

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 19, 2017 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 June 5th Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B) Approval of the June 5th Workshop Meeting Minutes.
 - C) Approval of Bills.
 - D) Authorize \$500 SMIF Funding Request (EDA).
 - E) Authorize Allocating up to \$3,000 for a Sibley County Comprehensive Housing Study (EDA).
 - F) Authorize Repair of Flygt 2.5 HP Mixer at WWTP. (Quality Flow Systems, Inc., \$4,000)
 - G) Approval of Fireworks Possession and Display on July 1st @ Sibley County Fairgrounds.
 - H) Approve Hiring Trevor Latzke, Arlington Maintenance Worker, @ \$17.17/hour. (Step 9)
 - I) ~~Accept Resignation from Liza Donabauer, Arlington City Administrator. (moved to #19)~~

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. 2017 Alley Drainage Reconstruction/Improvement Project Assessment Hearing.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, & COMMUNICATIONS

6. Addressing the Council
 - A) Citizens Addressing the Council.
7. Announcements
 - A) Arlington Farmer's Market, June 19th – September 25th @ 4-6:30 p.m., Arlington Community Center West Parking Lot.
 - B) City Office Closed Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day Holiday; City Council Meeting held Wednesday, July 5th @ 6:30 p.m.
 - C) MMPA Annual Meeting & Dinner, July 25th @ 4:00 – 8:30 p.m., Shakopee Energy Park and Canterbury Park
 - D) Arlington Night Out, August 1st @ 5-7:30 p.m., Four Seasons Park.
8. Communications
 - A) May Building Permit Report.
 - B) May Police Report.
 - C) May Financial Report.
 - D) June Sibley County Community Development Newsletter.
 - E) SW Corridor Transportation Coalition Letter to Met Council Chair RE: Hwy 212 Corridor.
 - F) CGMC Invitation to Attend Summer Conference.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

9. Cable Commission Update.
10. Annual Report – Cemetery – Dennis Van Moorlehem.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

11. Ordinances
 - A) First Reading: Ordinance 313 – An Ordinance Enacting a Code of Ordinances for the City of Arlington, Minnesota, Amending, Restating, Revising, Updating, Codifying, and Compiling Certain Ordinances of the City Dealing with the Subjects Embraced in the Code of Ordinances, and Providing Penalties for the Violation of the Code of Ordinances.
 - Chapter 13 – Miscellaneous (City Attorney Arneson)
12. Resolutions
 - A) 53-2017 – Authorize Service Agreement with ABDO for Five-Year Financial Planning.
 - B) 54-2017 – Accept a \$17,878 Donation from RSMC and Designate its Use Toward the Rebuilding of the Memorial Park Gazebo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

13. 2017 Alley Drainage Reconstruction/Improvement Project.
 - A) Resolution 55-2017 – Approving an Assessment.
14. Authorize/Deny Eliminating Sanitary Sewer/Water Services on Empty Methodist Church Lot.
 - A) Letter from Rev. Rod Stemme, Arlington United Methodist Church, RE: 2017 Street & Utility Improvement Project.
15. Approve/Deny Partial Pay Estimate No. 1 to OMG Midwest, Inc. (\$42,774.70).
16. Discuss Sunday Off-Sale Liquor.
17. Interim City Administrator.
18. City Administrator Search.
19. Accept Resignation from Liza Donabauer, Arlington City Administrator

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- ~~17.~~ Police Department.
 - A) Department Update (Tony Padilla, Interim Police Chief).
- ~~18.~~ Mid-Year Update on Mayoral Goals
 - A) Complete the Renovation of the Senior Citizens Building at Four Seasons Park.
 - B) Move Forward with the Process of Inventorying all Trees Located on City Boulevards and in City Parks.
 - C) Begin the Construction Phase of the 2017 Street and Utility Improvement Project.
 - D) Examine all Options for Delivery of Ambulance Service, as well as Fire and Police Protection.
 - E) Take a Fresh Look at Arlington's Economic Development Efforts.
- ~~19.~~ Council Committee Updates.
- ~~20.~~ Open Discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Reminders:

Parks – June 26th @ 6 pm

Cemetery – June 26th @ 7:00 pm

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
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The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., Mayor Richard Nagel presiding.

