Brainerd, Minnesota
April 24, 2013

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Adjourned Meeting of the Brainerd City Council was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Council President Bonnie Cumberland for the purpose of hearing narrative from Mr. Charles Marohn relating to his "A Better Brainerd Project" grant.

Upon roll call, the following members were noted present: Aldermen Scheeler, Borkenhagen, Koep, Pritschet and Cumberland. Mayor Wallin and Aldermen Bevans and Parks were noted as absent. Mayor Wallin was also noted absent. Also present were City Administrator Goble, City Engineer Hulsether, Assistant City Engineer Freihammer, City Planner Ostgarden and Chris Robinson from BLAEDC.

The Chair recognized Mr. Charles Marohn who thanked the Council for the opportunity to appear. He discussed the development of the non-profit organization "Small Towns" and the "Curbside Chat" program which have led to the "A Better Brainerd Project" which has been funded by an Otto Bremer Grant. He referred the Council and public to the website: http://www.abetterbrainerd.org

Concerns and questions of the Council were discussed which included the lack of notification to the City Council and staff about the initiation of the project as well as many of the project details. The Council asked Mr. Marohn for regular updates and communication throughout the grant time period.

The Chair thanked Mr. Marohn for his presentation and wished him success of his project.

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Theresa A. Goble
City Administrator