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DATE : April 8, 2008
TIME STARTED : 7:00 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 9:10 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmember Fogelson, Hinseth, Linner,
and Mayor Carr
MEMBERS ABSENT : Levitz

Staff members present: City Attorney, Nick Vivian; City Engineer, Diane Hankee; 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

Item 6Biii, FEMA Notification Process, was added to the regular agenda.

Council Member Fogelson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Linner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 4A, Bill List, \$47,101.58 and Item 4E, Washington County 2007 Invoices (pending), \$21,198.43 were removed from the consent agenda.

City of Mahtomedi, 1st Quarter
Fire Contract, \$25,535.04 Approved

Washington County Sheriff, July-
Dec 07, \$47,178.38 Approved

Eagle Scout Project, Picnic Tables,
\$280.00 Approved

Miller Excavating, Pay Voice #5,
Snowplowing, \$11,650.93 Approved

1 **Council Member Linner moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. Council Member**
2 **Hinseth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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4 Bill List, \$47,101.58

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6 **After clarification regarding City expenditures, Council Member Fogelson moved to approve**
7 **the Bill List, \$47, 101.59, as presented. Council Member Hinseth seconded the motion. Motion**
8 **carried unanimously.**

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10 Washington County 2007 Invoices (pending) \$21,198.43

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12 **After clarification regarding the 2007 invoices for snowplowing, Council Member Linner**
13 **moved to research the Washington County 2007 Invoices. Council Member Hinseth seconded**
14 **the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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16 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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18 There was no one present for public comment.

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20 **STAFF REPORTS**

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22 **March 2008, City of Grant Police Report, Deputy Breana Fry -** The March 2008 Police Report
23 was provided to be placed on file for review at City Hall.

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25 Deputy Fry advised there was more activity in March but nothing significant. There has been a lot of
26 juvenile vandalisms and the Gateway Trail was also vandalized again.

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28 **City Engineer, Diane Hankee –** City Engineer Hankee indicated her report for March 2008 was
29 provided to be placed on file for review.

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31 **Assessment Hearing, Jasmine Avenue Paving Project –** City Attorney Vivian advised everyone to
32 be assessed did receive notice. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear objections to the
33 assessment.

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35 Mayor Carr opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

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37 Mr. Joe Turch, 6033 Jasmine Avenue, came forward and stated it is hard to object when he doesn't
38 know where the road will be placed. He did however, object to the proposed assessment.

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40 City Engineer Hankee stated the project has not yet been designed. It appears several trees would be
41 cleared for issues relating to safety. The roadway will be narrowed and will be primarily in the same
42 location.

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44 Council Member Hinseth noted property owners at 6190 Jasmine, 6490 Jasmine and 6395 Jasmine
45 submitted formal objections to the proposed assessment.

1 Mr. Tom Schmidt, 6425 Jasmine, came forward and stated he also objects to the proposed
2 assessment.

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4 City Attorney Vivian outlined the process for the proposed project noting the City would vote on the
5 project at the May meeting. The City needs to allow for the 30-day appeal process. The City has not
6 yet received a petition signed by 75% of the property owners.

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8 Mayor Carr closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

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10 **Council Member Linner moved to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2008, 7:00**
11 **p.m. to consider the Jasmine Avenue Paving Project. Council Member Fogelson seconded the**
12 **motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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14 **2008 Gravel Contract** – City Engineer Hankee reviewed the bids for the 2008 Gravel Contract
15 advised the City can award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. She noted Raleigh and
16 Miller bid the same amount.

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18 **Council Member Hinseth moved to award the 2008 Gravel Contract to Raleigh, as presented.**
19 **Mayor Carr seconded the motion.**

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21 City Engineer Hankee advised both companies have provided services to the City. The Council can
22 at some point in the future, look at combining all City road services and possibly obtain a discount on
23 pricing.

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25 City Attorney Vivian noted the City could also ask the companies to re-bid.

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27 Council Member Hinseth stated that he believes the City gets more and better bids and it is more
28 beneficial if the City has several contractors working within the City.

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30 **Motion carried with Council Member Fogelson abstaining.**

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32 **FEMA Notification Process** – City Engineer Hankee advised she is still not aware of the appeal
33 process but the City could send out preliminary notices.

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35 The Council indicated preliminary notices should be sent to property owners. The City Engineer
36 should work with the City Clerk on the notices.

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38 **City Planner, Sherri Buss** – A report was provided in the Council packet for March 2008 City
39 planning activities, to be placed on file for review.

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41 **City Attorney, Nick Vivian** – City Attorney Vivian provided a report for March 2008 to be placed
42 on file for review.

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44 **Escrow Update** – City Attorney Vivian provided an update for the Council on past due escrow
45 accounts noting progress has been made and Qwest outstanding escrow has been resolved.

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1 He also advised that the Oleander Development Agreement has been completed and will be submitted
2 to the City within the next two weeks.

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4 **Oakleigh Dock Association** – City Attorney Vivian referred to a memo outlining requests made by
5 the Oakleigh Dock Association to be included in the proposed lease.

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7 The Council discussed the changes to the lease and requested the City Attorney continue to negotiate
8 with the Dock Association.

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10 City Attorney Vivian advised the lease would be submitted at the May City Council meeting.

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12 **Building Inspector, Jack Kramer** – A report was from Building Inspector Kramer was provided for
13 March 2008 to be placed on file for review.