Members present: Mayor Nagel, Battcher, Cowell, Hatlestad, Heiland, Jaszewski

Members absent: None

Also present: City Adm. Donabauer, City Attorney Arneson, Curt, Reetz, Rod Stemme, Larry Sorenson, Gary Revier, Don Koch, Brandon Brinkman, Howard Brinkman, Dan Meffert, Dennis Van Moorlehem, Engineer Jason Femrite, Interim Police Chief Padilla, Police Officer Voigt, Kurt Menk

Motion by Battcher, seconded by Cowell, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Add item 17) Interim City Administrator

Add item 18) City Administrator Search

Remove item 4I) Accept Resignation from Liza Donabauer, Arlington City Administrator; from Consent Agenda and move it to item 19.

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

- A) Approval of the June 5th Regular Meeting Minutes
- B) Approval of the June 5th Special Workshop Meeting Minutes
- C) Approval of Bills
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- E) Authorize Allocating up to \$3,000 for a Sibley County Comprehensive Housing Study (EDA)
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Mayor Nagel recessed the regular meeting to hold a public hearing.

Mayor Nagel called the 2017 Alley Drainage Reconstruction/Improvement Project Assessment public hearing to order. Engineer Femrite presented the updated proposed assessment roll for the alleyway improvement project. He explained that originally the project had been bid as a fully paved alley with storm sewer catch basins. After some discussions, the project was re-scoped to be a reconstruction of the graveled alley (assessed at 25%) with the addition of a storm sewer system (assessed at 100%); which was how the assessment was figured on. Battcher questioned if the proposed gravel with catch basin would sufficiently drain the area. Eng. Femrite stated that it should drastically improve the drainage in the area with the addition of the two catch basins; however, the gravel aspect will require additional maintenance. He explained the difference in costs between the original bidding of the project (an improvement) and the revised project (a reconstruction).

Pastor Rod Stemme and Larry Sorenson of the United Methodist Church, along with Gary Revier were present to express the concerns about the project costs/assessments. Pastor Stemme commented that the Church would like to see only a reconstruction of the gravel with no storm sewer added. Eng. Femrite commented that just replacing the gravel will not take care of the problem. He added that regrading attempts have been made in the past and are not the solution. Pastor Stemme commented that the congregation was opposed to being assessed at 100% for the alley improvements and feels that the alley (and church parking lot) has been more for public use. He added that if the assessment goes through at 100%, the Church has had discussions about discontinuing the 'public' use of the parking lot. Gary

Revier commented that he does not foresee the (public) use of the alley diminishing; it has been a very active alley for 60+ years. He would prefer it stay as is and just add gravel as needed in the bad areas. Larry Sorenson commented that the alley needs to be fixed and fixed right (as originally planned), but assessed at 25% due to the public use.

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

Brandon Brinkman, Howard Brinkman and Dan Meffert addressed the Council about two trees that had been cut down at 407 West Alden Street due to the Street Improvement Project. Brandon Brinkman stated that the trees were on private property, not in the city boulevard and should not have been removed. At the time of the incident, he spoke with the individual responsible for the tree removal for the project and was told that the trees had a 50/50 chance of surviving the improvement project. Brinkman stated the trees were irreplaceable as they were over 100 years old. He requested that sizable healthy trees be replaced on his property (not the boulevard) and maintained and warrantied for one-year. Mayor Nagel acknowledged that there was a communication breakdown with the property owner.

Curt Reetz was present to talk about the water and sewer service lines to his property. He stated that he had replaced them both back in 2014 (from the house to the street) and was concerned about having to pay \$4,000-\$5,000 for them again due to the 2017 Improvement Project. He had heard the Council might be varying from city policy regarding installation of service lines for the Methodist Church for one of their lots and wanted things to be fair across the board. It was noted that service lines are replaced from the mains in the street to the property line. Engineer Femrite stated that they would inspect the materials used to ensure they are adequate; they want to have a good quality product. He stated that a reduction in assessments could be considered if less piping is needed to be replaced in this instance.

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

The following announcements were reviewed:

- A) Arlington Farmer's Market, June 19th – September 25th, 4-6:30 p.m. Arlington Community Center West Parking Lot
- B) City Office Closed Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day Holiday; City Council Meeting held Wednesday, July 5th @ 6:30 p.m.
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- D) Arlington Night Out, August 1st @ 5-7:30 p.m., Four Seasons Park.

The Council reviewed the following communications:

- A) May Building Permit Report
- B) May Police Report
- C) May Financial Report
- D) June Sibley County Community Development Newsletter
- E) SW Corridor Transportation Coalition Letter to Met Council Chair RE: Hwy 212 Corridor
- F) CGMC Invitation to Attend Summer Conference.

