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DATE : February 3, 2009
TIME STARTED : 7:00 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 8:50 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmember Fogelson, Hinseth, Huber, Potter and Mayor Carr
MEMBERS ABSENT : None

Staff members present: 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 10 B, City Council Member Appointments, was added to the regular agenda.

Item 10C, Mahtomedi Community Education, was added to the regular agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

January 6, 2009, City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
Bill List, \$72,988.78	Approved
Reappointment of Dean Strehlau to the Planning Commission	Approved

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present for public comment.

STAFF REPORTS

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2 **Police Report, Deputy Breana Fry** - The January 2009 Police Report was provided to be placed on
3 file for review at City Hall. She stated it has been a quiet month due to the cold weather. She
4 suggested the possibility of the City developing a neighborhood watch program, which can be done
5 on-line. The City would need a resident top coordinate the program. If anyone is interested they
6 should contact her or the Sheriff's Department. She advised she believes it would be a good idea and
7 would work well Citywide. A link to the program could be put on the City's website. She indicated
8 she would forward more information if the City has interest in the program.

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10 **City Engineer, Diane Hankee** – The January 2009 Engineer's Report was provided to be placed on
11 file for review.

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13 Council Member Hinseth noted the February Lake Elmo Ave/TH 36 Interchange neighborhood
14 meeting is not being scheduled at this time.

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16 Mayor Carr advised a FEMA Flood Plain Mapping update will be posted on the City's website. He
17 also stated the snowplowing contractor, Miller, has been able to provide the City with salt, due to
18 City contacts, in spite of the short supply all cities have faced.

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20 **City Planner, Sherri Buss** – A report was provided in the Council packet for January 2009 City
21 planning activities, to be placed on file for review.

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23 Council Member Hinseth referred to the escrow shortages noted in the report and requested those be
24 taken care of.

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26 Council Member Potter requested an electronic copy of the City of Stillwater Comprehensive Plan.

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28 Council Member Hinseth referred to the City of Stillwater Comprehensive Plan and stated he is
29 discussing it with the City Planner. He stated he would like Stillwater to provide evidence of
30 maintaining open space along Grant's common border as noted in their Comprehensive Plan.

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32 Council Member Fogelson stated the City needs to send the City of Stillwater a letter regarding its
33 concerns.

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35 Mayor Carr requested the Council send written concerns to the City Clerk to forward to the City
36 Planner.

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38 Council Member Potter stated he would like to review any changes to the City of Grant
39 Comprehensive Plan prior to it being resubmitted to the Metropolitan Council.

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41 **City Attorney, Nick Vivian** – The January 2009 City Attorney Report was provided to be placed on
42 file for review.

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44 **Building Code, Ordinance No. 2009 - 07** – This item was tabled to the March City Council meeting.

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1 **Resolution No. 2009-23, Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 2009 - 07** – This item was tabled
2 to the March City Council meeting.

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4 **Building Inspector, Jack Kramer** – A report was from Building Inspector Kramer was provided for
5 January 2009 to be placed on file for review.

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7 Ms. Christine Flug came forward and stated the Planner’s report indicated her escrow has a negative
8 balance. She requested an itemized billing list and also requested staff reports be posted on the City’s
9 website prior to the Council meetings.

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11 **OLD BUSINESS**

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13 **City Insurance, Mayor Carr** – Council Member Hinseth advised he received and had distributed to
14 the Council an estimate of the grader value at approximately \$170,000-175,000.

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16 **Council Member Hinseth moved to insure the grader at a value of \$200,000. Council Member
17 Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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19 **Security System at Town Hall** – Council Member Huber advised he will be getting another bid for a
20 security system at Town Hall.

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22 **NEW BUSINESS**

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24 There was no New Business.

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26 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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28 **City Council Reports:** Council Member Fogelson advised he recently attended the Metropolitan
29 Council meeting. The only item that directly affects the City of Grant is the possibility of
30 constructing a bus way along Hwy 36 prior to 2030. However, the Metropolitan Council has
31 significant budget constraints at this time.

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33 **City Council Member Appointments, Dan Potter** – Council Member Potter stated when the
34 Council made its annual appointments the Planning Commission liaison was eliminated. City
35 Ordinance 2005-14 states the Council shall appointment someone. He suggested the Council appoint
36 someone or discuss changing the current ordinance.

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38 **Council Member Hinseth moved to change the word “shall” to “may” in Ordinance No. 2005-
39 14, relating to Council Member Planning Commission liaison. Mayor Carr seconded the
40 motion.**

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42 **Mayor Carr made a friendly amendment to include in the motion “pending City Attorney
43 approval and determination of minimal cost”. Council Member Hinseth agreed to the
44 amendment. Motion carried unanimously.**

45 **Mahtomedi Community Education, Mayor Carr** – Mayor Carr advised information regarding this
46 issue was sent to the Council. He stated he has attended some of their meetings and they are

1 operating in the red. Consultants have been brought in to determine if costs are fair to participants.
2 There is another meeting this Friday. Cash flow is an issue and one of the possible options includes
3 charging Grant residents more for the programs.

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5 Council Member Hinseth added the School District did spend \$10,000 for the consultants.
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7 **CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY –**
8 **CITY OF GRANT V. LANGER REAL ESTATE SERVICES ET AL.**

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10 **Council Member Hinseth moved to go into a closed session at 7:50 p.m. Council Member**
11 **Fogelson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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13 **Council Member Hinseth moved to adjourn the closed session at 8:45 p.m. Council Member**
14 **Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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16 The Council directed the City Attorney to proceed as outlined during the closed session relating to
17 the pending litigation.
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19 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR FEBRUARY 4 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2009:**

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21 **Planning Commission Meeting, Tuesday, February 27, 2009, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.**

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24 **ADJOURN**

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26 **There being no further business, Council Member Fogelson moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.**
27 **Council Member Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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30 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting March 3, 2009.
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36 Kim Points, City Clerk

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36 Tom Carr, Mayor