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 O'Day.

Upon roll call the following Members were noted as present: Johnson, Yeager, Bevans, Czeczok, and O'Day. Mayor Badeaux was also noted as present. Members Stunek and Erickson were noted as absent.

Chair O'Day led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Member Czeczok stated that there was one correction to the minutes, that the Council amended their motion for renaming Buffalo Hills Park to the Lions Park at Buffalo Hills. He also requested that the Council add an item to the agenda regarding requesting data from Crow Wing County and disbursements from the homeless grant.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BEVANS AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES AND THE ADDITION OF AN ITEM TO REQUEST DATA FROM CROW WING COUNTY REGARDING THE HOMELESSNESS GRANT.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BEVANS AND JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

A. **Approval of Bills**
B. **Approval of Transfers**
C. **Approval of Minutes**
D. **Department Activity Reports**
E. **Approve Event Application- St. Andrew's 5k & 10k**
F. **Approve Event- BHS Homecoming 5K**
G. **Approve MN Lawful Gambling Permit for Exempt Bingo Submitted by South Long Lake Improvement Association for an Event to be held on August 31, 2025 at Jack's House, 300 S Highway 25**
H. **Approve MN Lawful Gambling Application Submitted by Brainerd Amateur Hockey Association for an Event to be held on January 19, 2026 at Essentia Health Sports Center 502 Jackson Street**
I. **Ratify Hiring 2025 Summer Temporary Employees**
J. **Adopt Resolution Related to the Main Lift Station Improvements**

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

Public Forum

The Chair opened the public forum at 7:31 p.m.

Dolly Matten, 1730 Graydon Ave, Greater Lakes Area Realtors (GLAR), invited the Council to a housing summit at the GLAR office on August 6th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The housing summit is in response to the housing study that was done previously to identify barriers to housing.

The chair closed the public forum at 7:34 p.m.

Presentation

2024 Audit Presentation

Mary Reedy, CliftonLarsonAllen, gave an overview of the 2024 audit. Overall, the City had an opinion with two findings regarding segregation of duties and reporting earmarking. Staff has been advised on how to ensure process follows standards. She thanked staff for being conscientious, responsible, and responsive during the audit. The audit was submitted to the State on time.

Finance Director Hillman gave an overview of the funds actual to budgeted. The Fund balance reserve was at 23% of 2024 expenditures, which is out of compliance with the policy.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO ACCEPT THE 2024 AUDIT AS PRESENTED.

Council Committee Reports

Safety and Public Works Committee

Approve Final Pay Request - Laurel Street Bridge Repair Project

Committee Member Yeager stated that the project was completed last year, this is the retainers that was withheld for the turf establishment.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS YEAGER AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE FINAL PAY REQUEST TO URBAN COMPANIES IN THE AMOUNT OF $744.85.

Approve Final Pay Request - Historic Water Tower Rehabilitation Project - Phase 2

Committee Member Yeager stated that phase 2 entailed the windows. The total for the project thus far is $251,800.

Chair O'Day asked how much is left on the Water Tower.

Mayor Badeaux stated that the stucco is the main concern for the tower, the stairs do have minor repairs needed.

Member Czeczok asked about the stairs being iron and whether they are safe.

Engineer Dehn stated that the stair repair was to sandblast, repaint, and minor patching repairs. There is no recommendation that the stairs are unsafe.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS YEAGER AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE FINAL PAY REQUEST TO HYTEC CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNTS OF $43,335.20 AND $12,590.

Approve Change Order #1 - Imp 17-12 - Wright/10th Reconstruction Project

Committee Member Yeager stated that there was more traffic control required for the project.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS YEAGER AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,223.

Approve Plans and Authorize Advertisement - M Street Outfall Repair Project

Committee Member Yeager stated that Mr. Higgins supports the project and has been a part of planning.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS YEAGER AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE PLANS AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE M STREET OUTFALL REPAIR PROJECT.

Approve Proposal for Sanitary Sewer Lateral Locating Service - SE Brainerd Reconstruction Project

Committee Member Yeager stated that the City does not have the necessary equipment for performing the locating work needed for the SE Brainerd Reconstruction project which is planned in 2026.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS YEAGER AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM GPRS FOR SEWER LATERAL LOCATING IN THE AMOUNT OF $12,105.

