

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the Brainerd City Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Bevans.

Upon roll call, the following members were noted as present: Czeczok, O'Day, Stunek, Stenglein, Johnson, and Bevans. Mayor Badeaux was noted as present. Member Terry was noted as absent.

Council President Bevans opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND O'DAY, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE REMOVAL OF ADOPTION OF CITY OF BRAINERD DATA PRACTICES POLICY ITEM.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND STUNEK TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

- A. Approval of Bills**
- B. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Regular City Council Minutes August 7, 2023**
 - b. Park Board Workshop Minutes July 31, 2023**
 - c. Public Utilities Workshop Minutes July 31, 2023**
- C. Approval of Licenses**
- D. Department Activity Report**
- E. Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application- Exempt Permit submitted by Brainerd Fire Department Relief Association for an Event to be held on December 4th, 2023, at the Brainerd Fire Department, 23 Laurel St, Brainerd**
- F. Approval of Updated Employee Policy Manual Clarifying Benefits for Municipal Utility Division Managers**

Upon roll call, Council Members Czeczok, O'Day, Stunek, Stenglein, Johnson, and Bevans. voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Presentations

Shane Riffle, CEO Brainerd YMCA, gave an overview of the monies raised and steps taken to break ground on the YMCA's new daycare facility. The YMCA has received \$1.2 million in funds. He thanked the City of Brainerd for their designation of DEED Mainstreet funds. The facility will serve 66 toddlers and infants.

Andrew Shipe, 711 N 8th St, Park Board Chair, gave an overview of the Capital Budget request by the Park Board. He thanked the Council for their feedback and working together with the Park Board. He thanked staff for their dedication to meeting two to three times a month.

Member Johnson asked about the specifics of the budget being presented.

Mr. Shipe stated that the full budget was in the packet.

Member Czeczok asked about items on the capital spreadsheet.

Mr. Shipe stated that the leaning tree at Gregory Park is an asset as it is a major draw to the park.

Member Johnson stated that he respects the 2% maintenance plan, but it needs to have specific items that it would be used for in the future. All other departments have to request trucks or large items to the Council.

Chair Bevans asked about the Gregory Park fountain.

Mr. Shipe stated that it is in the plan to save for the expense.

Council Committee Reports

Safety and Public Works Committee

Direction on Active Code Enforcement

Committee Chair O'Day gave an overview of the cases at 609 11th Ave Ne and PID 4191502. The issues at PID 41241233 and 301 9th St S have contacted staff and have begun to resolve the issues.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO FOLLOW STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Approve Event/Street Closure Application- Touch a Truck and Flapjack Festival

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION UNDER THE CONDITIONS AS DESCRIBED IN THE EVENT APPLICATION.

Approve Event/Street Closure Application- Neighborhood Potluck

Committee Chair O'Day stated that he thinks it would be great if every neighborhood did a potluck.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION UNDER THE CONDITIONS AS DESCRIBED IN THE EVENT APPLICATION.

Approve Event/Street Closure Application- First Lutheran Rally Day

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION UNDER THE CONDITIONS AS DESCRIBED IN THE EVENT APPLICATION.

Award Improvement 21-17- Lum Park Road SPRA Project

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO AWARD IMPROVEMENT 21-17- LUM PARK ROAD SPRA PROJECT CONTRACT TO ANDERSON BROTHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$241,490.

Adopt Resolution for 2024 Transit Operating Grant

Committee Chair O'Day stated that this is the annual agreement with MnDOT stating that they will agree to providing 95% of operating costs and 90% of capital costs.

Mayor Badeaux asked whether there has been discussion about the future of transit. He knows that it is a vital service. However, there are buses driving around at any given time that are not full. He would like to see statistics on capacity vs. ridership. He wonders if there is a more efficient process.

Member Johnson stated that he has many unanswered questions for the TAC and Safety and Public Works Committee. When the program runs out of money, the Council will stop funding the program. It will not receive levy dollars.

Committee Chair O'Day stated that they are waiting on the 3rd party contractor proposals in 2024.

Chair Bevans stated that this discussion is about the agreement with MnDOT, what we do from there is on the City. The agreement needs to be signed with MnDOT and then the work must continue to resolve the issues that transit has.