Don Koch (an Arlington resident) provided an update on the Cable Commission. He stated that the cities of Arlington, Gaylord, Gibbon and Winthrop are represented by the Commission, which oversees the public access channels and fees associated therewith. The fees collected are given out as grants to the cities to help with replacing/funding equipment. The Sibley East and GFW school districts are each given \$6,000 a year. The public libraries within the four cities each are given \$2,000 a year. Four parochial schools are also given yearly grants. It was noted that RS Fiber contributes fees to the Cable Commission. Mayor Nagel commented that he would like to see an annual financial report from the Commission showing revenues and expenses.

Dennis Van Moorlehem presented the annual report for the cemetery. He stated that the Committee developed a series of projects that they wanted to look at and prioritized them. Their first priority was the columbarium, which was due to be installed within the month. The next highest project was adding another roadway to the south of the existing roadway system. The Committee has discussed making improvements to the existing road system also; along with establishing a natural screening along the north and south borders by adding trees and shrubs.

The first reading of Ordinance 313 – An Ordinance Enacting a Code of Ordinances for the City of Arlington, Minnesota, Amending, Restating, Revising, Updating, Codifying, and Compiling Certain Ordinances of the City Dealing with the Subjects Embraced in the Code of Ordinances, and Providing Penalties for the Violation of the Code of Ordinances, was held. The Council reviewed Chapter 13 (Miscellaneous). Attorney Arneson explained that there were 10 different smaller subjects that really were not stand alone subjects and therefore were lumped into this chapter. Battcher commented that she didn't see anything under the parks section regarding alcohol. Attorney Arneson stated that language pertaining to alcohol consumption was included in another chapter, but could be duplicated in this chapter as someone may be looking for it there. Battcher felt that certain subjects may need to be covered by more than one chapter.

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

RESOLUTION 53-2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ARLINGTON TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ABDO, EICK & MEYERS, LLP

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington seeks to enter into an Agreement with ABDO Eick & Meyers LLP (ABDO) to prepare a five-year financial planning toll for the City for the periods ended 12-31-17 through 2022 and the three consecutive years after;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Arlington, Minnesota as follows:

1. That the attached Agreement between the City and ABDO is hereby approved. A copy of the agreement for services, outlined in Appendix A, for agreed-upon procedures to assist the City in planning and evaluating the impact of future financial activity, including operations and capital projects.
2. The term of this Agreement commences on December 31, 2017 and continues until December 31, 2022. The Agreement may be terminated upon written notice by the City but the City will be obligated to compensate ABDO for all time expended through the date of termination.
3. The proposed project budget is for a not-to-exceed of \$5,000.00 per year for 2017, 2018, and 2019.
4. That the City Administrator, or his or her successor, and Mayor are designated the Authorized Representatives for the City/Contractor.

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

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 19th day of June, 2017.

Signed: /s/ Richard Nagel
Mayor

Attested: /s/ Liza M. Donabauer
City Administrator

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

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

RESOLUTION 54-2017

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION AND DESIGNATING ITS USE

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Statutes 465.03 states that cities may accept gifts of real or personal property, including money, and use them in accordance with the terms the donor prescribes; and

WHEREAS, the City may not, however, accept or use gifts for religious or sectarian purposes; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by two-thirds majority of its members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington has received a \$17,878.00 donation from Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center for the rebuilding of the Memorial Park Gazebo; and

WHEREAS, charitable contributions to governmental units are tax-deductible under Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code if made for public purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Arlington City Council would like to express its thankfulness for this gracious community support, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 465.03 the Arlington City Council does hereby accept the aforementioned donation.

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

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 19th day of June, 2017.

Signed: /s/ Richard Nagel
Mayor

Attested: /s/ Liza M. Donabauer
City Administrator

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

Mayor Nagel commented on the 2017 Alley Drainage Improvement Assessment public hearing held earlier in the evening. He explained that a few months ago, the City made some changes to its policy regarding alley assessments. Under the change, if an alley was deemed for public use, adjoining properties would be assessed at 25% versus 100%. The Council, at a previous meeting, deemed the alley in question (by Methodist Church) not to be for public use and did not qualify for the reduced assessment. During the public hearing, Larry Sorenson requested that the Council reconsider their decision about the alley. Heiland commented that he wanted to see the alley blacktopped and not left as gravel and change the assessment back to 25% (not 100% proposed). Jaszewski and Cowell agreed based on the fact it will be used by the public due to close proximity to the school.

