Brainerd, MN
October 7, 2024

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: O'Day, Stunek, Terry, Stenglein, Johnson, Czeczok, and Bevans. Mayor Badeaux was also noted as present.

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

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND TERRY, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Member Czeczok requested that the Letter of Support for the Northland Arboretum be removed from the consent calendar for further discussion.

Mayor Badeaux requested that the Elks Fall Festival be removed from the consent calendar as the event has been postponed indefinitely.

Member Stenglein requested that the YMCA Monster Dash be removed from the consent calendar due to her need to abstain.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND CZECZOK TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE ITEMS REMOVED.

A. **Approval of Bills**
B. **Approval of Minutes**
C. **Department Activity Report**
D. **Adopt Resolution MN Lawful Gambling Application Submitted by VFW 1647 for Premise Permit at the Local 218 723 Mill Ave**
E. **Approve Event Application - Brainerd Water Tower Business After Hours**

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

Authorize Letter of Support for the Northland Arboretum for the Regional Designation through the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

Member Czeczok stated that he believes that the numbers cited in the letter are inaccurate. He would like to confirm with the Arboretum and be provided with more information.

Administrator Broyles stated that he would contact the Northland Arboretum's Executive Director to get the details.

Approve Event/Street Closure - YMCA Family Monster Dash

Member Stenglein stated that she had to abstain from voting on this item due to her employment.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND O'DAY TO APPROVE THE YMCA FAMILY MONSTER DASH WITH CONDITIONS.

Members O'Day, Stunek, Terry, Johnson, Czeczok, and Bevans voted "aye". No Member voted "nay". Member Stenglein abstained from the vote. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Council Committee Reports

Personnel and Finance Committee

Accept Retirement of Firefighter Josh Smith

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO ACCEP THE RETIREMENT OF FIREFIGHTER JOSH SMITH EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31ST, 2024.

Approve Resignation of Police Officer Elizabeth Gleason

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND TERRY, DULY CARRIED, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER ELIZABETH GLEASON EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 2024; FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO BEGIN THE HIRING PROCESS TO BACKFILL THE POSITION.

Reclassify Jude Gregersen to CSO Position

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO RECLASSIFY JUDE GREGERSEN TO A COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024.

Approve Resignation of Recreation Specialist Haley Blank

Committee Chair Johnson clarified that the hiring process for the Recreation Specialist position start after the incoming Public Works Director is onboard.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND TERRY, DULY CARRIED, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF RECREATION SPECIALIST HALEY BLANK EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 19, 2024; TO APPROVE THE UPDATED RECREATION SPECIALIST JOB DESCRIPTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD; AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO BEGIN THE HIRING PROCESS TO BACKFILL THE RECREATION SPECIALIST POSITION.

Update regarding Transit Operations Specialist Position

HR Director Schubert stated that there was an unsuccessful hiring process for the position. There is a temporary employee in place until the hiring process is complete.

Accept Retirement of Meter Serviceworker Carl Kezar

Committee Chair Johnson stated that the Public Utilities Director is not asking for the position to be backfilled at this time. Director Evans will reassess the position and provide a recommendation for the position once he has time to review.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND TERRY DULY CARRIED, TO ACCEPT, WITH REGRET, THE RETIREMENT OF METER SERVICEWORKER CARL KEZAR EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 12, 2024.

Authorize Staff to begin the Hiring Process for an Apprentice Lineworker

Committee Chair Johnson stated that an apprentice is not as experienced as a journeyman. This position as an apprentice will allow teaching within our organization.

Member Czeczok stated that achieving a Journeyman's license is a big deal and asked who the lineman was who had completed his journeyman's license in recent history that was recognized at the Commission meeting.

HR Director Schubert stated that it was Ryan Miller who was recognized for achieving his journeyman's license.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING PROCESS FOR AN APPRENTICE LINEWORKER INSTEAD OF A JOURNEYMAN LINEWORKER; FURTHER, THAT WE UTILIZE INTERNAL JOB POSTING TO FILL THE VACANCY.

Approval of 2025 Health Insurance Broker Agreement

Committee Chair Johnson stated that this was a split vote in committee. He voted no, and will continue to vote no as he believes that not having a broker is a good way for the City to save money.

Member Terry stated that from her perspective there is quite a lot of work that goes into open enrollment.

HR Director Schubert stated that the utilization of insurance has been the highest entity in our pool. Because of this, the City has not put out an RFP for an insurance broker. She estimates that the broker has put in over 100 hours to transition from Health Partners to Blue Cross Blue Shield. It is extremely helpful to have a broker.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND TERRY TO AUTHORIZE RETAINING NORTH RISK PARTNERS AS OUR HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER FOR 2025 FOR THE BETTER HEALTH COLLECTIVE (FORMERLY SOURCEWELL) IN THE AMOUNT OF $27,000; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED 2025 SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRAINERD AND NORTH RISK PARTNERS.

