

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota  
August 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building at 5:00 P.M., August 8, 2016; all members of the City Council having been notified of the meeting and the business to be transacted.

Present: Mayor Matt Brenk; City Administrator Kelcey Klemm; City Clerk Glori French; Finance Officer Pam Slifka; City Attorney Charlie Ramstad; City Engineer Jon Pratt; Public Utilities General Manager Vernell Roberts; Fire Chief Scott Flynn; Police Chief Tim Eggebraaten; Liquor Store Manager Randy Buhr; Public Works Director Bradley Green; Community Development Director Larry Remmen and Building Official Dave Neisen

Aldermen: Boeke, Imholte, Marks Erickson, Schiller, Schurman, Sukke, Waller, Wenner and Zeman

Absent: None

There being no corrections to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held July 12, 2016 and the Special City Council Meeting held July 26, 2016. A motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Boeke and carried, without a dissenting vote. Mayor Brenk declared the minutes would stand approved according to copies sent to each member of the Council.

Mayor Brenk introduced Police Chief Tim Eggebraaten to present Public Commendations to Officers Josie Johnson, Brent Fulton, Randy Haken, Paramedics Brandi Maxwell, John Lettner, EMTs AJ Skochenski and Jacob Amberg for their life saving efforts of Carl Fingalson on July 14, 2016. Mr. Fingalson appeared before the Council and thanked all those who helped save his life.

The 81<sup>st</sup> Northwest Water Carnival Co-Admirals Chris & Ali Larson appeared before the Council to thank the City for the continued support of the Water Carnival. They introduced Kate Spathe and Dustin Hildebrand who will be the Co-Admirals of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Northwest Water Carnival.

Matt Halseth with the Ojibwe Forest Rally appeared before the Council to give an update on the upcoming event on August 26, 2016 and invited everyone to come see the race. Halseth noted new this year will be a race simulator sponsored by Toyota.

Mayor Brenk informed the Council no public hearing or zoning considerations will take place at the meeting. Robert and Joyce Spilman withdrew their request for the City to consider annexation of a 2.5 tract of land at 16267 Highland Drive.

Steve Hedman, 18148 Willow Springs Road, appeared before the Council to file a Petition with the Council on behalf of the property owners in the area called Willow Springs. Mr. Hedman noted the residents are expressing their desire to not be annexed by the City. Community Development Director Larry Remmen informed the Council no formal process for annexation in the Willow Springs area have begun. City Clerk Glori French will make the Petition as part of the minutes known as Exhibit A.

Pursuant to notice having been published in the official newspaper that the Council, at this present meeting will conduct a hearing to receive public comment on the matter of the proposed sanitary sewer and watermain extension project from the intersection of Randolph Road/Kris Street to Fortune Avenue the Mayor called the hearing to order at 5:20 PM. City Engineer Jon Pratt presented the feasibility study that had been prepared but noted he had been informed earlier in the day of items that will result in a change to the cost allocations. Pratt noted initially there were four lots benefitting by the sewer installation and three lots benefitting by the watermain installation, but with the new information presented it presents a challenge making the cost of this project feasible for the property owners. Pratt informed the Council since this is a unique situation, City staff will review the situation and make a recommendation back to the Council on the appropriate way to handle the costs associated with the project.

Jeff Swanson, 28234 Lemon Road, appeared before the Council and gave a history of when his property was annexed and the discussions that took place regarding how the City was going to provide services to his property as well as future development in the area. Mr. Swanson noted his current property situation does not require the sanitary sewer main and sewer service connection but would be ok with it, since it would make sense for the area and future development.

Alderman Imholte asked Jeff Swanson when he would be willing to hook up to the services. Mr. Swanson noted he would within a year once the services are completed.

City Engineer Jon Pratt clarified the estimated cost of the project would be \$88,800 with a breakdown of \$48,000 for the two lots owned by Mr. Beatons, Swanson's cost would be \$9,500 for the sewer main and sewer service connection, the hydrant cost of \$6,300 would be the cost of the City and proposing the City pick up the additional cost of \$24,000 to be paid from the sewer and water funds.

Aldermen Imholte and Zeman expressed concern with the cost the City will be paying for the Project.

A motion was made by Alderman Zeman, seconded by Alderman Imholte and carried without a dissenting vote to continue the Public Hearing on the proposed sanitary sewer and watermain extension project from the intersection of Randolph Road/Kris Street to Fortune Avenue at the Special Council Meeting that is scheduled for August 23, 2016

Mayor Brenk reconvened the Regular Council Meeting.