Member Czczok stated that staff is working with a consultant to analyze the system. There is going to be a request for proposal (RFP) for transit services that will be reviewed by many next year. The proposal is a service contract. The previous RFP garnered two proposals one of which was an unresponsive company and our current service company that had provided all of the requirements. He felt that it was necessary to give discussion in favor of the decisions made by TAC as there had been discussion of the failures. He is in support of the resolution.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK TO ADOPT RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MNDOT FOR PROVIDING TRANSIT SERVICES.

RESOLUTION 32:23

Upon roll call, Council Members Czczok, O'Day, Stunek, Stenglein, Johnson, and Bevans. voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Approve Sale of Single Axle Dump Truck

Committee Chair O'Day stated that "Cousin Eddie" has met its useful life.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN SELL THE SINGLE AXLE DUMP/PLOW TRUCK ON THE PUBLIC AUCTION SITE.

Members O'Day, Stunek, Stenglein, Johnson, and Bevans voted "aye". Member Czczok voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Discussion on Draft 2024-2033 Capital Improvement Plan

Committee Chair O'Day stated that the committee discussed the draft capital improvement plan. Each year, it is the goal to reconstruct 2 miles of road. The street scan will help to target the worst roads. They will ask BPU to produce an analysis of which pipes would need to be replaced sooner rather than later.

Member Johnson stated that he liked the current plan that was previously adopted. Any changes to the plan should be justified. The sanitary and storm enterprise funds are steady on

revenue, the expenditures should balance. The current document proposes dramatic increases and a \$3.5 million shortfall on just sanitary and storm funds. Financial solvency needs to be maintained with our future plan.

Adopt Resolution Declaring SW 4th Street Washout Emergency

Committee Chair O'Day stated that the washout on SW 4th Street is being declared an emergency as it has doubled in size in the last two weeks. The road was closed. Declaring it an emergency will allow the City to skip the competitive bidding process and be able to deal with the issue so that the road is not closed all winter.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION DECLARING SW 4TH STREET AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION 33:23

Upon roll call, Council Members Czczok, O'Day, Stunek, Stenglein, Johnson, and Bevans. voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Personnel and Finance Committee

Approve Conditional Job Offer for Daniel Loch for Finance Manager Position

Member Czczok asked whether there is cost savings with the delay in hiring.

Committee Chair Johnson stated that the budgeted amount was a department head salary, that was significantly higher, and budgeted for the entire year, there will be a cost savings.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE A CONDITIONAL JOB OFFER FOR MR. DANIEL LOCH FOR THE FINANCE MANAGER POSITION SUBJECT TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PRE-EMPLOYMENT HIRING PROCESS; FURTHER, THAT MR. LOCH'S INITIAL STEP PLACEMENT BE STEP 5 OF THE FINANCE MANAGER WAGE GRID (\$47.54 PER HOUR) WITH AN OCTOBER 30, 2023, TENTATIVE START DATE.

Consider Policy Manual Updated Regarding Reimbursement for City-Paid CDL Training/Testing

Committee Chair Johnson that Federal requirements have changed for obtaining a CDL. With this change to the policy, the City would pay for the training. If the employee leaves within three years they will need to pay the City back the amount.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT RELATIVE TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE TRAINING.

Consider Update to City's Non-DOT Drug, Alcohol, and Cannabis Policy

Committee Chair Johnson stated that this policy change will ensure a cannabis free workplace.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE UPDATED CITY OF BRAINERD DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND

CANNABIS TESTING AND DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT POLICY FOR NON-COMMERCIAL DRIVERS (NON-DOT POLICY).

Consider Applying Double Fees to After the Fact Zoning and Subdivision Processes and Permits

Committee Chair Johnson stated that if the City finds a construction job without a permit, this will allow them to charge double the fee for work that is already completed as they did not follow the zoning process.

Member Czczok stated that he does not disagree. However, he requests that the ordinance include language to protect homeowners for not being aware of the need for the permit.

Member O'Day asked whether this would be continuous for each of their future infractions.

Committee Chair Johnson stated that it will be per infraction. Staff could also use this as a solution for short-term rentals that are out of compliance.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1015.15 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO COLLECTING DOUBLE FEES FOR AFTER THE FACT ZONING AND SUBDIVISION PROCESSES AND PERMITS.

Unfinished Business

Committee Appointments

Mayor Badeaux recommended Paul Sandy to the EDA.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPOINT PAUL SANDY TO THE EDA.

