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DATE : September 4, 2007
TIME STARTED : 7:00 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 8:10 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmember Fogelson, Hinseth,
and Mayor Carr
MEMBERS ABSENT : Levitz and Linner

Staff members present: City Attorney, Nick Vivian; City Engineer, Diane Hankee; City Planner, Sherri Buss; City Treasurer, Bob Mikkelsen; and City Clerk, Kim Points

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SETTING THE AGENDA

Council Member Fogelson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Hinseth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The August 6, 2007, City Council Meeting Minutes were removed from the consent agenda.

August Bill List, \$68,366.41	Approved
Tom Schumann, Variance Application Fee Refund, \$300.00	Approved
Stoffer ROW Purchase, \$4,600.00	Approved
Larson Contracting, Payment #3 (final) \$703.36	Approved
Fuhr Trenching, 2007 Culvert Replacement, Payment #1, \$17,264.35	Approved
Miller Excavating, 2007 Class 5 Surfacing, Payment #3 (final) \$1,868.18	Approved

Council Member Hinseth moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. Council Member Fogelson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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2 August 6, 2007, City Council Meeting Minutes – Page 6, line 38, was corrected to read “After Mr.
3 Langer explained the extent of his possible changes to his proposal; Council Member Hinseth
4 withdrew the motion”.

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6 **Council Member Hinseth moved to approve the August 6, 2007, City Council Meeting Minutes,**
7 **as amended. Council Member Fogelson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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9 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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11 Ms. Joyce Welander, 83rd Street, came forward and distributed weed inspector brochures regarding
12 noxious weeds. She advised she is distributing them with the burn permits. She also distributed
13 Grant Heritage Committee outline regarding the Grant Historic Book and a report from the Grant
14 Heritage Preservation Committee. She noted it is the consensus of the Heritage Committee that no
15 exterior changes should be made to the original town hall (facia or chimney) that would hinder any
16 changes of getting the building registered both on the State and National Register, which would cause
17 the City to lose any changes for grant monies.

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19 Mr. Roger St. George, 6123 Jasmine Avenue, came forward and thanked the Council for the previous
20 dust control treatments on Jasmine. He urged the Council to consider additional dust control on
21 Jasmine due to the unique situation on Jasmine Avenue. He stated the residents would greatly
22 appreciate any help and believe there is a health issue relating to the dust. He indicated he has had
23 many conversations regarding this issue with Road Commissioner Hinseth.

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25 Road Commissioner Hinseth advised Mr. St. George has been very helpful with this road issue. He
26 indicated he does support increased dust control. The City did go over budget this year on dust
27 control and he will be proposing more treatments are done next year. The possibility of paving this
28 portion of the roadway is also being explored.

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30 **STAFF REPORTS**

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32 **August 2007, City of Grant Police Report, Deputy Breana Fry** - The August 2007 Police Report
33 was provided to be placed on file for review at City Hall.

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35 **City Engineer, Diane Hankee** – City Engineer Hankee indicated her report for August 2007 was
36 provided to be placed on file for review.

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38 **2007-2008 Snow Plowing** – City Engineer Hankee advised the price bids on snowplowing were
39 previously distributed. She requested Council direction regarding this issue.

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41 Council Member Hinseth stated he believes the City has to plan for the worst but should explore cost
42 alternatives for snow plowing to save the City money.

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44 Council Member Fogelson stated the City has to have snowplowing. He indicated he does not like
45 what the City is facing as far as costs as the amount is double what the City had budgeted.

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1 The Council directed City Engineer Hankee to meet with the low bidder and try to negotiate price
2 reductions and explore options such as a longer contract, etc. A report will be provided to the
3 Council at the October Council meeting.

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5 **Ideal Avenue Paving Project** – City Engineer Hankee stated construction on the Ideal Avenue
6 Paving project will begin this week. Changes have been made to the Joint Powers Agreement and
7 she is recommending approval of the JPA.

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9 City Attorney Vivian stated he has not yet reviewed the revised JPA and asked this item be continued
10 to the next meeting.

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12 **City Planner, Sherri Buss** – A report was provided in the Council packet for August 2007 City
13 planning activities, to be placed on file for review.

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15 **Resolution No. 2007-08, Northern Natural Gas CUP and Variance Request** – City Planner Buss
16 requested Council action on Resolution No. 2007-08 regarding Northern Natural Gas.

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18 **Council Member Fogelson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2007-08, as presented. Council**
19 **Member Hinseth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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21 City Planner Buss noted the September Planning Commission meeting has been changed to
22 September 24, 2007, 7:00 p.m. A Comprehensive Plan meeting will be held prior to that meeting at
23 6:00 p.m.