Pursuant to notice having been given to the property owner at 1002 Summit Avenue, that the Council would, at this present meeting, conduct a hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment on the abatement of nuisance created by the unenclosed trash dumpster. Mayor Brenk called the hearing to order at 5:45 PM. Community Development Director Larry Remmen stated that dumpster is near the curb and needs to be relocated to the back of the property and screened from view. There being no further comments, Mayor Brenk closed the hearing at 5:46 PM and reconvened the Regular Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Marks Erickson, seconded by Alderman Zeman and carried, without a dissenting vote, authorizing the abatement of nuisance created by the unenclosed trash dumpster at 1002 Summit Avenue.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Commission that was submitted to the City Council and recommendation of the Community Development Committee, a resolution was introduced by Alderman Imholte, who moved its adoption, approving the variance request to allow a 91 foot setback from the Ordinary High Water Mark for construction of a deck at 953 Lakewood Drive (Thomas & Kari Tschider) based on the following conditions that the improvements be constructed according to the approved site plan; and that the owner install a vegetative buffer that is unmown and is planted with native vegetation at least 10 feet deep between the rock areas on the north side of the lot; (note: a path to the beach can be allowed in this area). The motion for the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Alderman Schurman and carried, without a dissenting vote. Mayor Brenk declared the Resolution 0808C adopted.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Commission that was submitted to the City Council and recommendation of the Community Development Committee, a motion was introduced by Alderman Imholte, and seconded by Alderman Sukke approving the revised site plan for construction of a home at 500 South Shore Drive (Dan & Paul Friesen). Alderman Imholte re-stated the conditions of the original variance that have not changed:

1. That the project be constructed as shown on the approved site plan with a 20 foot front yard setback and a setback from the Ordinary High Water Mark that is no closer than the adjacent garage;
2. That the project not exceed the 25% impervious surface requirement;
3. That the owners direct stormwater run-off to a French drain adequately sized for the impervious surface on the lot;
4. That the owner leave the existing berm in place on the lot;
5. Only 4 boat slips be allowed for personal use of the owners;
6. That the owner work with the Pelican River Watershed District to provide appropriate stormwater mitigation prior to issuance of a building permit;

Mayor Brenk clarified that the motion on the floor is to approve a new site plan not any new variances.

Alderman Imholte made the comment he is dissenting because it is a non-conforming lot with a number of variances and he believes the property owner will not comply with the variance conditions. Alderman Imholte asked City staff to ensure the property owner follows all conditions of the variances.

The motion was carried with one dissenting vote (Imholte).

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Becker County to develop and implement recreational and facility improvements at Detroit Mountain Recreation Area and Mountain View Recreation Area. The term of this agreement shall be for 20 years. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schurman and carried, without a dissenting vote.

Upon to the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a resolution was introduced by Alderman Sukke, who moved its adoption, authorizing the application of Joint Legacy Grant Funding for the Detroit Mountain Recreation Area (City of Detroit Lakes) and Mountain View Recreation Area (Becker County). Contingent on the grant being awarded, the City agrees to provide \$100,000 for a local match with \$50,000 from the Food & Beverage Tax Fund and \$50,000 from the Park Dedication Fund. The motion for the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Alderman Boeke. After lengthy discussion, the motion was carried with one dissenting vote (Zeman). Alderman Marks Erickson abstained from the vote. Mayor Brenk declared the Resolution 0808H adopted.

Pursuant to notice having been published in the official newspaper that the Council, at this present meeting will conduct a hearing to receive public comment on the matter of granting an off-sale 3.2 liquor license to BD's Gas & Grub, LLC at 444 Morrow Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501, for the period of September 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, the Mayor called the hearing to order at 6:03 PM. There being no comments, Mayor Brenk closed the hearing at 6:04 PM and reconvened the Regular Council Meeting.