Mayor Badeaux recommended Mary Koep to the Kitchigami Regional Library Board, pending application.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPOINT MARY KOEP TO THE KITCHIGAMI REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD CONTINGENT ON APPLICATION.

Call for Applicants – Informational:

Mayor Recommended: (terms to expire on 12/31 of said year)

Charter Commission – 2 terms (Expire 2026) 2 terms (Expire 2025)

Library Board- 1 term (Expire 2025)

Rental Dwelling License Board of Appeals – 5 terms (Expire 2025)

TAC—1 term (Expires 2023)

Council President Recommended: (terms to expire 12/31 of said year)

Parking Commission—1 term (Expire 2026)

Final Reading of Proposed Ordinance 1554- Creating Chapter 16 and Section 1600 of the City Code- Use of Cannabis in Public Places

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn gave an overview of the ordinance.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STUNEK AND O'DAY, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FINAL READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1554 CREATING CHAPTER 16 AND SECTION 1600 OF THE CITY CODE- USE OF CANNABIS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

Chair Bevans opened the public hearing at 8:22 p.m.

Shane Fitch, 15247 CR 25, stated that he believes the State has done a good job regarding the matter, restricting its use near minors. If using cannabis in a public area is such an issue, they Council should include all forms of smoking in the restriction and drinking in public. The police department has better things to do than chase around people smoking cannabis and give them citations. The opioid crisis is much more serious. He asked why he couldn't smoke a joint while he's fishing, and no one is around. The Council clearly does not represent all of Brainerd. If people are smoking around minors or under the influence while driving, he hopes that the police would respond, but the State has made cannabis legal, and they should be able to enjoy it after being discriminated against for so long.

David Kobs, 1315 L St, is a daily smoker of cannabis. He stated that if the Council believes now that cannabis is legal that it is all of a sudden going to be in the parks, it was already in the parks. He asked the Council to wait a year to see how the use of cannabis in public would affect the City.

Chris Smith, 601 3rd Ave NE, asked where the line of "public" is drawn in regard to campgrounds etc. He believes that if you're going to restrict cannabis, all smoking in public should be restricted.

Jamie Crowler, 219 S 6th St, stated that in a public place, he will not smoke near you out of respect. He understands that not everyone is like that, but he is tired of it just getting shut down right away. He referenced discussion at the workshop. He also thinks that the City should wait a year before acting to see what complaints there actually are.

Laurie Smith, 601 3rd Ave NE, stated that not everyone who smokes cannabis is looking to "get high". Some people smoke it to relieve mental health issues and to lessen pain from cancer. She would like to have the Council wait to impose restrictions to see if it is going to be an actual issue.

David Kobs, 1315 L St, stated that when it comes to cannabis people who smoke it are the experts compared to the Council. If they have questions, the Council should ask those that they serve.

Chair Bevans closed the public hearing at 8:42 p.m.

Mayor Badeaux thanked those who came forward to speak.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND CZECZOK TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 1554.

ORDINANCE 1554

Upon roll call, Council Members Czeczok, O'Day, Stunek, Stenglein, Johnson, and Bevans. voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution for the Denial of Interim Use Permit for a Short-Term Rental at 515 S 9th Street

Community Development Director Kramvik gave a brief overview of the process to deny the interim use permit.

Member Czczok asked whether additional reasons were necessary for the denial or whether the resolution was sufficient.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that the resolution was sufficient in providing reasons for the denial of the Interim Use Permit.

Member Johnson stated that he appreciates the resolution being put together. He requests that in the future staff provide Council with a list of legal reasons the Council could use for denial.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND O'DAY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR THE DENIAL OF INTERIM USE PERMIT FOR A SHORT-TERM RENTAL AT 515 9TH ST.

RESOLUTION 34:23

Upon roll call, Council Members Czczok, O'Day, Stunek, Stenglein, and Johnson voted "aye". Member Bevans voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

New Business

Consider Variance Request for an Accessory Structure at 11617 Andrew St

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the variance request. The vote at Planning Commission was a 3-3 vote for approval.

Member Johnson asked about the building materials that the applicant could use for an accessory structure in the general commercial district.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that not more than 25% of an accessory structure could be metal siding in the district.