Selection of Flag Display on City Water Tower for 2026

Committee Member Yeager stated that the committee felt the whole Council should weigh in on this discussion. The recommendation is two American flags and one POW flag.

Member Bevans would like to see a City of Brainerd flag, one American flag, and a POW flag.

Chair O'Day stated that the City flags needed to be reinforced but he would support it being displayed on the tower. He also does not want this discussion to have to be returned to every year.

Member Czeczok asked the life of the reinforced City flag. He commented that Crow Wing County needs to replace their United States flag every ninety days.

Street Foreman Middagh stated that the City flag should last the summer season.

Member Johnson clarified that with this motion this will be the standard flag arrangement going forward. No need to ask again until the Council decides to change it.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS BEVANS AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO DISPLAY ONE AMERICAN FLAG, ONE CITY FLAG, AND ONE PRISONER OF WAR/ MISSING IN ACTION FLAG ON THE WATER TOWER IN FUTURE YEARS.

Personnel and Finance Committee

Approve Renewal of Contract with CLC for PEG Channel Operations

Committee Chair Johnson stated that the HRA and PUC meetings were added to the contract and a deduction for any meeting CLC staff is not able to attend.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS JOHNSON AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THREE YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE FOR PEG CHANNEL MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING OF CITY MEETINGS.

Consider Request from the Employee Wellness Committee for the Employee Appreciation Event

Committee Chair Johnson stated that the event will be on October 2nd at the Public Works Building so it is heated if needed. He stated that if an employee does not attend, they are expected to work as normal.

Member Czeczok asked who is invited to the event. He asked whether the other committee members could be invited. He has been serving on committees for decades and has never been invited.

HR Director Schubert stated that the Public Utilities Commission have also been invited to the event.

Member Czeczok asked if there was a reason that the City does not invite the other commission members, as there aren't that many commissions.

Member Johnson stated that all commissions will be invited this year.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS JOHNSON AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO CLOSE CITY OFFICES FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM ON OCTOBER 2ND FOR THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENT AT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING.

Member Czeczok noted that he has served on committees for years and was never invited. Now that he's on the Council he would like to see the other commissions invited.

Approve Revised MOU Allowing IBEW Employees to Work at Hydro Facility

Committee Chair Johnson stated that this agreement is through 2027, there has been minor changes made and approved by both unions.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS JOHNSON AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED REVISED MOU ALLOWING IBEW EMPLOYEES TO WORK AT THE HYDRO FACILITY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027.

Update Regarding MN Paid Family and Medical Leave and Ancillary Benefits

Committee Chair Johnson stated that the City went out for an RFP for paid family and medical leave. The State has an expected rate of .88%, MetLife has a rate of .79%, it should save about $13,000 for the City and HRA.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS JOHNSON AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO ACCEPT THE PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PRIVATE PLAN AND SHORT-TERM DISABILITY PROPOSALS FROM METLIFE FOR BENEFITS TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026.

Authorize Request for Proposals for Long-Term Disability Insurance

Committee Chair Johnson stated that the City is required by State law to go out for an RFP at least every five years for group insurance coverage. The RFP will also include an alternative plan design where the elimination period is for a three month period rather than six months.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS JOHNSON AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF/INTEGRITY BENEFITS TO CONDUCT AN RFP PROCESS FOR

LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE BASED ON OUR CURRENT POLICY AND WITH THE ALTERNATIVE PLAN DESIGN AS PROPOSED.

Discussion Re: Roles and Responsibilities of the City Council and the Public Utilities Commission

Committee Chair Johnson stated that the committee was only able to discuss about half of the comments and feels it would be best to be able to discuss this matter at a workshop.

Member Czeczok stated that BPU Commissioner Mark O'Day stated that he did not receive the initial communication regarding the request comments. He would appreciate having comments from all Council Members and Commissioners provided.

HR Director Schubert suggested July 28th as a workshop date.

Member Johnson clarified that the motion includes July 28th as a date and 6:00 p.m. as the time for the workshop and that the Public Utilities Commission is invited.