Upon the recommendation of Liquor/Gambling Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Wenner and seconded by Alderman Waller and carried, without a dissenting vote to grant an off-sale 3.2 liquor license to BD's Gas & Grub, LLC, for the period of September 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Pursuant to notice having been published in the official newspaper that the Council, at this present meeting will conduct a hearing to receive public comments on vacating a portion of Longview Lane in Section 32, Township 139N, Range 41W of the 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, the Mayor called the hearing to order at 6:05 PM. Community Development Director Larry Remmen stated there is an additional right-of-way at the end of the cul-de-sac on Longview Lane that is no longer needed. This is by the Dave Dorff

property where the City has recently acquired an easement. There being no further comments, Mayor Brenk closed the hearing at 6:06 PM and reconvened the Regular Council Meeting.

Upon the recommendation of Community Development Committee, a resolution was introduced by Alderman Imholte, who moved its adoption approving vacating a portion of Longview Lane in Section 32, Township 139N, Range 41W of the 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian. The motion for the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Alderman Waller and carried, without a dissenting vote. Mayor Brenk declared the Resolution 0808B adopted.

Alderman Imholte informed the Council the consideration to a variance request to allow 25.68 impervious surface coverage and 5-foot side yard setback to add a second story addition to a home at 1074 West Lake Drive (Char McKenzie) is deferred at this time.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Commission that was submitted to the City Council and recommendation of the Community Development Committee, a resolution was introduced by Alderman Imholte, who moved its adoption, approving the preliminary plat of Ulrich Bayview at 14232 260<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Bleachers). The motion for the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Alderman Sukke and carried, without a dissenting vote. Mayor Brenk declared the Resolution 0808D adopted.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Commission that was submitted to the City Council and recommendation of the Community Development Committee, a resolution was introduced by Alderman Imholte, who moved its adoption, denying the preliminary plat and the rezoning from "R-A" Residential Agricultural to "R-3" Multi-Family Residence District for 16239 Highland Drive. The motion for the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Alderman Sukke and carried, without a dissenting vote. Mayor Brenk declared the Resolution 0808E adopted.

Upon the recommendation of the Community Development Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Imholte introducing for its first reading of Ordinance 400 amending the Zoning Ordinance and opting out of the requirements of Minnesota Statute, Section 462.3593. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zeman and carried, without a dissenting vote.

Upon the recommendation of the Community Development Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Imholte introducing for its first reading of Ordinance 401 amending the Administrative Code relative to reasonable accommodations associated with the Fair Housing Act and American with Disabilities Act. The motion was seconded by Alderman Waller and carried, without a dissenting vote.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Commission that was submitted to the City Council and recommendation of the Community Development Committee, a resolution was introduced by Alderman Imholte, who moved its adoption, approving the

final plat of Oaks on Munson (Dave Hiltner). The motion for the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Alderman Sukke and carried, without a dissenting vote. Mayor Brenk declared the Resolution 0808F adopted.

Alderman Imholte informed the Council that the next Shoreland Committee meeting will be held on August 22, 2016 at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

Upon the recommendation of the Community Development Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried, without a dissenting vote, that the building permits for the month of July, 2016 in the estimated construction value of \$4,106,384 to be issued pursuant to their applications accompanied by the required City fees and State surcharges, the issuance of such permits having been recommended by the Building Official and approved by the Community Development Committee.

Upon the recommendation from the Public Works Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Zeman, seconded by Alderman Imholte and carried without a dissenting vote to approve soliciting requests for proposal (RFP) for architectural services for the new Public Works building.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Public Works Committee, a resolution was introduced by Alderman Zeman, who moved its adoption, authorizing the City to complete a joint funding application with the Pelican River Watershed District (PRWD) to Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources (BSWR) for stormwater collection and treatment improvements to a portion of West Lake Drive, South Shore Drive. The motion for the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Alderman Imholte and carried, without a dissenting vote. Mayor Brenk declared the Resolution 0808G adopted.

City Engineer Jon Pratt gave a status update of City projects. 1) Washington Avenue Reconstruction, project is complete, consider approval of final payment; 2) TH 10/59 Frontage Road Improvements, project is substantially complete, final clean-up/punch list items will be addressed over the next couple of months; 3) The street improvements to Dan Street, Peter Street and Tower Road are substantially complete, Contractor recently addressed some turf issue; 4) West Lake Drive Reconstruction and Multi-Use Trail (Legion Rd to CSAH 6). Currently making a joint application with PRWD to BSWR for funding of stormwater collection and treatment; 5) Long Lake Annexation – Phase 3: the next step is to begin the master planning document and try to have it completed by the end of summer, construction is tentatively set for 2017 or 2018, ultimate project will include extension of sewer and water utilities to north and west sides of Long Lake; 6) Longview Lane Drainage Improvements – Holmes Property: Preliminary design has been approved by the plaintiff's engineer. Easements have been acquired. Project was awarded to Hough Construction; 7) Long Bridge Heights – Phase 3: Project has been awarded to Feldt Plumbing. Construction will begin in early September. Project includes street and utility improvements for final phase of residential subdivision and water main looping to standpipe water tower; 8) TH 34 Improvements & Multi-Use Trail: Project has been awarded to Mark Sand and Gravel. Construction on