Member Stenglein stated that at Planning Commission there was a lot of support for the business itself. She voted no at commission as a PUD is an option, which would give the City more control over the build.

Member O'Day asked how similar the building would look to those next to it. He also asked why he chose to have an accessory structure rather than adding onto the existing building.

Don Booth, 14634 Lynndale Ln, stated that the building will match the hotel that he is reconstructing. There are a lot of issues that are going to be very expensive, if a variance can be gotten to move the build along in a more financially smart way, he hopes that the Council would do that. Moving the business into town will bring more business, jobs, and housing to the area. Connecting the building to the other building could cause another \$100,000 or more to construct the addition.

Member Stunek stated that the pros of the project far outweigh the cons.

Member Czczok thanked the developer for his business plans and bringing the matter to Council. He supports the plans.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE REQUEST BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF FACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ACCESSORY STRUCTURE AT 11617 ANDREW ST.

Council Members Czczok, O'Day, Stunek, Johnson, and Bevans voted "aye". Member Stenglein voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Consider Variance Request for Accessory Structure at 219 W. Laurel St

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the request.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STENGLEIN AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE BOTH VARIANCE REQUESTS AT 219 W LAUREL ST. BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF FACTS PRESENTED AND THE CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL.

Consider Interim Use Permit Request for a Short-Term Rental at 203 Hawkins Dr

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the request.

Member O'Day asked how much a short-term rental permit cost and how long are they issued for.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that an interim use permit is \$250, it is valid until the property is sold to a different owner or expiration dates can be imposed. A rental license is \$32 per year.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STENGLEIN AND CZECZOK TO APPROVE THE INTERIM USE PERMIT FOR ONE SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT AT 203 HAWKINS DRIVE WITH CONDITIONS.

Member O'Day stated that this is a slippery slope if we just push this through. He believes that there are no real consequences for operating a short-term rental without a permit other than double fees, which would equate to 2 nights. He thinks the consequence should be one year without operation.

Mayor Badeaux stated that he is all over the place on short-term rentals, and believes that at some point, you are affecting the housing stock. He wants to see families moving to Brainerd buying good housing stock. He is satisfied with the fact that the owner was asked to blackout dates until a permit was granted and they did so. He believes that the Planning Commission needs to quickly consider short-term rentals.

Member Czczok stated that he agrees with Member O'Day and Mayor Badeaux. He appreciates the work by the Planning Commission and stated that the expiration date is the reason he is in favor of approving the permit.

Member Stenglein stated that the expiration date was the condition added by the Planning Commission. They will begin reviewing short-term rentals at their next meeting.

Member Johnson asked what happens to the properties that have an interim use permit to operate a short-term rental without an end date if the City decides it doesn't want short-term rentals in the City.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that our zoning code does allow for removing interim use permits if the code was to be amended.

Member Johnson stated that he tends to agree that everyone who broke the rule should be treated the same. He appreciates that short-term rentals are going to be pursued by the Planning Commission, he would prefer the end date to be 2024, and likes that it also includes the payment of lodging tax in the conditions it would be an easy way to revoke the permit if they miss a payment.

Member Bevans stated that the Council tends to discuss expansion of issues. The issue is one house, one permit, with these conditions, yes or no. He is in favor of fixing the short-term rental ordinance, but that is not the issue tonight.

Member Czczok stated that he is in favor of this motion as it lasts a year and a half.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STENGLEIN AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO AMEND THE MOTION TO CHANGE THE EXPIRATION FROM DECEMBER 31, 2025, TO DECEMBER 31, 2024.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STENGLEIN AND CZECZOK TO APPROVE THE INTERIM USE PERMIT FOR ONE SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNIT AT 203 HAWKINS DR. BRAINERD, MN 56401 WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: 1) THE APPLICANT INCLUDES A LIMIT ON PETS THAT CONFORMS TO CITY CODE, "NO PERSON SHALL KEEP, MAINTAIN, OR OTHERWISE HOUSE MORE THAN A TOTAL OF FOUR CATS OR DOGS WITHIN ANY HOUSEHOLD IN THE CITY OF BRAINERD." 2) THE APPLICANT RESTRICTS THE QUIET HOURS AFTER 10:00 PM IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY ORDINANCES. 3) THE APPLICANT CLEARLY DEFINES AN OCCUPANCY LIMIT FOR THE PROPERTY NOT TO EXCEED 8 GUESTS OR NUMBER SET BY THE BUILDING OFFICIAL. 4) THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL IS NOT ALLOWED TO PARK MORE THAN TWO VEHICLES ON THE STREET. 5) SUBMITTAL OF THE LODGING TAX FORM TO THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT. 6) UPON SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY, THE INTERIM USE PERMIT FOR A SHORT-TERM RENTAL AT 203 HAWKINS DR. BRAINERD, MN 56401 IS NO LONGER VALID. 7) THE INTERIM USE PERMIT SHALL EXPIRE DECEMBER 31ST, 2024.

