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DATE : November 4, 2010
TIME STARTED : 7:00 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 8:26 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmember Fogelson, Huber, Potter
and Mayor Carr
MEMBERS ABSENT : Hinseth

Staff members present: City Attorney, Nick Vivian; City Planner, Jennifer Haskamp; 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 Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

October 5, 2010, City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
Bill List, \$27,912.62	Approved
Miller Excavating, \$15,481.36	Approved
Septic System Agreement, Washington County	Approved
Agreement for Assessment Services, Washington County	Removed
Fire Protection Contract, City of Stillwater	Approved

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

1 Council Member Potter referred to the Washington County Assessment Services Contract noting it is
2 a five year contract. He indicated he would like to improve the Local Board of Appeal Process and
3 possibly obtain some costs for an independent assessor. He suggested the possibility of the County
4 Assessor attending the December Council meeting to address some issues and ensure the process is
5 consistent.

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7 It was the consensus of the Council that Council Member Potter would obtain more information
8 regarding the cost of assessors and provide an update at the December Council meeting.

9 10 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

11 Mr. Loren Sederstrom, 9330 107th Street, came forward and stated a new show on cable will premier
12 in January that features the City of Grant and will show clips of various activities within the City.

13 Mr. Larry Lanoux, 9711 Keswick, came forward and stated the GRP is interested in working with the
14 City and surrounding communities relating to helping those in need, especially during the holiday
15 season.

16 17 **FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES SHARED SERVICES FEASIBILITY GRANT PROGRAM,** 18 **TOM BALLIS**

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20 Mr. Ballis came forward and stated the Fire Department would like to apply for a grant for a shared
21 services study. He requested a letter of support from the City noting there would be no cost to the
22 City of Grant for the study.

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24 **Council Member Fogelson moved to authorize a letter of support for the grant program as**
25 **presented. Council Member Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

26 27 **STAFF REPORTS**

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29 **City Engineer, Diane Hankee**

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31 **Staff Report** – The October 2010 Engineer’s Report was provided to be placed on file for review.

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33 **City Planner, Jennifer Haskamp**

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35 **Staff Report** – The October 2010 Planner’s Report was provided to be placed on file for review.

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37 **City Attorney, Nick Vivian**

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39 **Jasmine Avenue Paving Project** – City Attorney Vivian advised he has no new information
40 regarding this issue and a resident is still researching the matter.

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42 **Floyd’s Condition Use Permit, Public Hearing** – City Attorney Vivian provided the background for
43 this issue and advised a conditional use permit (CUP) has been drafted. The document was provided

1 in the Council packets. He reviewed the high points of the CUP including uses of the property, hours
2 of operation and a final inspection.

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4 Mayor Carr opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

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6 Ms. Lisa Dau, 7611 Jamaca Avenue, came forward and stated her properties wrap around the
7 business. She stated in the past when motor/mini bikes were sold at the business there was an issue
8 with increased theft and alarms going off in the middle of the night. She referred to the specified
9 hours and asked if those hours comply with the City's noise ordinance. She stated parking on the
10 roadway is an issue and at time customers use her driveway to park. She requested the City install
11 "no parking" signs along that stretch of the roadway. She inquired about screening and maintaining
12 that screening is a "reasonable" manner noting reasonable is difficult to define. She also requested
13 additional screening be added.

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15 Mr. Loren Sederstrom, 9330 107th Street, came forward and stated Floyd's does a much better job
16 with appearances on site than other salvage yards.

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18 The public hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

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20 City Attorney Vivian advised the selling of motor bikes was not addressed during discussions. The
21 City's code definition would apply to the meaning of "reasonable", and the issues with parking need
22 to be addressed with the County as it is a County road.

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24 It was the consensus of the Council that language would be added to be clear regarding customer
25 parking, outlined on #7 of the CUP. The hours of operation should be limited as far as public
26 business hours and the condition of the property is subjective and the City cannot be more definitive.

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28 Ms. Dau stated she is concerned about the hours and suggested customer hours be from 8:30 a.m. to
29 5:30 p.m. She stated she is very concerned about the parking and would prefer all parking be limited
30 to the property in question.

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32 City Attorney Vivian stated he would further discuss the issues with the property owner and would
33 bring the CUP back for Council action at the December meeting.

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35 **Building Inspector, Jack Kramer** – A report was from Building Inspector Kramer was provided for
36 October 2010 to be placed on file for review.

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38 **OLD BUSINESS**

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40 There was no old business to consider.

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42 **NEW BUSINESS**

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44 **City Clerk Office/Staff Update** – The City Clerk provided an update regarding the City office and
45 staff activities.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**City Council Reports:**

Mayor Carr thanked the Lutheran Church of Risen Christ for the City polling location and especially thanked Mr. Jerry Helander for all his work and effort preparing for the election.

CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AS PERMITTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE PURSUANT TO MINN.STAT. 13D.05 SUBD. 3 (d) ON THE FOLLOWING LEGAL MATTERS:**Nielsen v City of Grant et al**

Council Member Huber moved to go into closed session at 8:00 p.m. Council Member Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Potter moved to adjourn the closed session at 8:25 p.m. Council Member Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Vivian advised a discussion was held regarding litigation strategy and stated no further action is required at this time.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 5 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2010:

Special Council Meeting, Friday, November 5, 9:30 a.m., City Office, Canvas of Election

Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, November 15, 2010, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

City Office Closed, Thursday, November 25, 2010 Thanksgiving Holiday

ADJOURN

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

These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting December 7, 2010.

Kim Points, City Clerk

Tom Carr, Mayor