TH 34 (east of town) to begin July 11<sup>th</sup>. In town work on TH 34 (TH59 to Riverside Drive) will start in the middle of August. The project is being lead/administered by MnDOT with minor involvement and cost participation from the City. Project will include surface improvements and lane modifications to TH 34 and a multi-use trail from Riverside Drive to Curry Avenue; 9) Traffic Signal Study – TH 10/East Shore Dr/CSAH 54 & TH 10/Kris St/Randolph Rd: Current options being considered include a ¾ or a right-in/right-out intersection at Kris Street/TH 10 and signals at TH 10/East Shore Drive. Project may also need to include improvements to Randolph Road. Second public input meeting scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at MnDOT; 10) 2016 Street Rehabilitation: Contract awarded to Central Specialties. Construct likely to begin mid to late August, project includes mill and overlay and FDR pavement rehabilitation to various streets (+/- 8 miles); 11) Street & Utility Improvements – Briard Development: Project is on hold. A motion was made by Alderman Zeman and seconded by Alderman Waller and carried, without a dissenting vote to accept the City Engineers report as presented.

Upon the recommendation from the Public Works Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote approving the request submitted by the Detroit Lakes Jaycees to fence off an area on the park side of the Pavilion, 1361 Washington Ave relative to the Firemen's Dance on August 12, 2016.

Upon the recommendation from the Public Works Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote approving the Event Application submitted by Holy Rosary Church to hold the Holy Rosary "Hog Heaven" Community Festival on Sunday, August 21, 2016.

Upon the recommendation from the Public Works Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote approving the Event Application submitted by Becker County Museum to hold a "Block Party" at The Brew Ales & Eats and extend the outdoor fenced area onto a portion of the Sidewalk, Saturday, September 3, 2016.

Upon the recommendation from the Public Works Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote approving the Event Application submitted by Roosevelt Chapter Antique Motorcycle Club of America to hold the "Roosevelt National Road Run" on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

Upon the recommendation from the Public Works Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote approving the Event Application submitted by Darvin Jahnke to hold "Sleds in the Park" on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Marks Erickson introducing for its first reading of Ordinance 402 amending the City Code to increase the salary for the Mayor and City Council Members. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wenner and carried, without a dissenting vote.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote to approving the final payment to Sellin Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$18,496.92 for the Washington Avenue Reconstruction project.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote to grant authorization for Finance Officer Pamela Slifka to attend the Minnesota Government Finance Officers Association 2016 Annual Conference on September 28-30, 2016 in Alexandria, MN.

A motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote that the trial balance, submitted by Finance Officer Pamela Slifka, showing a balance in the City treasury to be in the amount of \$14,899,561.66 as of July 31, 2016, be accepted, approved and placed on file.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a resolution was introduced by Alderman Sukke, who moved its adoption, approving the payment of claims paid by proper authorization covering the period of July 12, 2016, through August 8, 2016, in the amount of \$3,492,956.61 the motion for the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote. The Mayor declared Resolution 0808A adopted.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote to approve the 2017 minimum level of financial support to be provided for operating expenses for public library services is \$168,202.

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee a motion was made by Alderman Waller, seconded by Alderman Wenner, and after lengthy discussion carried without a dissenting vote, to approve the request to petition West Central Minnesota Drug Task Force for acceptance back into the WCMDTF and removal from the Lakes to River Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, a resolution was introduced by Alderman Waller, who moved its adoption, authorizing the Detroit Lakes Police Department to apply for a Bicycle Grant through Partnership for Health the motion for the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Alderman Zeman and carried without a dissenting vote. The Mayor declared Resolution 0808I adopted.

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote to authorize the trade of two (2) decommissioned squad cars and one (1) vehicle obtained through forfeiture and purchase one unmarked squad car.