Administrator Broyles will email a timeline for another round of comments.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS JOHNSON AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO SET A WORKSHOP FOR JULY 28TH AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Unfinished Business

Accept Blake Higgins Resignation from the Planning Commission

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO ACCEPT BLAKE HIGGINS RESIGNATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Recommendation to Committees

Mayor Badeaux recommended Justin Grecula to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority with an expiration of 2027.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPOINT JUSTIN GRECULA TO THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Call for Applicants – Informational:

Mayor Recommended: (terms to expire on 12/31 of said year)
Charter Commission – **2 terms** (Expire 2025) **2 terms** (Expire 2026)
Library Board-- **1 term** (Expire 2027)
Public Utilities Commission—**1 term** (Expire 2028)
Transportation Advisory Committee- **2 terms** (Expire 2025) **1 term** (Expire 2026)
Council President Recommended: (terms expire on 12/31 of said year)
Planning Commission- 1 term (Expire 2027)
Water Tower Committee—**2 terms**

Final Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1586 - Code Enforcement

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the ordinance.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND YEAGER, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FINAL READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1586 AMENDING SECTION 320 OF THE BRAINERD CITY CODE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

Chair O'Day opened the public hearing at 8:17 p.m.

No one came forward.

Chair O'Day closed the public hearing at 8:18 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS YEAGER AND CZECZOK TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 1586.

ORDINANCE 1586

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

Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution - William Street Right of Way Vacation

Public Works Director Habighorst gave an overview of the vacation.

Chair O'Day opened the public hearing at 8:19 p.m.

Mary Hamad, 202 S 6th St, is the owner of the property. She gave a history of the property and stated that they are working to sell the property.

Chair O'Day closed the public hearing at 8:23 p.m.

Member Johnson asked about the vacation and how the split will work.

Engineer Dehn stated that the trail right of way is the other portion of the request. The DNR operates the trail.

Attorney Langel stated that Ms. Hamad will need to pursue discussions with the State vacating the property next.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND BEVANS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION WHICH VACATES THE SEGMENT OF WILLIAMS STREET RIGHT OF WAY, WHILE RESERVING UTILITY EASEMENTS.

RESOLUTION 50:25

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

Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution - Alley Vacation - Block 164, Town of Brainerd

Public Works Director Habighorst gave an overview of the vacation.

Chair O'Day opened the public hearing at 8:27 p.m.

No one came forward.

Chair O'Day closed the public hearing at 8:28 p.m.

Member Johnson questioned how the GIS map already shows the alley is vacated.

Engineer Dehn stated that staff could not find a resolution where this alley was officially vacated.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND BEVANS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION WHICH VACATES THE ALLEY OF BLOCK 164 WHICH RESERVING UTILITY EASEMENTS.

RESOLUTION 51:25

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

Crow Wing County Data Request

Member Czeczok stated that the data on the disbursements from May and June were probably not provided by the County because of the date of the request. He requested that the Council request again the disbursements for May and June.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND YEAGER, DULY CARRIED, TO REQUEST DATA FROM CROW WING COUNTY REGARDING THE DISBURSEMENTS MADE TO BRIDGES OF HOPE AND OTHER ENTITIES FROM THE DHS GRANT FOR HOMELESSNESS IN MAY AND JUNE.

New Business

Approve Reapportionment of Assessment and Call for Public Hearing - Beaver Dam Road

City Engineer Dehn stated that a deferred assessment was placed incorrectly on the Jedlinski parcel on Beaver Dam Road (41330756) that does not abut Beaver Dam Road when the property was sold. The deferred assessment should have been assigned to the Lind parcel (41330757) that does abut Beaver Dam and the assessment should be recalculated. The City became aware of the recording error due to an assessment search and is proposing reapportioning assessment to the large parcel.

Member Bevans stated that the smaller Jedlinski parcel should have no assessment on the original project as it does not abut Beaver Dam. He questioned why the small parcel will still have an assessment.

City Engineer Dehn clarified that the Jedlinski parcel will not have any assessment as of the recalculated assessment will be reapportioned to the large Lind parcel.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BEVANS AND CZECZOK, TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE BEAVER DAM ASSESSMENT AS DESCRIBED ON AUGUST 4TH AT 7:30 P.M.

Discuss Orderly Annexation of Riverside Drive

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the orderly annexation process. Staff has had discussions with Crow Wing County regarding the parcels on Riverside Drive.