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

Approve Flexible Spending Account Administration Contract with WEX, Inc.

Committee Chair Johnson stated that there needs to be an administrator for flexible spending accounts. The cost will be $500 setup fee, there is a $4.95 per member cost. There will be a very negligible increase to the cost to administer the plan.

Member Terry stated that she utilizes WEX through her benefits at work, has no personal investment in the company, but had wanted to state that she did not have a conflict of interest at the committee meeting.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENTS WITH WEX, INC. TO PROVIDE OUR FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (FSA) ADMINISTRATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OUR CITY ATTORNEY.

Safety and Public Works Committee

Update on TH 210/Lum Park Pedestrian Bridge Grant Funding

Committee Chair O'Day stated that MnDOT determined that the City could have its funding extended for the bridge.

Member Czeczok stated that the pedestrian bridge is a massive, expensive project.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO REINSTRATE THE CITY'S UTILIZATION OF THE CRP GRANT FOR THE TH 210/LUM PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT UNTIL FISCAL YEAR 2026.

Authorize Applications for Active Transportation (AT) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grants

Committee Chair O'Day stated that the City has applied for these grants for the last couple of years. Hopefully, with the City being a recipient of the CRP grant, it will make the City a better candidate.

Member Stenglein stated that there have been some changes to one of the grants, that makes the City a better candidate.

Member Czeczok reminded the Council that one of the grants has a 20% match.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO APPLY FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE GRANT PROGRAMS FOR THE TH 210/LUM PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT.

Approve Sale of Transit Bus 114

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF BUS 114, CONTINGENT ON AUTHORIZATION BY MNDOT.

Approve Updated Cost for Rosewood Alley Sewer Replacement

Committee Chair O'Day stated that the quote has been updated to an eight-inch pipe.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE UPDATED SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF $59,562.

Member Czeczok stated that as this is an unforeseen expense, the City Council can look at the fee structure with the additional expenses.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO REVIEW THE UTILITY FEES AT AN UPCOMING SPW MEETING.

Direction on Sidewalk on NW 3rd Street and Jackson Street

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND VXEVZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO ASK STAFF TO COME BACK WITH AN OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE SIDEWALK BETWEEN THE TWO BUILDINGS WITH REQUIREMENT TO CONNECT TO ROUNDABOUT.

Approve Final Layout, Order Feasibility Report, and SEH Amendment Request - TH 371B/Willow St Roundabout Project

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE FINAL LAYOUT OF THE TH 371B/WILLOW STREET ROUNDABOUT PROJECT AS PRESENTED.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION ORDERING THE FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR THE TH 371B/WILLOW STREET ROUNDABOUT PROJECT.

RESOLUTION 40:24

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

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE SEH AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED AND TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH MNDOT TO SHARE IN THE COSTS OF THE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED.

Consider Code Violations for Paradigm Auto

Committee Chair O'Day stated that the committee would like to have the owner speak their side of the issue. He believes there is also potential for a land swap.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO BRING THE ITEM BACK TO SPW SO THAT THE OWNER CAN PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS.

Direction on Active Code Enforcement Cases

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO OBTAIN SEARCH WARRANTS AND ABATE THE TREE AT 608 9TH ST AND GARBAGE/JUNK/DEBRIS AT 1812 OAK ST.

Unfinished Business

Accept Resignation of Jeff Grunenwald from the Planning Commission

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JEFF GRUNENWALD FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Accept Resignation of Jennifer Simota from the Library Board

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS TERRY AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JENNIFER SIMOTA FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD.

Accept Resignation of Tad Johnson from the Public Utilities Commission

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND STENGLEIN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TAD JOHNSON FROM THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Member Czeczok thanked Mr. Johnson for his service to the Public Utilities Commission.

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

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)
Transportation Advisory Committee- 2 terms (Expire 2025)
Mayor Recommended: (terms to expire on 9/7 of said year)
Economic Development Authority- 1 term (Expire 2026)
Council President Recommended: (terms expire on 12/31 of said year)
Parking Commission-- 1 term (Expire 2026) 1 term (Expire 2028)
Planning Commission—1 term (Expire 2026)

Member Czeczok asked about the vacancies and their effect on a quorum. He asked for legal clarification on the definition of a quorum.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND JOHNSON TO DIRECT ATTORNEY LANGEL TO PROVIDE LEGAL DOCUMENTATION AS TO THE DEFINITION OF A QUORUM.