Council Members Czczok, Stunek, Stenglein, Johnson, and Bevans voted "aye". Member O'Day voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

First Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1555 – Amending Section 320- Contesting Administrative Citations

Community Development Director gave a brief overview of the ordinance.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND O'DAY, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1555- AMENDING SECTION 320- CONTESTING ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

Set Date for Council Workshop for Classification and Compensation Study Presentation

August 21st, 2023

HR Director Schubert stated that the staff is hoping that the presentation will be ready by September 11th. Staff will also hold a Union Negotiation Strategy closed session at the August 28th Council Workshop.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO SET A COUNCIL WORKSHOP TO REVIEW THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY PRESENTATION ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Public Forum

The Chair opened the public forum at 9:42 p.m.

Andrew Shipe, 711 N 8th St, stated that he appreciates all of the work done by staff on the boil water advisory. However, he would appreciate clearer communications in the future on all matters.

The Chair closed the public forum at 9:43 p.m.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the parking ordinance at the next planning commission meeting and begin to review the short-term rental ordinance. Community Development Department has begun to add property updates to the staff report.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn stated that the final easement for Buffalo Hills Gully Project has been received, working with Bolton & Menk to have the project go out for bid. The SW 4th project has had measures to prevent further erosion of the bank. Because of the SW 4th project, the e-bike ordinance was not ready.

Police Chief Davis stated that "Bags with Badges" 2nd annual event is August 24th at the NP Center. He invited Council and Staff to stop by to say hello. It's a great opportunity for youth to spend time with public safety staff.

City Administrator Bergman thanked all of the Council Members, BPU Commission, and Staff for all of their help with the water distribution. Senator Klobuchar visited the Water Tower on August 21st. Finally, the Employee Appreciation Event is happening on September 6th, from 11:30-1:30 pm the Wellness Committee has requested that Council Members help serve part of the meal.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Badeaux stated that Senator Amy Klobuchar's visit was because she has submitted the Water Tower to receive federal funding in 2024. It was a great visit with her, he thanked her for her support on the project and other projects in the area. Shep's Elbow Convention is August 25th and 26th, there are over 22,000 members of the Loyal Order of the Elbow. Finally, he stated that in reading through the code for rental licenses, it states that "staff shall recommend revocation of rental licenses". He is disappointed that this is not on the agenda to revoke the rental license for the property from last meeting.

Council Member Reports

Member Stunek stated that the ribbon cutting for the fire station at the airport took place. Get out there for a tour.

Member Johnson stated that he appreciates all of the work that staff from the City and BPU have done with the boil order. He received an e-mail from a constituent about the boil order and would like concerns from the boil order addressed previous to or at the next Council meeting.

Member O'Day stated that when handing out water Saturday it was really fun to see all of the City departments represented overall the event was positive.

Member Stenglein stated that Senator Klobuchar said that when the Water Tower was done, she'd go up in the Tower. She attended the water distribution on Monday, she was very surprised at the reaction of residents. She had envisioned much more frustration.

Member Czczok stated that a water boil order isn't as bad as everyone is thinking, it's when the water is shut off that there are major concerns. He was disappointed in the Public Utilities Workshop about the issue related to copper in the water. It is happening because of the filtration of iron and manganese which corrodes copper. Our copper concentration is in violation in certain areas, the City is going to have to chlorinate the water in the future.

Adjourn

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STUNEK AND O'DAY, DULY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN TO BUDGET WORKSHOP AND CLOSED UNION NEGOTIATION STRATEGY SESSION PURSUANT TO MN STATUTES, 13D.03, SUBD 1(B) TO PREPARE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IBEW LOCAL NO. 31 UNIONS ON AUGUST 28TH AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.



Jennifer Bergman
City Administrator