City Engineer Dehn gave an overview of the portions that are being proposed to be annexed. There are utilities available to most of the parcels and street maintenance is already under an agreement with Crow Wing County for most of the proposed streets.

Member Johnson asked about the immediate expense for streets that are within the annexed area. He is concerned about taking on a lot of liability repairing streets.

City Engineer Dehn stated that the streets are in generally good condition.

Member Bevans asked whether this requires odd parcels within the boundaries to “forcibly” annex. Does the annexation violate an agreement with the residents to not forcibly annex the properties ever.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that orderly annexation is a joint resolution between municipalities and approved by a municipal boundary line judge. He referenced the policy regarding connecting when a sewer fails. In order to be served by City services the properties would need to be annexed.

City Engineer Dehn stated that connection when there is a failure is a part of the City Code.

Member Bevans stated that he recalls an agreement with these property owners that stated the City would never try to annex them.

Member Czeczok asked whether a policy is binding.

Attorney Langel stated that a policy is not binding, nor is an agreement depending on the terms and conditions.

Member O’Day stated that he believes the confusion has to do with the change to the State law. Orderly annexation is effectively “forcing” annexation. However, the State now requires it to go through a judge. He does not think it’s good for development or when improvements are made not to annex.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that it would be a joint resolution between the City and Crow Wing County.

Member Czeczok stated that with the amount the City has invested in the infrastructure, the cost carries over into the rest of the infrastructure if we aren’t collecting from all who could contribute.

MOVED SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND YEAGER INITIATE THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION PROCESS FOR A PORTION OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE AS DEPICTED IN THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION MAP.

Members Johnson, Yeager, Czeczok, and O’Day voted “aye”. Member Bevans voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

<u>Consider Variance Request to Allow a Reduced Parking Setback - 525 Washington St</u>

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the variance.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE REQUEST AT 525 WASHINGTON ST. FOR A ZERO-FOOT REAR YARD SETBACK FOR OFF-STREET PARKING.

Consider Fire Escrow for 614 Front Street

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the fire escrow. Mr. Pueringer is requesting that the City does not hold a fire escrow for the property and has made strides to improve the building since the fire.

Chair O'Day asked about the status of the structure, whether it is savable.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that initial conversations indicate the structure is savable, but at what cost is still unknown.

Member Czeczok asked about waiting to make a decision about the escrow until Mr. Pueringer's investment to the rehab is more clear.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that the insurance company will be paying out the insurance funds for the damage within the next month. There are only certain instances in which the City can release the funds to the property owner. The City can only return the money if the building receives its certificate of occupancy or is demolished.

Member Johnson asked whether the decision could be made when the engineer's opinion is established.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that the decision could be delayed, however, he is not certain of the timeline of the insurance payout. Mr. Pueringer would need to put his own funds into the rehab rather than be able to use all of the insurance proceeds.

Member Czeczok asked about low interest revolving loans in the meantime if the City were to hold the funds.

Finance Director Hillman stated that the City could look into revolving loans, however, they are typically only $25,000.

Chair O'Day stated that the escrow is risk mitigation, however, since Mr. Pueringer owns a large amount of real estate downtown, there is a low likelihood that he skips town with the money.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS YEAGER AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO WAIVE THE FIRE ESCROW FOR 614 FRONT STREET.

First Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1588 to Amend Section 515-3 Allowed Uses; Appendix A Table of Uses to Allow Office/Business in the GI District

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the ordinance.

Member Czeczok asked if this is spot zoning.

Chair O'Day stated that this is adding a use to the General Industrial Zone.

Mayor Badeaux stated the industrial zone is loud, smelly, and noisy.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHSNON AND BEVANS DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1588 AMENDING SECTION 515-3 ALLOWED USES APPENDIX A TABLE OF USES TO ALLOW OFFICE/BUSINESS IN THE GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

First Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1589 to Amend Section 515-4-11 Fence Standards

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the ordinance.

Member Czeczok stated that anyone with issues over their property, they should contact Mr. Johnson. This was a great win by Council Member Johnson and his constituent.