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15 **OLD BUSINESS**

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17 **Administrative Expense Cuts, Kim Linner** – Council Member Linner stated she had previously
18 asked the Council to consider the three noted options. She advised two of the three options are
19 currently in place but asked that the City still consider a Citation Ordinance at some point in the
20 future.

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22 **2008-2009 Recycling Program, Kim Linner** – Council Member Linner reviewed possible recycling
23 programs to implement this year to include in the recycling grant application.

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25 The Council indicated Council Member Linner should move forward with the recycling programs as
26 outlined after receiving information from the IRS regarding recycling gifts being given to residents.

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28 Council Member Linner advised a hazardous waste site is now open in Oakdale.

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30 **Authorization for new 2008 Mileage Rate, Kim Linner** – Council Member Linner stated
31 information regarding the new mileage rate was included in the Council packets.

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33 **Council Member Linner moved to approve the new 2008 Mileage Rate, as presented. Council**
34 **Member Hinseth seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to make the mileage rate**
35 **retroactive to January 1, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.**

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37 **NEW BUSINESS**

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39 **Emerald Ash Borer Detection Survey, Mayor Carr** – Mayor Carr advised information was
40 distributed in the packets and asked if anyone would like to monitor the program.

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42 Council Member Hinseth advised he would be willing to speak to someone about this and also
43 suggested this item be placed on the Planning Commission agenda requesting a volunteer.

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45 **March 4, 2008, City Council Meeting Minutes (Council Member Linner absent) – Council**
46 **Member Fogelson moved to approve the March 4, 2008, City Council Meeting Minutes, as**

1 **presented. Council Member Hinseth seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council**
2 **Member Linner abstaining.**

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4 **Schedule Public Hearing to Revoke CUP, Hedberg Nursery, Mayor Carr** – Mayor Carr advised
5 information was included in the packets relating to the Hedberg CUP. He provided the background
6 noting that clearly the current CUP does not match what they are doing on that site. Mr. Hedberg,
7 however, would like to meet with City staff to discuss this issue.

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9 After much discussion, the Council determined an escrow account would be established by Mr.
10 Hedberg to review the existing CUP with City staff. Also, Mr. Hedberg will follow the City process
11 if an amended CUP needs to be applied for.

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13 Mr. Peter Beck, Attorney for Mr. Hedberg, came forward and stated he believes his client is in
14 compliance with the current CUP. He requested meeting City staff at the site and to look at the
15 City's current ordinance at that time. An update would be provided at the May Council meeting.

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17 The Council determined a review of the conditions of the current CUP would be on the May City
18 Council agenda.

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20 Ms. Christine Flug, 8324 60th Street, came forward and commented on Hedberg's current CUP
21 relating to John Deere products.

22 DISCUSSION ITEMS

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25 **City Council Reports:** Mayor Carr referred to information received from the League of Minnesota
26 Cities included in the Council packets as well as the Rite of Spring information. He noted the City
27 Clean Up Day is April 26. There is a meeting regarding the expansion of the Northern Natural Gas
28 line in Lake Elmo on April 15 from 6:30 to 8:30. Information regarding that meeting is on their
29 website.

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31 Mayor Carr stated there have been two County 7-8-9 meetings and another is scheduled for mid May.
32 It is anticipated that final approval will be voted on in June. At this point, the plans are preliminary.

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34 Council Member Fogelson stated a City picnic planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24,
35 2008 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The City is looking for volunteers and business to help
36 support the annual event. The picnic is scheduled for June 28, 2008.

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38 Council Member Linner advised the newsletter is available for review by the Council.

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40 **Ordinance Codification Update** – Council Member Linner stated she received the legal manuscript
41 and it is in the process of being reviewed. Any issues with the manuscript would be brought forward
42 to the Council.

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44 **Road Commissioner Report** – Road Commissioner Hinseth stated some mailboxes have been
45 damaged this year, including his own, from hard ice and heavy wet snow and not necessarily from the
46 plow truck blade itself. Also, some gravel has been thrown into the ditches because the roads were

1 not frozen when plowing had to be done in both the fall and spring.. He stated the contractors for the
2 roads are doing a very good job.

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4 Road Commissioner Hinseth stated the brushing of Oaks is done now and other brushing will begin.
5 Grading has started and all roads will be taken care of as soon as possible. Potholes will be attended
6 to when the weather is drier.

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8 Road Commissioner Hinseth noted he found out about a neighborhood meeting concerning the
9 County 7-8-9 project after the fact because the organizer of the meeting failed to inform him. He
10 stated he would have participated if he had been invited. He stated he opposes the rerouting of
11 County 9 in the City of Grant.

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13 **Staff Duties and Council Duties, Mayor Carr** – Mayor Carr advised the City has processes in place
14 and staff to do their jobs. Staff needs to know what is going on within the City through the City
15 Clerk. He encouraged Council to utilize City staff and keep the lines of communication open.

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17 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH 4 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008:**

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19 **Comprehensive Plan Meeting, Monday, April 21, 2008, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.**

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21 **Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, April 21, 2008, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.**

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23 **City Clean Up Day, Saturday, April 26, 2008, Town Hall, 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

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25 **ADJOURN**

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27 **There being no further business, Council Member Linner moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.**
28 **Council Member Hinseth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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31 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting, May 6, 2008.

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37 Kim Points, City Clerk

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37 Tom Carr, Mayor