local contractor was hired to undertake the project. Construction will commence this winter, and the Police Department will likely find its new location ready by spring.

5. Construct the "Safe Routes to School" pedestrian infrastructure project.

Throughout 2010, representatives from the City of Arlington, Sibley East Schools, St. Paul's Lutheran School, and Sibley County Public Health met to appraise the safety and condition of pedestrian thoroughfares surrounding our schools. These meetings culminated in mid-2011 with an application for Safe Routes to School funding. "Safe Routes to School" is a state program, funded with federal money, designed to encourage students to walk and bike to school, and assure that they do so safely. In the autumn of that same year we were delighted to learn that the nearly \$200,000 sidewalk improvement/extension project funding for which we applied was awarded as a grant. Last year the plans and specifications for the project along First Ave NW and elsewhere were begun, and the project will soon be let for bids. A summer construction is anticipated with completion likely before the 2013/2014 school year.

It was the consensus to hold a New Member/City Council Orientation Workshop meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

Adm. Jaunich announced that he had accepted a job offer with Sibley County and would be submitting his letter of resignation to the Council, with his last day being February 8th. Discussion was held on starting the process for hiring a new City Administrator.

Considerable discussion was held on the proposed removal of the stop light on Hwy 5/West Main Street and what the City can do (if anything) to stop it. Residents and business owners have expressed their concerns and/or opposition to the removal to Councilmembers/City Staff since MnDOT has made the

announcement. It was suggested to contact Gaylord, Winthrop and other cities, as they will be encountering the same issue and possibly look into a joint effort to work with MnDOT on retaining the stop lights.

Motion by Nuesse, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm.

City Administrator Matthew Jaunich

Mayor James R. Kreft