

Agenda
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Monday, April 10, 2006

I. Call to Order

A. 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.

II. Roll Call

A. Members present:

B. Members absent:

C. Consultants and City Staff present:

D. Visitors present:

III. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of Past Meetings: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday, March 27, 2006, as presented. Addendum #1

B. Exempt Permit: To approve an Application for Exempt Permit submitted by the Spring Grove Lions to conduct a raffle on August 20, 2006, at the Houston County Fairground during the annual fair.

C. Small Cities Development Program: To approve a Small Cities Development Program Commercial Loan in the amount of \$7,039 for a project, deemed eligible by the Administrator – Southeast Minnesota Development Corporation, with a total project cost of \$11,732, \$4,693 to be provided by private funds. This is commercial project 030.

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Council Action:

IV. Visitors and Communications

- A. Public Hearing – Hutton Companies: Joyce Iverson will present information on the requested Tax Abatement for a proposed Dollar Store in the Ma-Cal Industrial Park. Enclosed with the Agenda is a copy of the Resolution requested for adoption to approve the project. Addendum #3
- B. Public Hearing – Foltz/Snodgrass: The Council will conduct a Public Hearing on the application submitted by Dean Foltz and Norman Snodgrass to construct a set of duplexes facing on another on a tract of land adjacent to South First Street in the South Winnebago Estates Fifth Addition. Illustrations of the proposed layout are included with Addendum #4.
- C. Tax Abatement Application – Hutton Company: At this time the Council may review the testimony received at the Public Hearing and documents supporting the application for a determination on the question of Tax Abatement.

Council Action:

- D. Zoning Application – Foltz/Snodgrass: At this time the Council may consider testimony received at the Public Hearing to make a determination on the Zoning Application and Conditional Use Permit.

Council Action:

- E. Minnesota Alliance for Safe Highways: Jennifer Jaroski Guinan, Field Director, Minnesota Alliance for Safe Highways, wishes to address the Council on adopting a resolution for submittal to the Minnesota State Legislature opposing larger and heavier trucks. Enclosed is information provided by Ms. Guinan. I also contacted the Minnesota Department of Transportation, receiving data in return. Further, I contacted Dennis Gavin, Caledonia Haulers who, in turn, solicited information from the Minnesota Trucking Association all of which is included with the Agenda. Addendums #4a, #4b, #4c and #4d

Council Action:

- F. Economic Development:
 - 1. Tourism Ad: Joyce Iverson, EDA Director, will present information on a proposed ad in the *Minnesota Trails* magazine for the summer 2006 issue for an amount of \$162. Ms. Iverson will show examples of the size of advertisement at the meeting.

Council Action:

2. TIF District Change: If the Council chose to grant the request for Tax Abatement for the Hutton Companies Dollar Store, then a motion should be made to remove that tract of land from TIF District 1-4.

Council Action:

3. Other EDA Business:

- G. Craft Fill Bids: At this time Craft Fill Bids will be opened and read for consideration for award. Addendum #5

Council Action:

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- I. Communications
 1. LMC Friday Fax, 3-31-06. Addendum #6
 2. LMC Friday Fax, 4-7-06. Addendum #7
 3. The Wheel, April 2006. Addendum #8

V. Claims

- A. Prepaid Claims: Consideration of the Prepaid Claims List for March 2006. Addendum #9

Council Action:

- B. Claims Payable: Consideration of the Claims Payable for March 2006 and authorization to make payment. Addendum #10

Council Action:

VI. Old Business

- A. Ordinance, Section 52.08: Enclosed herewith is a proposed new section of the water ordinance which was drafted in response to information reviewed during our current Wellhead Protection Plan process. I will explain further at the Council Meeting. Addendum #11

Council Action:

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VII. New Business

- A. Annual LMC Conference: Enclosed is an Agenda for the conference schedule. If any Council Members are interested and able to attend, please let me know so we make reservations. Addendum #12

Council Action:

- B. Animal Control Officer: Mike Gavin, Animal Control Officer, met with the Wage Committee (Morey and Fisch) to discuss an increase in compensation. The Committee's recommendation is to continue his monthly wage at \$300, but add \$75 for building rental and reimbursement of miscellaneous expense such as use of his private vehicle. This increase is recommended to be retroactive to February 1, 2006. Other types of changes to be described at the meeting include clarification that Mr. Gavin is employed as a city employee as opposed to a private contractor.

Council Action:

- C. Appraisal Costs: Since the City is investigating the possibility of purchasing a property for Electric Department storage of vehicles and equipment, it maybe necessary to obtain an appraisal on one or more properties. The investigating committee is requesting authorization by the full council to expend a sum of money for obtaining property appraisals for this purpose.

Council Action:

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VIII. Clerk's Report

A. Police Department Report: Enclosed with the Agenda is the Officer Activity List and Officer Activity Summary for March 2006. Addendums #13 & #14

B. City of Caledonia Clean-Up Week: Addendum #15

C. Cable TV: Enclosed is an announcement from Ace Communication Group concerning their cable tv service. Addendum #16

D. Discharge Monitoring Report: Enclosed is the Discharge Monitoring Report Form for March 2006 showing the Average Monthly Total Nitrogen at 6.52 mg/l. Addendum #17

E. Seminar: Council Members are invited to attend a meeting entitled Innovations and Cities and Counties Promoting Excellents in Public Management, to be held Thursday, April 27, 2006, at the Cowles Auditorium, Hubert H. Humphrey Center, U Of M. Addendum #18.

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IX. Miscellaneous Items

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X. Adjournment