Upon the recommendation of the Liquor/Gambling Control Committee a motion was made by Alderman Wenner, seconded by Alderman Zeman and carried without a dissenting vote, denying the request for a donation from the Detroit Lakes Youth Soccer Program since the City does not donate to any other organized sports programs.

Upon the recommendation of the Liquor/Gambling Control Committee a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote, authorizing the issuance of a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license for Bleachers Bar & Grill to sell and serve on-sale intoxicating liquor at the Pavilion for the Country Club 100 Year Celebration on July 28, 2016, pursuant to their application and fee.

Upon the recommendation of the Liquor/Gambling Control Committee a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote, authorizing the issuance of a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the Detroit Lakes Jaycees to sell and serve on-sale intoxicating liquor at the Pavilion, 1361 Washington Ave relative to the Firemen's Dance on August 12, 2016, pursuant to their application and fee.

Upon the recommendation of the Liquor/Gambling Control Committee a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote, authorizing the issuance of a temporary on-sale 3.2 liquor license for the Detroit Lakes Jaycees to sell and serve beer in the parking lot of Lakeside Tavern, 200 West Lake Drive, relative to Ribfest on August 27, 2016, pursuant to their application and fee.

Upon the recommendation of the Liquor/Gambling Control Committee a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried without a dissenting vote approving the gambling application submitted by Marshmallow Foundation to hold a raffle at Zorbaz, 402 West Lake Avenue on August 26, 2016.

A motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Waller and carried, without a dissenting vote, that the June 2016 Becker County Court Report of \$5837.07, the July Police Chief's Monthly Report, July Fire Chief's Monthly Report, July Animal Control Report, July Liquor Store Manager's Monthly Report, July Nuisance Monthly Report, July Parking Violations Monthly Report \$70, and the July Variance/Conditional Use Permit Status Report be approved and placed on file.

Mayor Brenk appointed Alderman Sukke, Alderman Schiller and Alderman Wenner to the Becker County Canvassing Board for the 2016 Primary and General Elections.

Pursuant to the recommendation from the Public Utility Commission a resolution was introduced by Alderman Imholte who moved its adoption, authorizing the Point Source Implementation Grant Application to be submitted to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, for funding a portion of the waste water treatment facility, the

motion was seconded by Alderman Zeman and carried, without a dissenting vote. The Mayor declared resolution 0808 approved.

Public Utilities General Manager Vernell Roberts updated the Council on the request for proposals that had been received for the Membrane Biological Reactor (MBR) for the new waste water facility. Upon detailed review and discussions between Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) and City staff the recommendation is to award the membrane preselection bid to GE Zenon with a submitted price of \$1,930,000, contingent upon favorable negotiations.

A motion was made by Alderman Imholte, seconded by Alderman Zeman and carried, without a dissenting vote, awarding the bid from GE Zenon in the amount of \$1,930,000 for the Membrane Biological Reactor for the new waste water facility subject to all terms and conditions specified in the specifications can be satisfactorily met.

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Brenk, a motion was made by Alderman Sukke, seconded by Alderman Marks Erickson and carried, without a dissenting vote, reappointing Jeff Swanson to the Police Civil Service Commission effective October 1, 2016.

Mayor Brenk announced the Pelican River Watershed District's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House is Wednesday, August 10, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM (Program at 5:30 PM) at the Pavilion.

Mayor Brenk announced the Detroit Lakes Community Social is Thursday, August 25, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Holiday Inn (Social Hour at 5:00 PM). This event is hosted by the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber.

Alderman Sukke announced that Music on the Mountain is Friday, August 26, 2016 at Detroit Mountain Recreation Area.

Fire Chief Scott Flynn invited the Council, City staff and the public to the Fireman's dance that will be held at the Pavilion on August 12, 2016.

Mayor Brenk announced there will be a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 5:00 PM.

Mayor Brenk announced the 2017 Budget Committee Meetings are tentatively scheduled for 7:00AM on August 4, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 (And August 31 & September 6 if needed).

Mayor Brenk announced the next Joint Governance meeting will be October 4, 2016 at Becker County.

