Brainerd, MN
October 6, 2025

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

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

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

Member Czeczok requested that Approve Promotion of Kyle Glass to Water Service Worker be removed from the consent calendar for further discussion.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR REMOVING THE PROMOTION OF KYLE GLASS TO WATER SERVICE WORKER FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

A. **Approval of Bills**
B. **Approval of Minutes**
C. **Department Activity Reports**
D. **Approve MN Lawful Gambling Application Exempt Permit Submitted by CLC Foundation for an Event to be held on May 6th, 2026, at 501 West College Drive**
E. **Approve Revised Billing Representative Job Description and Authorize Staff to Conduct an Internal-Only Job Posting Process**

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

Approve Promotion of Kyle Glass to Water Service worker Effective October 7, 2025

Member Czeczok stated that the individual was hired from within. He asked what position the employee currently holds.

HR Director Schubert stated that Mr. Glass is currently a Laborer.

Member Johnson asked about the authorization to backfill the position.

HR Director Schubert stated that staff is not requesting to backfill the position at this time, they are reviewing organizational and staffing needs prior to backfilling.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND STUNEK TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF KYLE GLASS WATER SERVICES WORKER EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 2025.

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

Public Forum

The Chair opened the public forum at 7:33 p.m.

Terry Quick 1565 Stallion Rd, Pillager, and Dave Rasinski 10775 Pinewood Dr, Nisswa, are the contractors for Mr. Jim Runberg for a water and sewer service line at 601 S 9th St. They gave an overview of the project that was completed for Mr. Runberg. He stated that every section of sewer line it was discovered that the lines had been overtaken by roots at the main. They are requesting on behalf of the owner, that the City take some responsibility for the work done by them as contractors on the sewer main. The City Engineer was involved in the repair project and the repair was done as directed by the City.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO DIRECT STAFF TO WORK WITH THE CONTRACTORS ON BEHALF OF MR. RUNBERG TO RESOLVE THE SEWER MAIN ISSUE AT 601 S 9TH ST.

Sudad Alobaidi, 706 W Washington, Smokey's Smoke Shop, requested that the City Council consider limiting the number of tobacco licenses the City issues. He has been having problems with another potential smoke shop owner threatening to put him out of business unless he pays him money.

The chair closed the public forum at 7:42 p.m.

Council Committee Reports

Personnel and Finance Committee

Consider 2026 Health Insurance Proposals

Committee Chair Johnson stated that this proposal is less than the City budgeted for in 2026. He stated that there was a cheaper option, but staff, the insurance committee, and the consultant decided that the Better Health Collectives was the better option.

HR Director Schubert stated that the Better Health Collective provided a 15% rate cap for 2027 which was not offered by the other companies. She also stated that the value adds regarding Wellness are much more robust with the Better Health Collective proposal.

Member Czeczok stated that the cheaper options may have been cheaper, but not less expensive.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE 2026 HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL AS RECEIVED FROM THE BETTER HEALTH COLLECTIVE WITH AN AVERAGE 3% INCREASE AND A 15% RATE CAP FOR OUR 2027 RENEWAL.

Authorization to Sign Heartland Animal Rescue Team (HART) Impound Contract

Committee Chair Johnson stated that this is a fair price for a good service.

Member Czeczok asked about the discrepancy regarding the cost of pickup fee.

Finance Director Hillman stated that staff will bring this back with the fee schedule at a future meeting.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SIGN THE HART CONTRACT COVERING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028.

Safety and Public Works Committee

Ordinance Section 1110 - Cannabis, Hemp, and Related Businesses of the City Code

Committee Chair Erickson stated that he appreciated how staff laid out the questions for Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ERICKSON AND CZECZOK TO DIRECT STAFF TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN THE ORDINANACE SETTING THE REGISTRATION FOR LOW POTENCY CANNABIS RETAILERS FEE AT THE MAXIMUM PER STATE STATUTE AND HOURS OF OPERATION THE SAME AS ON-SALE LIQUOR, CANNABIS EVENT FEE AT $135 PER DAY, ALLOWING ONSITE CONSUMPTION AT EVENTS, LIMIT OF ONE EVENT PER ORGANIZER IN ANY 4 DAY COMBINATION PER CALENDAR YEAR, AND RESTRICT EVENTS FROM BEING HELD IN CONVENTION CENTERS IN THE TN-2 ZONING DISTRICT.

