

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY OF ALBERT LEA
Monday, August 10, 2015, 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Vern Rasmussen Jr., Councilors John Schulte V, Larry Baker, George Marin, Reid Olson, Larry Anderson and Al Brooks. Also, present were City Manager Chad Adams, Assistant City Manager Jerry Gabrielatos, City Attorney Lee Bjorndal, and City Clerk Shirley Slater-Schulte

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

PUBLIC FORUM

CONSENT AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes Of The July 27, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes Of The July 23, 2015 Work Session
- C. Licenses And Permits (See Attached List)
- D. Resolution 15-159-Authorizing Business Development Infrastructure Grant Application
- E. Resolution 15-160-Accepting Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation Grant
- F. Resolution 15-161-Approving A Lot Split Through An Administrative Lot Survey For The Property Located at 606 Ninth Street
- G. Resolution 15-162-Ordering Plans and Specifications for City Center Elevator Replacement

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilor Baker, seconded by Councilor Brooks. 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 15-159-162
included with these minutes)

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU ANNUAL UPDATE – SUSIE PETERSON, CVB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Susie Peterson, Executive Director of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau presented a brief power point regarding the on the following:

- Lodging Tax – 28% increase from 2008-2014, 9% increase YTD

- Bayside Ski Club hosted 10 Regional teams
- Just Play Festival, Albert Lea Floats, Wednesdays on the Water, Canoe Rental Station & Community Boathouse – 2014 over 2,000 users, as of August 3, 2015 1,745 users
- Reviewed attractions within the City of Albert Lea
- Reviewed Annual Events
- Wee Wednesday's – Park & Rec Carnival, Frozen Fun at Fountain Lake Park
- Wind Down Wednesday – August 19, 2015
- West End Savage
- Fountain Lake Powerboat Drag Races
- Big Island Rendezvous
- Celebrate Albert Lea

RESOLUTION 15-163 DECLARING ALBERT LEA FLOATS AS A COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

City Manager Adams explained that the Lakes Foundation of Albert Lea has requested that Council declare "Albert Lea Floats" event as a Community Festival in order to allow alcohol to be served at Frank Hall Park-Golden Point Launch, Blazing Star Trail. The event permit application has been submitted which includes a map of the restricted area where the sale and consumption of alcohol would be permitted. The 112 Restaurant Bar & Lounge will provide alcohol and will be required to have a liquor license on file with the City Clerk. This summer's Albert Lea Floats event will be held on August 15, 2015 from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. Staff recommends approval.

Motion made by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Olson. 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 15-163
included with these minutes)

RESOLUTION 15-164 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH JUDY JENSEN

City Manager Adams explained that Judy Jensen applied for a small project restoration grant under the Broadway Ridge Renewal Grant Fund. The building is located at 136 South Broadway Avenue in the City of Albert Lea. The project design has been approved by the City Building Official. The next step is to sign an Agreement for the project restoration and for use of the funds. Judy Jensen is requesting a grant of \$2,500. Staff recommends approval.

Judy Jensen was present and was welcomed to the community by the council. Ms. Jensen stated that business has been very successful to date and the community has been very supportive.

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 Resolution 15-164
included with these minutes)

RESOLUTION 15-165 SUPPORTING SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION – REBECCA ROWE, CITY ECONOMIC/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INTERN

Rebecca Rowe, City Economic/Community Development Intern, invited the community and business owners/operators to attend the community meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2015. Ms. Rowe explained that in October 2014, the City Council approved a motion for the City to apply for SCDP grant funds for the commercial rehabilitation and rental housing rehabilitation in the City's Downtown Historic Preservation District. Following the October Council meeting, due to the time and detail needed for the November 2014 preliminary application, staff recommended to wait one year and to instead apply for SCDP funds for single-family housing rehabilitation through the Housing Redevelopment Authority. The attached resolution directs staff to make an application in November 2015, which will involve the collection of necessary information for the grant application.

Motion made by Councilor Marin, 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 15-165
included with these minutes)

2016 BUDGET – PUBLIC REQUESTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Mayor Rasmussen Jr explained that the City has promoted and requested public input on the 2016 budget at the regular Council meeting of August 10th. This provides an opportunity for individuals or groups to make official requests or provide recommendations on the preparation of the 2016 budget.

Vicki Lunning, 1887 Paradise Road, requested city support for the Tiger Hills shelter such as the shelter at Shoff Park. Ms. Lunning has received a donation of \$5,000 toward this type of shelter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 15-166 APPROVING PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FROM EDWARD E. SCHLEDE AND JEAN A. SCHLEDE BY THE CITY OF ALBERT LEA

City Manager Adams explained that the Staff has been working with Edward and Jean Schlede to purchase a 3.85 acre parcel in order to construct a regional storm water pond for the north industrial park. The Agreement also includes a 2.87 acre temporary easement for construction purposes. The Agreement is contingent upon the City receiving a Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant and a permit to cross Union Pacific Railroad. Staff recommends approval of the purchase agreement.