Mayor Brenk announced several Council positions will be up for election at the November 8, 2016 General Election. The Candidate filing period is August 2-16, 2016

- 1) Mayor Brenk- (term four years)
- 2) Alderman Zeman (WARD 1)- (term four years)
- 3) Alderman Marks Erickson (WARD 2)- (term four years)
- 4) Alderman Schurman (WARD 2)- completion of the term (two years)
- 5) Alderman Boeke (WARD 3)- completion of the term (two years)
- 6) Alderman Waller (WARD 3)- (term four years)
- 7) Alderman Imholte (AT LARGE)- (term four years)

There being no further business to conduct, by general consent, Mayor Brenk adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Glori French, City Clerk

## Exhibit A

On Monday July 25th, 2016 a survey crew was working in our neighborhood, Willow Springs. A crew member asked to cross my lot to shoot some elevations. When I asked what he was surveying he said it was for sewer and water for the city of Detroit Lakes. I said it would have been nice if the City had notified us of this survey and not leave it to him to get permission. It wasn't his fault so I let him continue, but suggested that we didn't need sewer and water from the city. He said he had heard that from my neighbors already.

I went to the city office and had a conversation with Larry Remen and found out that the city would be annexing Willow Springs in 2017. This was a surprise to me. I had thought that if the City of Detroit Lakes intended to annex Willow Springs that they would at the very least have had the courtesy to inform us of their intentions. I called one of our township board members and told him what I had learned and he knew nothing about it. He called the township's attorney and he suggested that we start a petition and see how the community of Willow Springs felt about the annexation.

I wrote a petition titled (Petition against annexation of Willow Springs) and over 3 days was able to bring it to 43 of the 47 residential homeowners to see if they were in favor or against the annexation. Of the 43 homeowners that saw the petition 40 signed as being against the annexation. One said she was sure they would sign against annexation, but wanted to talk to her husband first and 2 said they would decide at a later date. Some homeowners said they would move if the annexation went through and some said they would have never built here had they known that their property would be annexed.

If there is an upside for the residents living in Willow Springs it isn't very evident to us. We all have private wells and septic systems that are bought and paid for. We are all aware of the downsides of such systems as well as the upsides. Some septic systems have needed updates as well as have some of the water wells. We have accepted this as being independent. Most such systems have a life span of at least 20 years and repairs or replacements are less cost prohibitive than would be hooking to city sewer and water.

We have police protection from the Becker County Sheriff Dept. that is paid for through our county taxes, fire protection from the Detroit Lakes Fire Dept. that is paid for through our township taxes and we have electrical service from the City of Detroit Lakes that we pay for monthly as anyone else does in the city.

Annexation would be an undue financial burden on many individuals living in Willow Springs. Not only in the increase in taxes, but also in the costs associated with the project of hooking to city provided sewer and water, repairing of property after excavation, and paying specials.

This is getting to be a mature community and I'm sure that some of the trees planted years ago will be lost. We live on a dead end street and if it is continued to Tower Road along with the water and sewer, we will then have an increase in traffic from the north. The set backs from the existing street would not allow for widening the street any further.

On a personal note I would like to say that when when we built here in 1989, we did so because we wanted to live in the Township and not in the city. We enjoy being a little more independent than we would be in the city limits. The city surrounded us, we didn't come into the city.

Petition against annexation of Willow Springs

The undersigned people are owners of residential property in Willow Springs in the township of Detroit. By signing this petition they are expressing their desire to not be annexed by the city of Detroit Lakes. The reasoning would be that there is no upside to being annexed as all people living in Willow Springs have private wells for their water and septic systems for their sewer. Abandoning these systems and hooking to city water and sewer would be not make any financial sense and add undue burden on our community.

Steve Hedman  
Kate Hedman  
Arlene & Douglas  
Mary Lopez  
Karl Schuythorst  
M. and P. Bell  
Strelley Chapane  
Lillian Pette  
Jimmy L. Langworthy  
Corey & Cassavant  
Kirsten Peterson  
Corey Brogren  
Ed & Jo Ann  
Mike & Lynn Alexander  
Deb + Rich Haverkamp  
Linda & Donald Erickson

Richard W. Marko  
Garry Fredert  
Michael Evers  
Tom Perry  
George Hartman  
Karl Johnson  
David Novis  
Oren R. Holtzman  
Terry Fasteen - Terry Fasteen  
Dore & Lynne Kreeger  
CHRIS & SHELLEY SKARIE  
Juliana & Shaun Carlson  
Dan & Karen Sprague  
Brent & Tilda Smith  
Karin Olander Mary Randall  
Tom and Jani Pace  
Ed & Jo Ann Lillis  
Mike & Lynn Alexander  
The Tifers