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

Adopt Resolution to Dissolve the Parking Commission

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND O'DAY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION DISSOLVING THE PARKING COMMISSION UNTIL SUCH A TIME THAT A COMMITTEE IS NECESSARY.

RESOLUTION 41:24

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

Direct Staff to Provide Information Regarding the Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport (BLRA)

Administrator Broyles stated that Member Czeczok requested information regarding the Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport.

Member Terry asked whether this work could be done once the budget is completed.

Member Czeczok stated that he had asked for the information within 30 days. He appreciates the thoughts on the timeline. He asked that it be done in a reasonable amount of time.

Member O'Day stated that this is directly related to the budget. It shows what the City is already contributing to the Airport.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO DIRECT STAFF TO REQUEST THE APPROXIMATE TIME AND

ASSOCIATED EXPENSES FROM EACH CITY DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN AN AVERAGE COST TO BRAINERD TAXPAYERS FOR THE WORK THAT CITY EMPLOYEES PERFORM FOR THE BLRA, REQUEST COUNCIL MINUTES WHERE DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO STAFF TO PERFORM HR SERVICES FOR BLRA EMPLOYEES, AND REQUEST A COPY OF THE IT SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BLRA AND ASSOCIATED DOLLAR AMOUNTS AND HOURS TO DO THE WORK SINCE THE AGREEMENT WAS INITIATED.

New Business

Consider Variance Request for 1306 Chicago Ave - Duplex

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the request.

Member Johnson stated that he supports this whole-heartedly, it is in his neighborhood.

Mayor Badeaux stated that this is an interesting solution to a housing problem.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STENGLEIN AND O'DAY, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE REQUESTS WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: CONTINGENT UPON A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND PARTY WALL AGREEMENT PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT AND SUBMITTED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR HIS REVIEW AND COMMENT. LEGAL REVIEW FEES INCURRED BY THE CITY ARE TO BE PAID BY THE DEVELOPER AND STAFF APPROVES FINAL ELEVATION DRAWINGS CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 515-4 GENERAL BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN STANDARDS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE BUILDING PERMIT.

Direct Staff to Draft an Ordinance Pertaining to Crypto-Mining and Similar Uses

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of a potential ordinance.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND JOHNSON TO DIRECT STAFF TO WORK ON A CRYPTO-MINING ORDINANCE AFTER COMPLETION OF THE DESIGN STANDARDS ORDINANCE.

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

Discussion on Just for Krypto

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that the Just for Krypto Facility consists of three contiguous parcels with two warehouse structures and ten outdoor mining containers. As indicated in the attached survey, the parcels are contiguous and can be considered one property. VCV proposed to change to the minimum improvements for 1918 Thiesse Drive. The proposed change included twenty-six (26), forty (40) foot containers as a principal use.

Member O'Day asked if there were any complaints made about the Just for Krypto operations.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that there have not been any specific complaints. However, he did state that the Thiesse's had mentioned that they could hear it.

Member Johnson thanked Community Development Director Kramvik for putting together the information. There had been confusion as to the difference of the two krypto operations and this provided great clarification.

First Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1574 - Fee Schedule

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the ordinance.

Member Johnson stated that he had asked for confirmation on whether all of those served by our Fire Department are paying the same amounts for the fees.

Finance Director Hillman stated that she confirmed the information with the Fire Chief.

Mayor Badeaux asked for clarification on food truck fee change.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that the fee for food trucks will now be similar to other communities and is less restrictive.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STUNEK AND TERRY, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1574 AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND O'DAY, DULY CARRIED, TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING DURING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4TH.

First Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1575 - Burning Restrictions

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the ordinance. Staff is recommending a slight change similar to the camping ordinance. The current ordinance includes court appearance, which Chief Davis has confirmed isn't necessary.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1575 WITH THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND TERRY, DULY CARRIED, TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING DURING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4TH.

First Reading and Public Hearing - Proposed Ordinance 1576 - Annexation of 15106 Riverside Drive

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the ordinance. The public hearing is being held at the first reading to ensure that the 30-day window was met.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STUNEK AND TERRY, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FIRST READING AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1576, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 15106 RIVERSIDE DRIVE.

Chair Bevans opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

No one came forward.

Chair Bevans closed the public hearing at 8:21 p.m.

Discuss Franchise Fees

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn gave an overview of the presentation of franchise fees to the Council.

Member Johnson stated that he did not have time to review the presentation, he would request that the discussion be continued to Personnel and Finance at the next meeting.

