

**PRESENT:** Mayor Rasmussen Jr., Councilors John Schulte V, Larry Baker, George Marin, Reid Olson, Larry Anderson and Al Brooks. Also present was City Manager Adams, City Engineer Steven Jahnke, Public Safety Director Dwaine Winkels and City Clerk Shirley Slater-Schulte.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes Of The February 25, 2013 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes Of The February 21, 2013 Work Session
- C. Licenses And Permits (See Attached List)
- D. Resolution 13-30 Approving Lawful Gambling Permit for Albert Lea Wrestling Boosters
- E. Resolution 13-31 Approving Master Partnership Contract Between the City of Albert Lea and State Of Minnesota (MnDOT)
- F. Resolution 13-32 Declaring Official Intent of the City to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds of Bonds to be Issued by the City

MOTION: I will move to approve the consent agenda as amended with the removal of 7B – Amendment to Ordinance 157,4d Albert Lea Municipal Airport Zoning.

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

(See Secretary’s Original Resolutions 13-30-13-32 included with these minutes.)

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**PETITIONS-REQUESTS-COMMUNICATIONS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 13-33 NAMING CITY PARK**

City Manager Adams explained that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, at its February 21, 2013 meeting, received a request from residents of Tiger Hills to name the new park in that area “Thofson Park.” The Thofson’s, Virgil and Arlene, sold the land to Greg Moen for the development of the Tiger Hills subdivision. They also donated to the fundraising efforts for the purchase of playground equipment for the park. The Board recommended that the park be named “Thofson Park” and staff supports the decision.

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

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 13-33  
included with these minutes.)

### **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

First Ward, Councilor Schulte V. reported:

- Ward Items - none
- Committee Updates – Attended HRA Meeting

Second Ward, Councilor Baker reported:

- Ward Items – Referred to the City Manager
- Committee Updates – Attended the Downtown Association Meeting; unable to attend Planning Commission Meeting.

Third Ward, Councilor Marin reported:

- Ward Items – Concerns about parking for the Farmers Market during the construction of streetscape project. City Manager Adams stated that staff has been working with the Farmers Market in regards to this project and will provide information in writing and include a map of the area.
- Congratulations to the Street Department on the removal of snow.
- Committee Updates – Unable to attend Human Rights Commission Meeting.

Fourth Ward, Councilor Olson reported:

- Ward Items - none
- Committee Updates - none

Fifth Ward, Councilor Anderson reported:

- Ward Items – Meeting to be held on Thursday, March 14, 2013 regarding projects in Ward 5.
- Committee Updates – None
- Encouraged residents to be careful and thanked everyone for all of their hard work.

Sixth Ward, Councilor Brooks reported:

- Ward Items – Referred to the City Manager.
- Questions regarding an accident claim with the snowplow.
- Committee Updates – Attended the Port Authority Meeting

Mayor Rasmussen Jr. reported the following:

- Attended the Port Authority Meeting, continue to work with the State of Minnesota, working on Gap Financing for local businesses, also having some leads coming in from the State.
- Speaker at the Freeborn Banker's Association.
- Visited with Representative Shannon Savick regarding concerns:
  - City of Albert Lea
  - LGA and the lakes, etc.
- Visited with 1<sup>st</sup> graders from Halverson School, proclaimed "Read Across Albert Lea Day."
- Will be unable to attend the next City Council meeting; Mayor Pro Tem Larry Baker to preside over the meeting.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Adams reported the following:

- Attended the Diversified Central Business District Open House; there were a lot of good questions and dialog, high level discussion of what the district entails. Another Open House meeting is scheduled in March 2013, with more detail about the actual zoning changes and how it would impact properties. This item will be referred to the Planning Commission for a public hearing in April, 2013, and being referred to the council either in April or May, 2013. County Assessor has been invited to attend to discuss market value questions.
- City will be opening the bids for the Broadway Infrastructure and Streetscape Project at the end of the March, this item will be placed on the April 8, 2013 Council Agenda for consideration of awarding the contract.

### **RESOLUTION 13- 34 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Councilor Anderson moved that the resolution be approved for payment of claims as presented for checks #47679 through #47845 in the amount of \$433,402.78, seconded by Councilor Baker. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Schulte V, Baker, Marin, Olson, Anderson, Brooks, and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 13-34)

included with these minutes.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Anderson moved and Councilor Brooks seconded that there being no further business, the council meeting be adjourned at 7:13 p.m., until the next regular meeting of the Albert Lea City Council at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 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.

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Mayor Vern Rasmussen, Jr.

Filed and attested

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Secretary to the Council