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

Approve Cost Share for Country Manor Utility Extensions

Committee Chair Erickson gave an overview of the options available to correct the Country Manor utility extension project. The Public Utilities Commission recommended this cost share structure.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ERICKSON AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO REMIBURSE COUNTRY MANOR FOR THE REQUESTED CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF $42,311 AND SPLIT COSTS 50/50 WITH BPU, PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE FOR SALVAGED GATE VALVES ($5,000 IN ORIGINAL PROPOSAL) - $26,155.50 CITY, $16,155.50 BPU.

Direction Requested on Upcoming Infrastructure Grant Solicitations

Committee Chair Erickson stated that he would abstain from commenting and voting on the item due to his employment.

Committee Member Yeager stated that the City needs to make a decision on the infrastructure grant it was already awarded for the pedestrian bridge. Council also needs to decide whether or not the City should apply for future grant applications for the bridge project. The committee felt it was not in the best interest of the City to pursue the grant as there is a grant match and it is unknown whether the City will complete the project without additional outside funding. The committee made a motion to not further pursue the $1.3 million already awarded.

Member Johnson asked for clarification on whether denying the grant money also means that the City will not be pursuing grants for the pedestrian bridge in the future. He stated that the City has another year before the deadline to use the money, and more money could be procured by then. He also asked when the City is required to notify the State whether or not the City is accepting the grant.

Member Czeczok stated that the State wants an indication that the City intends to utilize the funding. By beginning the project, the City would be locking itself into the $300,000 of grant

matching funds not knowing if any other funds will be obtained. By declining the CRP grant, it is not stopping the City from pursuing other grants or bonding.

Public Works Director Habighorst stated that the State has been in contact with Engineer Dehn to find out the City's intention to use the funds. The City already utilized a one year extension, another extension is not available. He stated that the Mayor and Member Yeager have been presenting to State Legislative committees on the project.

Mayor Badeaux stated that he has a problem with denying the use of the $1.3 million as the City Council set the Pedestrian Bridge Project as priority number two for bonding. He has presented this concept once already and will be presenting again this week for bonding. It is disheartening to present for bonding and then have the rug pulled out for the whole project.

Member Johnson stated that even if the City denies the $1.3 million and receives bonding money, they'd only need to pursue another $1.3 million dollars to complete the project.

Finance Director Hillman stated she believes the State is pressing the City so that the funds can be reallocated in a timely manner.

Member Czeczok stated that the bridge has been talked about for a number of years. In committee he stated that we want everything but can't pay for anything. The City Council is constantly looking at how much they are asking for from the taxpayers. Once there is a local share for the grant match, that amount needs to be met by the citizens of Brainerd. Grant money is great, but we need to maintain, improve, and repair what we currently have. He asked about the importance of a pedestrian bridge in the big scheme of things. He loves the idea but compared it to him owning a Maserati.

Chair O'Day agrees that the constituents should not be paying for a pedestrian bridge. He questions whether the bonding money could contribute as the local share.

Public Works Director Habighorst stated that sometimes bonding money can be applied as a local match. He suggested the Mayor speak with State Representatives about the timeline to require the City to give an answer now.

Member Bevans stated that the rest of the trail hasn't even been constructed. The bridge would currently connect to only Lum Park not the trail to Riverton.

Mayor Badeaux stated that he has an issue with the timeline and frustrated that the City is being asked to make a snap decision on a facility that will be maintained by the DNR. He agrees that we shouldn't apply for grants that we can pay for. Bonding is a different issue. When the City makes decisions pressed for time, the decision isn't well informed. He would push back on the fact that a decision needs to be made right now. He doesn't fall in line with making a decision simply because a decision needs to be made.

Member Johnson stated that this bridge and trail is a DNR facility, yet the City is tasked with finding the resources for it. If the project is not reallocated, it would save the Minnesota Taxpayers $1.3 million.

Member Czeczok stated that the Mayor should speak with the State about the status of the grant. To Mr. Johnson's point the City should ask for a firm deadline. He doesn't think the Brainerd citizens can afford a pedestrian bridge.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS YEAGER AND CZECZOK TO NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CRP GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $1.3 MILLION FOR THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE.

Upon roll call, Council Members Yeager and Czeczok voted “aye”. Members Stunek, Bevans, Johnson, and O’Day voted “nay”. Member Erickson abstained. The Chair declared the motion failed.