Motion by Heiland, seconded by Jaszewski, and carried (Battcher and Hatlestad opposed) to resort back to the original resolution to assess the adjacent property owners at 25% (falling under exception within policy) and do the project as originally planned (blacktopped with improvements). Engineer Femrite stated that the assessment roll could be revised back and based on the original project without another public hearing since it was a reduction from what was being proposed. Attorney Arneson agreed.

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

RESOLUTION 55-2017

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to proper notice duly given as required by law, the council has met and heard and passed upon all objections to the proposed assessment for the Alley Reconstruction/Improvements related to the 2017 Street & Utility Improvement Project, and has amended such proposed assessment as it deems just;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Such proposed assessment, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby accepted and shall constitute the special assessment against the lands named therein, and each tract of land therein included is hereby found to be benefitted by the proposed improvement in the amount of the assessment levied against it.

2. The assessments shall be payable in equal annual installments including principal and interest extending over a period of 15 years, with interest accrued at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum, the first of said installments to be payable with general property taxes, collectible during the year 2018.
3. The owner of any property so assessed may, at any time prior to certification of the assessment (November 15, 2017) to the County Auditor, pay to the City of Arlington, the entire assessment, or portion thereof, without interest. And thereafter at any time prior to November 15 of any year pay to the City of Arlington, the whole, or portion thereof, of the principal amount of the assessment remaining on such property, understanding that the current year's installment of principal and interest through December 31 is payable to the County Auditor.
4. The City Administrator shall forthwith transmit a certified duplicate of this assessment to the County Auditor to be extended on the property tax lists of the county. Such assessments shall be collected and paid in the same manner as other municipal taxes.

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: Cowell, Heiland, Jaszewski; and the following voted against the same: Battcher, Hatlestad; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 19th day of June, 2017.

Signed: /s/ Richard Nagel
Mayor

Attested: /s/ Liza M. Donabauer
City Administrator

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

Adm. Donabauer stated that the City had received a letter from Pastor Rod Stemme of the Methodist Church regarding 2017 Improvement Project. Within the letter it requested that the sanitary/water services be eliminated from their empty lot. Engineer Femrite stated that past practices have been to install city services to all buildable lots, which the lot in question was. He explained what would be needed to provide services to the lot at a later date in the future if it was decided not to install at this time.

Motion by Heiland, seconded by Hatlestad, and passed by unanimous vote to deny the request to eliminate water and sewer services from the vacant lot owned by the Methodist Church.

The Council reviewed Pay Estimate No. 1 from OMG Midwest, Inc. in the amount of \$42,774.70.

Motion by Battcher, seconded by Jaszewski, and passed by unanimous vote to approve partial Pay Estimate No. 1 to OMG Midwest, Inc. in the amount of \$42,774.70.

Discussion was held on Sunday Off-Sale liquor sales. Adm. Donabauer polled the four liquor license establishments for their input. It was noted that Arlington Liquors would be the most effected by the new law. Adm. Donabauer stated that the owner of Arlington Liquors did not want to be open on Sundays, but if her competitors were going to be, she would have to be. Attorney Arneson talked about the new law and explained that cities can opt out of it and maintain their local control. He felt that the city's ordinance should be revised either way, as it does not currently address Sunday off sale. It was noted that the remaining licensees were not necessarily in favor of being open either. Battcher commented that she would like to give the local businesses the opportunity and/or choice to be open on Sundays if they want to be; they will not be required to be.

Motion by Heiland, seconded by Hatlestad, and failed (Battcher, Cowell and Jaszewski opposed) to opt out of the State law regarding Sunday Off Sale liquor.

Motion by Battcher, seconded by Jaszewski, and carried (Hatlestad, Heiland opposed) to opt in to the State law regarding Sunday Off Sale liquor effective July 1, 2017. Attorney Arneson will draft some language to include in the Code.

City Adm. Donabauer stated that the Council had met in a workshop prior to the meeting to discuss Interim City Administrator services. She explained that the League of Cities had a list of candidates who offer this type of service. Candidates within a commutable distance were contacted and three were available. Battcher favored the candidate (Sunny) who was able to work the most hours and had experience. She was hopeful that the budget and City Administrator search could be done by other professionals that way the interim administrator could work on other projects for the city. Cowell expressed concern about that same candidate's work history (not in same place very long). Hatlestad expressed concern that references were not provided either. Jaszewski commented that he liked all the good comments on one of the other candidates (Laura). Mayor Nagel and Hatlestad commented that she (Laura) came highly recommended from several individuals. Council members commented that they would like to meet the individuals before making a decision. Adm. Donabauer commented that Laura lives in Owatonna and would be available 2-3 days week to be in the office and remainder from home. The contracted rate would be \$65/hour plus expenses (mileage and lodging costs) and compensated travel time.