Member Johnson thanked Mr. Czeczok for his support, Community Development Director Kramvik for all of the hard work put in on this issue, and Planning Commission for seeing the worth of the ordinance.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS YEAGER AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1589 AMENDING 515-4-11 FENCE STANDARDS AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

First Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1590 - Annexation of Dunmire's

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the ordinance. Oaklawn township has not expressed any concerns at this time.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1590 ANNEXATION OF DUNMIRE’S AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

Adopt Resolution - Award Bid - Improvement 23-13 - TH 371B/Willow Street Roundabout Project

Public Works Director Habighorst gave an overview of the project and bids.

Member Johnson stated that the grant and enterprise funds will cover most of the cost of the project. He asked about use of levy dollars for the project.

Engineer Dehn stated that the intent is to use municipal state aid for the local match, roughly $200,000 to $250,000.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND BEVANS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION WHICH ACCEPTS THE BIDS AND AWARDS THE CONTRACT TO LANDWEHR CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $1,412,748 AND AUTHORIZE PROPER SIGNATURES ON THE AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS.

RESOLUTION 52:25

Upon roll call, Council Members Johnson, Yeager, Bevans, Czeczok, and O’Day voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution Supporting the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office Agreement

Administrator Broyles gave an overview of the resolution.

Member Czeczok asked that the Mayor read the resolution aloud if passed.

Member Johnson stated that he is glad to see the County passed their agreement, we should respect all of the laws in this country and they should be enforced. If we don't like them, we should get them changed.

Member Czeczok stated that this issue was brought to him by a citizen, he is very proud to present this to the Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND JOHNSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CROW WING COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE US IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT.

RESOLUTION 53:25

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

Mayor Badeaux read the resolution aloud.

Discussion on Airport Levy

Administrator Broyles stated that staff are looking for direction to work with County staff and Airport Commissioners regarding the Airport levy for fiscal year 2026.

Member Johnson stated that the City never received a written response regarding funding for the airport. There is little documented history regarding the recent airport levy discussions as it has been conversations between staff or commissioners. He would like to see a paper trail.

Member Czeczok stated that Commissioner Barrows was quoted previously stating that the City's ask came too late for the budget.

Mayor Badeaux stated that he supports all discussions between the City and County on any issues. He agrees that the public's business should have documentation.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT A DISCUSSION WITH CROW WING COUNTY REGARDING FUNDING FOR THE BRAINERD LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT AND WRITTEN REPORT PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC.

Staff Reports

Public Works Director Habighorst stated that the Grand Re-Opening will take place at Lum Park on Sunday, July 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that staff has completed the preliminary development agreement with St. Francis. The agreement will be considered at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Badeaux stated that the 4th of July Celebration included City Staff, he thanked City staff for their hard work and help. Gregory Park is looking the best it ever has. He gave a shoutout to the Police and Fire Departments on their decision making for changing the fireworks timing with the incoming storm. He requested that the Council allow him to paint the fences in the median on College Drive.

Generally Council agreed that the Mayor could paint the fence.

Attorney Langel stated that the Mayor should sign the waiver of liability.

Council Member Reports

Member Bevans stated that the Library construction is underway. The Northland Arboretum was notified that they were designated as a Regional Park. The Bike Park at the Arboretum will have a soft opening on July 12th from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Member Czeczok stated that Aaron Forstrom was quoted in the newspaper regarding the new transit app, this is a huge move for Transit. He will not be able to use the app himself but will still be able to call in to reserve a ride.

Member Yeager stated that the Airport Commission has already requested conversations between all parties in regards to the levy. He does recognize that the conversations regarding the airport have been cryptic. He is dedicated to helping the City and County understanding the dynamics of the airport. He hopes that Mr. Planzer and the Commission can paint a clearer picture for the future of the airport. He thanked staff and the Airport Commission for their work.

Member Johnson stated that the 4th of July and Arts in the Park were fantastic. The Movie in the Park was also successful, he looks forward to the next movie in the park.

Chair O'Day added his thanks to staff for their work for the 4th of July Celebrations. He thanked the Mayor all of his hard work. Everything was great.

Adjourn

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED LABOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGY SESSION PURSUANT TO MN STATUTES, 13D.03, SUBD 1(B) TO PREPARE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BRAINERD PUBLIC UTILITIES MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION UNION

The Chair adjourned the meeting to closed session at 9:30 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS YEAGER AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Nicholas W. Broyles
City Administrator