Update on Response to Bollig Complaint on Stormwater Easement adjacent to CSAH 48

Member Czeczok asked for clarification on the August 18th motion. He stated that “coordinate” does not mean an e-mail or phone call. Mr. Bollig should be able to present all of his information to staff for review.

Committee Chair Erickson stated that staff reviewed the request and discussed it with Attorney Langel. He would request one on one communication with Mr. Bollig.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ERICKSON AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO DIRECT STAFF TO CONTINUE WITH THE ORIGINAL MOTION MADE ON AUGUST 18TH.

Construction Update

Public Works Director Habighorst gave an overview of the construction update provided. Staff is reviewing change orders requested at length with the City Attorney. Staff is determining whether final paving can be completed this fall or just the first lift. Staff will prepare recommendations for City Council if projects are not completed by the end of the season.

Committee Chair Erickson stated that there were significant strides made on Wright and 10th recently with some of the steps that staff identified, however they’re still behind. Some of the options laid out will require Council action.

Member Czeczok stated that he heard a number of times in committee that “a decision was made” to hold off on 10th Street until spring. He stated that staff met with the Council Committee Chairs and President O’Day to decide how to handle the construction delays. It makes him very angry to hear that a “decision was made” when the Council as whole did not decide how to move forward. He asked what the completion date is for the projects as he is now hearing the completion date is the end of construction season. He questioned when the end of the construction season. The Council is responsible to the taxpayers and people living along the projects. When he hears that there is a decision made to hold off on completing 10th Street until the spring he questions not having a say in the decision. When the Council approves the project initially and things happen, who needs to make the decisions for the project.

Public Works Director Habighorst stated that the completion date for Wright and 10th Street was October 3rd. When it begins to snow, it is the end of construction season.

Chair O’Day stated that in this instance, there was a decision needed prior to a Council meeting. He feels Staff probably felt more comfortable pulling in a couple of Council Members to assist with a decision. Staff were adamant on holding off on 10th Street as time constraints would not allow for the project to be completed prior to the winter. If there needs to be repercussions going forward, that would be a decision made by the City Council.

Member Johnson stated that he agrees that the entire Council should make these decisions. He appreciates the update. He finds it less than unfortunate that two of the three projects aren’t going to be completed this year. On paper, it looks like 33% of the projects are going to be completed, but the Hawkins/Ronald/Joseph project is also not being completed this year.

Member Czeczok asked what would have been wrong with including the information needed for making a decision in tonight's meeting packet. He'd feel better about leaving the meeting tonight knowing that he had a say in the matter. To think that asking three members of City Council to make a decision without a full Council vote is unacceptable, it goes against democracy. He compared it to the Charter commission discussion. He asked whether the City would be limited in repercussions if they made any decisions tonight.

Attorney Langel stated that typically a change order would need to be approved to change the timeline or the amount of the contract. By approving a change order of the timeline, you are agreeing to the change in the contract time. There would need to be a claim notice in order to reserve a right under the terms and conditions of the contract. It seems that there are still discussions between the City and the contractor that need to be made in regard to the timeline and the consequences of not upholding the contract. There is not enough information tonight.

Public Works Director Habighorst stated that at the end of the construction season, Staff will analyze the conditions of the work zone throughout the season and be able to better determine how to have the contract penalties upheld.

Member Czeczok asked whether 26 inches of snow on October 26th would end the construction season.

Public Works Director Habighorst stated that snow would most likely end the season. Otherwise, the final date is November 15th.

Mayor Badeaux stated that his level of frustration is high. Constantly having to rush through decisions is irritating. The Council cannot make decisions if information is not being put in front of us. The City has regular Council meetings. There doesn't need to be decisions made by Staff and a few Members. The citizens and business owners of the City have been contacting him to ask when construction will be completed. The City needs to operate more cleanly.

Direction on Active Code Enforcement

Committee Chair Erickson gave an overview of the violations presented.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that the second property is a vacant lot that someone has been living in a camper without being hooked up to City utilities.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ERICKSON AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO FOLLOW STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NUISANCES AT 507 1ST AVE NE BY TOWING THE VEHICLES AND ABATEMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR JUNK AND DEBRIS AND AT 616 4TH AVE NE A $300 CITATION EVERY 10 DAYS AND TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL ACTION.

