

PRESENT: Mayor Rasmussen Jr., Councilors Larry Baker, George Marin, Reid Olson, Larry Anderson and Al Brooks. Also present was City Manager Adams, City Engineer Steven Jahnke, City Attorney Lee Bjorndal and City Clerk Shirley Slater-Schulte. A representative from the Albert Lea Tribune was present. Councilor Schulte V was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of The January 28, 2013 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of The January 24, 2013 Work Session
- C. Licenses And Permits (See Attached List)
- D. Resolution 13-15-Approving Additions To 2013 Appointments
- E. Resolution 13-16-Approving An Administrative Survey Of Lots Of Record For Andy Seuser
- F. Resolution 13-17-Ordering Preparation of Feasibility Reports on Public Improvements

MOTION: I will move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilor Baker, seconded by Councilor Marin. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Baker, Marin, Olson, Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed. Councilor Schulte V was absent.

(See Secretary's Original Resolutions 13-15-13-17
included with these minutes.)

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Dennis Dieser, 1002 Wood Park Lane stated this was an opportunity to bring students that attend Youth in Government. The goal is to teach the students about government and how it works. The groups toured the State Capitol in January and are in attendance at the City of Albert Lea Council Meeting. Mr. Dieser also thanked Mayor Rasmussen for attending their meeting. The Youth in Government Program is conducted through the YMCA. Registration starts in August and the YMCA works with the schools. Tiger Funds and other funds are available to attend the program.

PETITIONS-REQUESTS-COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 13-18 APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR COMPLETION OF INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT AT SYKES AND BRIDGE AVENUES AND SITE WORK

City Manager Adams stated that the attached resolution approves the Development Agreement between the City of Albert Lea and Convenience Store Investments, Inc., which includes the terms as outlined and discussed at the last council meeting. A few minor changes have been made to the agreement since the packet copy, both parties have agreed to these changes and staff recommends approval of this agreement.

Motion made by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Marin. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Baker, Marin, Olson, Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Councilor Schulte V was absent. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

(Secretary’s Original Resolution 13-18
included with these minutes.)

RESOLUTION 13-19 GRANTING FRONTAGE ROAD VACATION

City Manager Adams stated that Convenience Store Investments, Inc. and Albert Lea Motorcars, LLC have petitioned to vacate a frontage road adjacent to Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 Bridgeport Third Subdivision. A convenience store will be constructed on Lot 1 and the car lot will be expanded on Lot 2. The removal of the frontage road will be at Petitioners’ cost. City will retain a utility easement. Convenience Store Investments, Inc. has also agreed to certain responsibilities in improving the intersection of Bridge and Sykes Streets. These agreements are reflected in a document titled “Agreement for Completion of Intersection Work at Sykes and Bridge Avenues and Site Work.” It is hoped that while the convenience store is being constructed, improvements will be made to the intersection during 2013. Staff intends to promptly approve the Site Plan and Building Permit. Staff recommends approving both the Resolution for Vacation and the Agreement. Also, an “Exhibit B” has been added to these documents for further clarification of the easement.

Motion made by Councilor Marin, seconded by Councilor Olson. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Baker, Marin, Olson, Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr.; Councilor Schulte V was absent. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary’s Original Resolution 13-19

included with these minutes.)

Mr. Wade Dumond, Representative of Kwik Trip and Convenience Store Investments, Inc., stated that he appreciated the council and staff listening and working with them.

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

First Ward, Councilor Schulte V. - absent

Second Ward, Councilor Baker reported:

- No Ward Items
- Committee Updates - Attended the Planning Commission meeting, State Legislative Day, and the joint meeting of the Stables Area subcommittee which is made up of City and County staff and officials, and Watershed District members.

Third Ward, Councilor Marin reported:

- Ward Items - Reported street light outage
- No Committee Updates

Fourth Ward, Councilor Olson reported:

- No Ward Items
- No Committee Updates

Fifth Ward, Councilor Anderson reported:

- Ward Items - Thanked staff and crews for all of their hard work during the storms.
- No Committee Updates

Sixth Ward, Councilor Brooks reported:

- No Ward Items
- Committee Updates – Attended Port Authority Meeting
- Big Freeze on Saturday, February 16, 2013

Mayor Rasmussen Jr. reported:

- Port Authority Meeting – possible sale of land
- Loan Opportunities for future businesses
- Attended State Legislative Day and thanked legislators.
- Asked the public to take time to review the ‘State of the City Address.’
- Moment of silence for past Mayor Aaron Summers who passed away this past week.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Adams reported the following:

- State of the City Address is viewable on the city website.
- Meeting with developer of the Freeborn Bank Building will be scheduled within the next few weeks.
- Planning to review the plans and specs for the Broadway Infrastructure and Streetscape Project at the February 25 City Council meeting.

RESOLUTION 13-20 APPROVING CONTRACT WITH COUNCILMEMBER AL BROOKS

City Manager Adams explained that the attached resolution directs the Mayor and City Clerk to make payment on behalf of the City for a claim from Brooks Safety Equipment in the amount of \$306.22 and to issue payment for filing the affidavit of official interest by the interested official, Al Brooks

Councilor Anderson moved that the resolution be approved for payment of claims in the amount of \$306.22 to Brooks Safety Equipment seconded by Councilor Baker. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors: Baker, Marin, Olson, Anderson, and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed. Councilor Schulte V was absent; Councilor Brooks abstained.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 13-20
included with these minutes.)

RESOLUTION 13-21 APPROVING CLAIMS

Councilor Brooks moved that the resolution be approved for payment of claims as presented for checks #47388 through #47538 in the amount of \$565,479.28, with the exception of Check #47419 to Brooks Safety Equipment in the amount of \$306.22, seconded by Councilor Marin. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Baker, Marin, Olson, Anderson, Brooks, and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed. Councilor Schulte V was absent.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 13-21
included with these minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Marin moved and Councilor Baker seconded that there being no further business, the council meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until the next regular meeting of the Albert Lea City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2013. On roll call vote, all councilors voted in favor of said motion. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Vern Rasmussen, Jr.

Filed and attested February 12, 2013

Secretary to the Council