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25 **City Attorney, Nick Vivian** – City Attorney Vivian provided a report for August 2007 to be placed
26 on file for review.

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28 **Amended Loggers Trail CUP** – City Attorney Vivian advised the Council was provided an
29 amended Loggers Trail CUP for approval.

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31 **Council Member Hinseth moved to approve the Amended Loggers Trail CUP, as presented.**
32 **Council Member Fogelson seconded the motion.**

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34 City Attorney Vivian reviewed the Ramsden's minor changes on page 1 of the CUP.

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36 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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38 City Attorney Vivian advised examples of property maintenance ordinances were provided in the
39 Council packets. He stated the City does have stand alone ordinances regarding this issue. A
40 specific ordinance would adopt the current codes in one document and provide more detail.

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42 Deputy Fry came forward and reviewed the monthly report noting the current ATV laws. She stated
43 there have been many complaints regarding ATV's. The City does not have a City ordinance so
44 ATV's are allowed on City streets as long as they are licensed.

45 Council Member Hinseth stated he does not want the City to prohibit ATV's on City roads until they
46 are being used for recreational purposes and tearing up the roadways.

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2 Deputy Fry stated she does not believe the City needs an ordinance for ATV use. The current state
3 law prohibits tearing up the roadways and all ATV users must obey the state laws or they can be
4 cited.

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6 **Building Inspector, Jack Kramer** – A report from Building Inspector Kramer was provided for
7 August 2007 to be placed on file for review.

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9 City Engineer Hankee provided the Council with an update regarding the red tag on Jocelyn Avenue.

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11 **OLD BUSINESS**

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13 **Town Hall Maintenance Project, Mayor Carr** – Mayor Carr advised the Council received a
14 summary comparison on the project price quotes. He stated he was unclear about the differences in
15 prices.

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17 Council Member Hinseth explained the difference between the quotes noting the bids were for
18 different types of work.

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20 Mayor Carr stated he would like to move forward with the project and believes that safety is an issue.

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22 Ms. Joyce Welander, 83rd Street, came forward and pointed out the differences in the price quotes in
23 relation to the chimney work. She noted again the Heritage Committee highly recommends no
24 removal of the chimney.

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26 Council Member Hinseth stated he would like to move forward and truly restore the building. He
27 noted if the chimney fell the City won't have the original anyway.

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29 Council Member Fogelson stated public safety has to come first. The chimney will be put back the
30 same way it was originally constructed and therefore it will still be a historic building.

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32 **Council Member Fogelson moved to approve the price bid from Supreme Remodeling, as
33 presented. Council Member Hinseth seconded the motion.**

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35 Ms. Welander stated the contractor is currently a member of the Planning Commission. She stated
36 she believes that is a conflict of interest. She also stated that if safety is an issue, the step on the
37 building is a much bigger issue. If the City moves forward with this project, it could jeopardize
38 getting the building on the National Register.

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40 **Motion carried with Mayor Carr voting nay.**

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42 Mayor Carr advised he would work with the City Attorney on an agreement with Supreme Modeling.

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44 **NEW BUSINESS**

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46 There was no new business.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Council Reports: Mayor Carr advised he provided the information regarding the census to Council Member Fogelson. Council Member Fogelson will review it and report back to the Council.

Council Member Hinseth referred to the Oakleigh Dock Association and stated he received a call from a resident inquiring why there is a private dock on Grant's lakeshore.

Mayor Carr referred to the City Attorney and asked if the City should take action on this issue.

City Attorney Vivian stated he is unaware of the history on this issue. He stated he thought the issue was liability and insurance. He indicated he could research this matter and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Mayor Carr requested Council Member Fogelson do the research on this issue, contact the City of Mahtomedi and report back at the October Council meeting.

Mayor Carr noted he has received performance reviews for the City Clerk from two people.

Road Commissioner Report, Brad Hinseth – Road Commissioner Hinseth updated the Council on the roads noting the roadways appear to be in good shape and he has received many compliments on seal coating, tree service, and pot holing work and grading work.

Road Commissioner Hinseth requested residents help out with mowing, drainage, litter, and brush, clearing brush within 4 horizontal feet and 15 vertical feet of the edge of the road.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 4 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007:

Special Council Meeting, Wednesday, September 12, 2007, Town Hall, 8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, September 24, 2007, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council Member Hinseth moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Council Member Fogelson seconded the motion.

Mayor Carr made a friendly amendment to include after a 5-10 minute break, the Council would begin the budget workshop. Council Member Hinseth and Fogelson agreed to the amendment.

Motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting, October 2, 2007.

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Kim Points, City Clerk

Tom Carr, Mayor

APPROVED