Motion by Cowell, seconded by Hatlestad, and carried (Battcher opposed, Heiland abstained) to contract with Laura Elvebak for Interim City Administrator services.

City Adm. Donabauer stated that the Council had also discussed the City Administrator search process in the workshop. The Council reviewed two quotes for professional services for conducting the City Administrator search. Comments were made of what was liked about both companies.

Motion by Heiland, seconded by Hatlestad, and passed by unanimous vote to contract with David Drown Associates in the amount of \$14,000 for professional services (City Administrator search).

Mayor Nagel stated the reason he pulled 'accepting the resignation of City Adm. Liza Donabauer' from the consent agenda was he felt it deserved some discussion/recognition.

Motion by Jaszewski, seconded by Hatlestad, and carried (Heiland opposed) to accept with regret the resignation of Liza Donabauer as Arlington's City Administrator.

Interim Police Chief Padilla provided an update on the Police Department. He was hoping to finish up the background process for the potential full-time officer later in the week. He offered a K-9 demonstration at the public library, which Officer Voigt assisted at. Padilla stated that the Police Department had been broken into over the weekend and provided the details of what they knew of the incident so far. He stated that staff had taken measures to re-secure the building. He stated that police vehicles and personal vehicles had been vandalized in Gaylord; they were looking at installing cameras and advised Arlington to considering do the same (in the future).

Mayor Nagel asked the Council to provide updates on the goals they were assigned at the beginning of the year.

- *Complete the Renovation of the Senior Citizens Building at Four Seasons Park:* Cowell stated that the renovation was complete and rentals had been occurring since the beginning of the month. An open house/dedication is being planned. A suggestion was made to change the name of the building in lieu of the Lions' donation. Mayor Nagel suggested it be the "Lions Center" at Four Seasons.

Motion by Battcher, seconded by Cowell, and passed by unanimous vote to change the name of the Senior Citizens Building at Four Seasons Park to the "Lions Center" at Four Seasons.

- *Move Forward with the Process of Inventorying all Trees Located on City Boulevards and in City Parks:* Hatlestad commented that he, Mayor Nagel and a few other individuals met with the City Forester, who showed them what was needed to inventory the trees. The group had started the process, and it was estimated to take 1-2 years to do.
- *Begin the Construction Phase of the 2017 Street and Utility Improvement Project:* Heiland stated that the project had started and appeared to be going well.

- *Examine all Options for Delivery of Ambulance Service, as well as Fire and Police Protection:* Jaszewski commented that the City was in the process of searching for a Police Chief and was part of the way through the background process for hiring a full-time officer. The City has increased wages, offered longevity pay/benefits and signing bonuses in hopes of boosting member recruitment and/or retention within the EMS departments.
- *Take a Fresh Look at Arlington's Economic Development Efforts:* Battcher stated that a new consultant was hired and has taken a fresh look at the EDA and brought forth many new ideas. They have been working at their goals, which will take some time to go through.

Battcher provided an update on the EDA Committee. The Committee had made some recommendations (approved earlier in the meeting) that they felt were beneficial to the community. Heiland questioned what was happening with the proposed medical school in Gaylord. Mayor Nagel stated that the purchase agreement was due to expire in September and they were anticipating things would be moving forward very soon.

Mayor Nagel asked for Council input on Mr. Brinkman's request from earlier in the meeting. Heiland commented that he would like the City to take advantage of Kahnke's Tree auction in the spring and fall. He stated that they have a variety of sizes at reasonable prices. Mayor Nagel clarified what happened with the trees on Mr. Brinkman's property. The trees were on private property and not scheduled for removal, but because of their close proximity to the sidewalk were removed (roots would have had to been cut and trees would not have survived) and the decision to remove the trees was not communicated with the property owners. Adm. Donabauer stated that the City was provided a list of trees (through the forestry grant) for residents to choose from to ensure that appropriate trees are placed in proper locations.

Motion by Jaszewski, seconded by Battcher, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm.

City Administrator Liza M. Donabauer

Mayor Richard Nagel