Member Czeczok asked what changes would be seen with the City's levy. He asked what the timeframe would need to be to obtain the funds for a project.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn stated that the model presented would propose that the franchise fees replace the permanent improvement fund levy, debt service, and assessments. He stated that the rate structure projects $2 million a year. Depending on how the Council crafts the policy would be the amount of time required to build the funds. He stated that the franchise fees would be collected on electric and gas utilities.

Chair Bevans stated that he thinks this is worth exploring.

Mayor Badeaux stated that he is anti-franchise fees. It is taxation without representation. It doesn't allow for correct communication with the public but he would entertain further discussion.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION TO PERSONNEL AND FINANCE AT A FUTURE MEETING.

Presentations to the City Council

City Administrator Broyles stated that the City has not been inundated with requests to present to the City Council, but there have been a couple of back to back requests. Staff is looking for direction on protocol for groups that are requesting to present to the City Council. He also asked whether the City Council would like to approve the requests or if the City Administrator should approve these requests.

Member Stunek requested that the form include an estimated time for the presentation.

Member Stenglein requested that the date being requested should be flexible for the City Administrator to schedule the presentation.

Member O'Day stated that he thinks that the Administrator should decide whether the presentation is a presentation or whether they should be heard during public forum.

Member Johnson stated that based on the rules of decorum, he thinks that the City Administrator has the power to set the agenda. He agrees with Crow Wing County that a presentation should serve a purpose for the City.

Mayor Badeaux stated that the City should be welcoming and encourage coming to public forum. The Council Members should also be attending these presentations out in the public. Less presentations at the Council meetings is appropriate.

Member Stenglein stated that as servants to the people, she wants groups to have the option to get on the agenda and present to the Council. She prefers a liberal interpretation to "purposeful".

Member Czeczok stated that any Council Member can make a motion to extend time for a citizen at public forum.

Public Forum

The Chair opened the public forum at 8:46 p.m.

No one came forward.

The Chair closed the public forum at 8:47 p.m.

Staff Reports

HRA Director Charpentier stated that MN Housing made their decision on the two Brainerd projects for the Workforce Housing Program, neither project received funding. Staff continues to work with both developers to keep the projects moving.

Fire Chief Holmes stated that the Fire Department Open House is on October 10th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

IT/GIS Director Strong stated that Matt Hill is the new CLC station manager and will be learning how to run meetings.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn stated that the Laurel Street Bridge project was completed on time. The DDBC will not be hosting their traditional event for Spooktacular without street closures, rather they will be hosting trick or treating from store to store. Finally, the next few weeks will be a furious dash with construction projects and that will continue for a few more weeks.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that the EDA did approve a marketing strategy for $1 per acre incentive which will be brought forward at the next City Council meeting. Touch-A-Truck and Flapjack Festival were a great success.

Public Utilities Director Evans stated that there have been a couple of outages on Riverside Drive that are under investigation. Also, two of the City's Lineworkers are headed to Florida to help with the hurricane relief.

City Administrator Broyles stated that the Public Works Director interviews were conducted, and he will be deciding this week.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Badeaux stated that the Spooktacular Event is happening, but not closing streets. The Great Pumpkin Festival is on October 12th at Memorial Park from 1:00-4:00 p.m. He will be running the microphone for the relay races. Shoutout to staff who are helping out with the event, it's a great event.

Council Member Reports

Member Czeczok stated that he is curious about IT Department integration. He would like an update and clarification on whether the integration is an operational or personnel function.

City Administrator Broyles stated that the way the City operates and the chain of command is an administrative function. He can give an update in two weeks.

Member Stenglein thanked the Wellness Committee for the Employee Appreciation Event. The Relationship Safety Alliance presented on the intersect of substance use and domestic violence, it was a great learning experience. She was disappointed that she was the only City Council Member with whip cream up her nose at the flapjack festival. She had attended the Tall Cop Says Stop presentation and has shared the handouts with other people. Coats for Kids is happening before the next meeting. It will be on October 19th from 9:00 am – 3:00 p.m. at the Mall. Volunteers are needed.

Member O'Day stated that the Employee Appreciation was awesome, it's also a great opportunity to meet and see staff that we don't see often. He had a great time at the Flapjack Festival and Touch a Truck. He went to a new store that came into downtown. He is looking forward to the Great Pumpkin Festival.

Member Johnson gave a tip of the cap to the Johnson's who won the flapjack relay. He wished the Mayor a Happy Birthday.

Chair Bevans noticed that the Street Department was clearing trees at 7:00 a.m. outside his window and did a great job. It only took a day and a half to clear and clean up.

Adjourn

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STUNEK AND O'DAY, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Nicholas W. Broyles
City Administrator