

PRESENT: Mayor Vern Rasmussen Jr., Councilors John Schulte V., Larry Baker, Ellen Kehr, Reid Olson, Larry Anderson, Al Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr.; City Manager Chad Adams, City Engineer Steven Jahnke and City Clerk Shirley Slater-Schulte

CONSENT & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the May 29, 2012 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the May 24, 2012 Work Session
- C. Licenses and Permits (See attached list)
- D. Resolution 12- 113 - Accepting Donations
- E. Resolution 12-114 - Approving Appointment to the Board of Soil and Water Resources Wetland Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP)
- F. Schedule City, County Concurrent Work Session for June 28, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. in Council Chambers
- G. Resolution 12-115 - Acknowledging Low Bid Proposal for Airport Project

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

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

(See Secretary's Original Resolutions 12-113-12-115
included with these minutes)

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Tom Stiehm of the City of Austin and Representatives from the United States Postal Service from Albert Lea and Austin were present. The Postal Service from both cities conducted the annual food drive for local food shelves. Both agencies' collected over 9,000 lbs. of food but the Postal Service from Albert Lea collected more and Mayor Tom Stiehm of City of Austin presented the trophy to the City of Albert Lea's Mail Carriers. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. congratulated all Postal Service employees for their dedication and hard work.

Ms. Kathy Diaz, 718 St. Thomas, Albert Lea, presented a petition to the Mayor and Council regarding the past finance officer and practices.

Grace Skaar, 410 E. Clark Street, invited the City Council and public to attend the new art show, to be held at the Albert Lea Art Center on Thursday, June 14, 2012. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. thanked the Art Center for this program.

PETITIONS-REQUESTS-COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 12- 116 - APPROVING JOBS STIMULUS PROGRAM TAX INCREMENT FINANCING SPENDING PLAN

City Manager Adams explained that the attached resolution will allow the City to amend its current TIF Spending Plan related to the Jobs Stimulus Program and use the City’s excess TIF increment for the Freeborn Bank/Jacobson Building project improvements. The improvements will create construction jobs for future private occupancy of the building. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Rasmussen Jr. opened the public hearing and called three times.

No one spoke to this issue. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. closed the public hearing.

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

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 12-116
included with these minutes)

ORDINANCE 149,4d - AMENDING ZONING AND LAND USE MAP (1ST READING)

City Manager Adams explained that the Planning Commission voted 5-0 on June 5, 2012 to recommend changing the zoning classification at 818 and 822 Madison Avenue from R-P Residential Preservation District to I-2 Industrial District. The attached ordinance amending the zoning map is provided for introduction and first reading with adoption following on June 25, 2012. The proposed use of the property is parking for Lou Rich, Inc. A landscape buffer is required between the I-2 and the R-P District. A building setback of 75 feet from the residential district also applies for development in the I-2 District. The parking lot shall have a minimum of 6 ft. setback from the residential district or properties and the lot shall be screened up to 90% opacity. Staff recommends approval of the proposed ordinance amendment.

Councilor Anderson moved the adoption of the 1st reading, seconded by Councilor Kehr. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Schulte V, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the 1st reading of this ordinance passed.

(See Secretary's Original Ordinance 149,4d
included with these minutes)

FOUNTAIN LAKE COPPER SULFATE TREATMENT

City Manager Adams explained that the City presently has enough Copper Sulfate materials in stock to reduce the level of algae concentration on Fountain Lake. The entire lake should not be allowed to be treated at one time because of the potential for fish kill. Copper Sulfate is a naturally occurring inorganic salt. Because of the warmer spring and low volume of rain levels, Fountain Lake is experiencing higher levels of algae concentration at this point in the year compared to previous years.

The City has used the Copper Sulfate treatment in the past to reduce the level of algae concentration on Fountain Lake, generally a week or so prior to the July 4th community festivities. Staff is seeking direction to apply the treatment in the next few weeks.

MOTION: I will move to direct staff to treat the lake as needed.

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

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

First Ward, Councilor Schulte V. reported:

- No Ward Items
- Committee updates

Second Ward, Councilor Baker reported:

- Committee Updates
- No Ward items

Third Ward, Councilor Kehr reported:

- No Ward Items
- Committee updates
- Announcement of several events planned for this summer

Fourth Ward, Councilor Olson reported:

- No Ward Items
- No Committee updates
- Attended a neighborhood picnic

Fifth Ward, Councilor Anderson reported:

- No Committee Updates
- Ward Items – Received a lot of calls supporting Option #1 for Fire Service
- Take a Kid Fishing was a huge success
- Attended Lions Fly-In Breakfast
- Encouraged people to practice safety around the lakes

Sixth Ward, Councilor Brooks reported:

- Ward Items

- Committee Updates
- Has received calls on the Fire Service Report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rasmussen Jr. reported:

- **THU, JUN 14 – “Flag Burning Ceremony”** – American Legion Post 56 holds a ceremony in the North Broadway parking lot at 6:15 PM to burn flags that are no longer useful.
- Attended the “Eddie Cochran Event” and “Car Show.” Thanked everyone who helped with this event.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

ANALYSIS OF FIRE DELIVERY SERVICES REPORT

City Manager Adams reported:

- This report is available to the public at the Public Library and on the City website and the City Manager is available to give public presentations. The city would like to receive comments on this report. Public is encouraged to contact their councilor or call the City Manager.
- This information will be reviewed and tentative decision is planned within the first few months and staff will be researching for dollars to fund this project.

NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY™ REPORT

- This report is available to the public at the Public Library and on the City website and the City Manager is available to give public presentations. Staff will utilize this report at the council and staff retreat, goal setting, review of budget, etc.

RESOLUTION 12- 117 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Councilor Anderson moved that the resolution be approved for payment of claims in the amount of \$587,227.43 seconded by Councilor Baker. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Schulte V, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson, and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Councilor Brooks abstained. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 12-117
included with these minutes)

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Anderson moved and Councilor Brooks seconded that there being no further business, the council meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until the next regular meeting of the Albert Lea City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2012. 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 June 12, 2012

Secretary to the Council