Mayor Rasmussen Jr. opened the public hearing.

No one spoke to this issue.

Mayor Rasmussen closed the public hearing after calling three times.

Motion made by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Olson. 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 15-166
included with these minutes)

ORDINANCE 196-5d AMENDING CITY ORDINANCE CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II, DIVISION I, SECTION 6-45 – PREMISES LICENSED (1ST READING)

City Manager Adams explained that City Code Section 6-45 permits certain liquor license holders to serve alcoholic beverages at events occurring on municipal property. An amendment to add two other locations is proposed. These are the Water Street Plaza, one half blocks east from Broadway, and the William Street Plaza, next to the Freeborn Bank Building. These locations can appropriately be closed for various sorts of events. Their closure also allows Broadway to remain open, so the impact on downtown traffic is lessened. Staff supports approval. City Manager Adams also stated that the city may be looking at adding more sites.

Motion made by Councilor Baker to approve the 1st reading of this ordinance, seconded by Councilor Anderson. 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 Ordinance 196,5d
included with these minutes)

RESOLUTION 15-167 APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND PETITION AND WAIVER AGREEMENT FOR BUSCHBOM 6TH ADDITION WITH DAVE SYVERSON AND JON SYVERSON

City Manager Adams stated that Staff recommends approval of the resolution for the Development Agreement and Petition and Waiver Agreement by and between the City of Albert Lea and Dave Syverson and Jon Syverson. The agreements ensure that the property will pay their share of the Consul Street road completion in the future, along with other requirements and securities.

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, Marin, Olson Anderson, Brooks and Mayor Rasmussen Jr. Mayor Rasmussen Jr. declared the motion passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 15-167
included with these minutes)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

First Ward, Councilor Schulte V reported:

- Ward Items – Received a telephone call from Vern Rasmussen Sr.
- Committee update – HRA meeting updates

Second Ward, Councilor Baker reported:

- Ward Items – Update on Speed Limit Traffic Sign, requested more information on railroad “Quiet Zone” requests
- Committee Update – Wind Down Wednesday scheduled for August 19, 2015
- Requested residents to come up and talk with him or other councilors

Third Ward, Councilor Marin reported:

- Ward Items – None
- Committee Update – No HRA meeting
- Receiving a lot of telephone calls and feedback on purchase of the building on Broadway and also the street project on South Broadway. Suggested setting up modeling with city staff so residents could get a feel of the project before it happens.
- Soul Fest sponsored by the Salvation Army and area churches, community picnic, music, etc. Free event, Sunday Morning church service.
- Speeding on Sunset
- Request fund balances for the water and sewer funds

Fourth Ward, Councilor Olson reported:

- Ward Items – resident upset with grass clippings in the street
- Committee update – none

Fifth Ward, Councilor Anderson reported:

- Ward Items – referred to staff
- Committee update – none
- Visitors from Idaho appreciated the flower pots on South Broadway
- Attended the Freeborn County Fair

Sixth Ward, Councilor Brooks

- Ward Items – update on 5th Street
- Committee update – Port Authority meeting and update on preliminary budget
- Received telephone calls regarding the spending of tax dollars, city not being wise about the spending of the budget. Stated that the Council represents the taxpayer and the spending of the tax dollars and we need to consider the needs and wishes of the taxpayer.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Rasmussen Jr. reported the following:

- Saturday, August 15 – Youth Baseball Fundraiser at the American Legion
- Wednesday, August 19 – Wind Down Wednesday Outdoor Festival & Market
- Saturday, August 22 – The ShineFest Block Party
- Update on the Port Authority meeting, projects and work force
- Community Picnics – Fountain Lake Park, Eastgate, Memorial Park
- Work Force concerns within the City of Albert Lea

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Adams reported on the following:

- Introduced Assistant City Manager Jerry Gabrielatos and he will be attending Neighborhood Picnics this week
- Citizen Survey is available on the City website and the Library

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

RESOLUTION 15-168 APPROVING CLAIMS

Motion made by Councilor Anderson to approve payment of claims as presented for checks #56875 through #57008 in the amount of \$1,161,109.70, 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 15-168)

included with these minutes)

CLOSED SESSION – Land Acquisition Pursuant To Minn. Stat. §13D.05, Subd. 3(c) regarding the possible

City Manager Adams stated the purpose for the Closed Session was pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.05, Subd. 3(c); the specified parcels to be discussed are 1016 Madison and 1002 Bridge Avenue.

REOPENED THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:57 P.M.

Mayor Rasmussen Jr. stated that Council discussed potential land acquisition and added that staff was given direction in Closed Session regarding 1016 Madison and 1002 Bridge Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT 8:58 P.M.

Motion made by Councilor Baker, seconded by Councilor Olson that there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Albert Lea City Council at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, August 24, 2015. 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.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2015

Shirley Slater-Schulte
Council Secretary