Unfinished Business

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)

Water Tower Committee—**2 terms**

Hold Public Hearing and Re-Affirm Resolution Ordering Improvement - Improvement 23-14 - Hawkins/Ronald/Joseph Resurfacing Project

Public Works Director Habighorst gave an overview of the rescheduled public hearing.

Member Johnson stated that this project was supposed to be done this year, but will be put off until next year. He asked if Mr. Habighorst had a gut feeling on the cost.

Public Works Director Habighorst could not confirm the cost.

Member Johnson stated that the project will be more expensive to complete next year and it's costing the taxpayers money because the City cannot get projects done.

Member Czeczok stated that he agrees with Mr. Johnson. He asked whether the same contractor would be maintained.

Public Works Director Habighorst stated that he could not recall the contractor, but they are local and they would be utilized.

The Chair opened the public hearing at 8:36 p.m.

No one came forward.

The Chair closed the public hearing at 8:37 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BEVANS AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO RE-AFFIRM THE RESOLUTION IN WHICH ORDERS THE IMPROVEMENT.

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

Hold Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution for Assessment - 2024-2025 Nuisance Abatement and 2024-2025 Downtown Special Services District

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the assessment process, staff received three appeals that will be brought back to the next meeting.

The Chair opened the public hearing at 8:39 p.m.

No one came forward.

The Chair closed the public hearing at 8:40 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND ERICKSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENTS AS PROPOSED FOR 2024-2025 DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT INCLUDING DOWNTOWN SNOW REMOVAL, AND 2024-2025 NUISANCE ABATEMENT.

RESOLUTION 70:25

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

Hold Public Hearing on Assessment and Adopt Resolution Adopting Assessment - Improvement 23-16 - South Brainerd Resurfacing Project

Public Works Director Habighorst gave an overview of the assessment process.

The Chair opened the public hearing at 8:42 p.m.

Benjamin Lundeen, 143 Carol Lane, gave an overview of the issue he is having in front of his property. He isn't asking for forgiveness for the assessment, he is requesting that he not pay for the assessment until the issue in front of his house is resolved.

The Chair continued the public hearing to the next meeting at 8:47 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ERICKSON AND YEAGER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENTS LESS THE PROPERTY AT 706 CAROL LANE AND CONTINUE THE HEARING TO THE OCTOBER 20TH MEETING FOR IMPROVEMENT 23-16 SOUTH BRAINERD RESURFACING PROJECT.

RESOULTION 71:25

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

New Business

Review Consultant's Presentation and Make Recommendation for Future Transit Operation

Public Works Director Habighorst introduced consultants from AECOM Consulting that were hired by MnDOT to complete an analysis of the Brainerd/ Crow Wing County Transit system.

Jill Cahoun gave an overview of the transit services operational assessment. She stated that only two cities in Minnesota operate transit services through third party contract. The only other City who operates a transit system does so in house.

Council Members had discussion about the analysis.

Member Bevans asked about the recommendations made at the Transportation Advisory Committee. He also asked if the County operating the transit system is a viable option and whether we have their decision in writing.

Member Czeczok stated that the recommendation from the Transportation Advisory Committee was to ask the Council to direct staff to develop a business model for operating transit in-house. The County operating the transit system is not a viable option, however, the City does not have this in writing.

Member Johnson stated that for the City, the County operating transit would be the best option. He also stated that the City of Fosston is not a great comparison to the City's current transit system.

Mayor Badeaux asked who sets the requirements for the City of Brainerd to operate buses and the quantity of buses needed.

The Representative from the State stated that that is determined by the community need.

Member Czeczok discussed salaries of City staff that Transit contributes to, which is a benefit to the City to operating a transit system. The transit system has always been run by a third-party operator. The County has significantly reduced their routes and the County's share of the system. The City of Baxter also contributes to the system through fares and an agreement. He asked whether the City has levied for transit. Fares and the grants from the State and Federal governments provide for the transit system. He stated that there are many people in our community who don't have other options for transportation. The Transit system is very valuable to the community and for individual freedom.

Finance Director Hillman stated that she is not aware of the City ever levying for the Transit system.

Member Erickson asked whether action needs to be made tonight.

Member Johnson stated that he could see the benefit of developing a business model. He asked about the current third-party contract.

Member Bevans stated he would like to see a written ask of Crow Wing County. There is opportunity to change the structure of our transit system.

Public Works Director Habighorst stated that the Transit Operation grant for 2026 has been submitted, and the Third-Party contract is through 2027.

Mayor Badeaux stated that he would like to see the business model that fits what ridership is in the City.

Member Czeczok also suggested increasing the ridership right outside of the city limits in the business model.

HR Director Schubert stated it would be best if the Department Heads and City Administrator develop the business model with input from the Transit staff.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP A BUSINESS MODEL FOR OPERATING TRANSIT IN HOUSE.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO DIRECT STAFF TO CONTACT CROW WING COUNTY TO GAUGE THEIR INTEREST IN SOLELY OPERATING TRANSIT OR PARTNERING WITH THE CITY TO OPERATE.

Member Czeczok gave a scenario of the fare disparities between the City and the City of Baxter.

Member Johnson questioned whether the Brainerd fares subsidize the Baxter fares.

Public Works Director Habighorst stated that they do not.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO DIRECT STAFF TO CONTACT THE CITY OF BAXTER ASKING THEM TO ADJUST THEIR RATES TO MATCH THE CITY OF BRAINERD.

First Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1592 - Text Amendment for an Accessory Greenhouse for a Cannabis Microbusiness at Yesterday's Gone - Parcel ID# 41241525

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the ordinance.

Member Czeczok reminded the Council that the businesses will be regulated and inspected by the State.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ERCKSON AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1592 AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

First Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1593 - Rezoning from CN-2 (Contemporary Neighborhood 2) to GC (General Commercial) to Allow for an Office/Retail Building - 3424 Oak St

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the ordinance.

Chair O'Day asked about the entrance to the property.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated there is no service drive planned for the property.

Member Bevans asked to have staff provide all of the uses in a General Commercial zone.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ERICKSON AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1593 AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

First Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1594- Business Sign Ordinance

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the ordinance.

Member Bevans asked about whether this encompasses historic names on the sides of buildings.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that he would consider those murals and would not be included in the regulations in the ordinance.

Mayor Badeaux stated that himself and Member Yeager have been working with Mr. Kramvik on this ordinance. He really likes the language of this ordinance it was crafted thoughtfully.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND ERICKSON, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1594 AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

First Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1595- Amend Section 320 - Administrative Citations

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the ordinance.

Member Czeczok asked about the commonality of this ordinance.

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that repeat junk and debris complaints are common, he could research other cities.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1595 AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

First Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1596 and Consider a Preliminary Plat and Planned Unit Development for a Proposed 190-unit Apartment Complex for Parcel ID's 41020691 and 41020682 on HWY 371 S

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the ordinance.

Member Yeager thanked the developers for the interest in our City. This complex helps to address the housing crisis in our City.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1596 AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING, APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY PLAT, AND APPROVE THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT STAGE PLAN.

Consider Distribution of Voyageur Heights Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Community Development Director Kramvik gave an overview of the requirements.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND BEVANS, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOYAGEUR HEIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET.

Staff Reports

Fire Chief Holmes stated that the Fire Department Open House is on Thursday, October 9th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Main Fire Station.

Public Works Director Habighorst stated that the Pumpkin Festival was held on October 4th, it was a great event.

Finance Director gave an update for Administrator Broyles regarding PILOT. The matter was tabled at the September Public Utilities meeting to gain further information and it will be back on their October meeting agenda.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Badeaux stated that the Pumpkin Festival was a fantastic event, he thanked Ms. Huether for her work on her first pumpkin event. He apologized to the DNR and MnDOT and stated that his ire is not directed towards their entities regarding the pedestrian bridge.

Council Member Reports

Member Czeczok thanked everyone who attended the Employee Appreciation lunch including commissioners.

Member Yeager welcomed the new ARFF employee, there were 28 applicants for the position. There are many great things to hear about at the Airport, he will provide an update at the next meeting.

Member Johnson stated that youth hockey has begun, he wished all the youth luck for their seasons.

Adjourn

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND ERICKSON, DULY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PER MN STATUTE 13D.03 SUBD 1(B) FOR A CLOSED UNION NEGOTIATION STRATEGY SESSION WITH THE BRAINERD PUBLIC UTILITIES MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS UNION.

The Chair adjourned the meeting to closed session at 9:57 p.m.

The Council took a five-minute break prior to the closed session.

The Council went into closed session at 10:01

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND ERICKSON, DULY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Nicholas W. Broyles
City Administrator