

# City Council Proceedings

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City of New Prague



City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order with the following members present: Bender, Wilcox, Guerrette, Betterton.  
Absent: Bartusek

Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Ken Ondich, Dennis Seurer, and Mary Jo Hruby.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Administrator, Mike Johnson, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Member Ken Betterton.

Mayor Bender appointed the following Council Members to the 2009 Boards and Commissions:

Utility Commission - Mark Bartusek  
Park Board - Kay Wilcox  
Planning Commission - Kay Wilcox  
Joint Powers (City/School District) - Mark Bartusek  
Golf Board - Ken Betterton  
EDA - Kristin Guerrette and Bink Bender  
Cedar Lake Sanitary District - Mark Bartusek  
Scott County Transit Review Board - Renee Christianson,  
Alternate - Kristin Guerrette

The Council held interviews with the Board and Commission applicants on January 12<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup>. It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Betterton to appoint the following to the 2009 Boards and Commissions: All voted in favor of the motion.

EDA - Dirk Berger (6 year term from 2009-2014)

Golf Board - Dwayne Anderson (3 year term from 2009-2011)  
Kevin Berglund (3 year term from 2009-2011)  
Eric Kallal (3 year term from 2009-2011)

Park Board - Kathleen Leaver (4 year term from 2009-2012)  
Mike Slavik (2 year term from 2009-2010)

Park Board Youth - Kaitlyn O'Neill (1 year term 2009)  
Karynn Lehne (1 year term 2009)

Planning Commission - Bob Gilman (4 year term from  
2009- 2012)  
Anthony DeLuca(4 year term from  
2009-2012

Utility Commission - Dan Bishop (4 year term from  
2009-2012)

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Mayor Bender opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 P.M. for the proposed 2009 street and utility improvements for 5<sup>th</sup> St. SW and Forest Green Circle.

Doug Parrott of S E H reviewed with the Council and the affected property owners the proposed reconstruction work, utility improvements, and sidewalks for the proposed 2009 street reconstruction project.

Approximately 20-25 residents attended the public hearing and had the following questions and comments:

- Need for speed bumps to slow traffic, traffic enforcement
- No need for sidewalks - pedestrians can walk on the street. have one side for walking and one side for parking.
- With two cars parking in my driveway, one of them may stick out on the sidewalk
- Will I lose my big tree; streets are wide enough
- What are the parking arrangements during the project?
- Where can I park my camping unit during construction?
- Don't want to shovel sidewalks or maintenance of sidewalks.
- City should clean/shovel the sidewalks

Mr. Parrott and staff answered some of the questions and will review the comments. Mr. Parrott informed the residents that a weekly construction progress meeting will be held if they have questions or concerns.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:07 P.M.

Planning Director Ken Ondich reviewed the 2004 Comprehensive Plan in regard to sidewalks.

It was moved by Guerrette, seconded by Wilcox to adopt RESOLUTION #09-01-20-01 RESOLUTION ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF 5<sup>TH</sup> ST. SW - TH 13/21 TO CENTRAL AV. S., SIDEWALK FROM CENTRAL AV. S. TO FIRST AV. SE, FOREST GREEN CIRCLE - CSAH 37 TO CUL-DE-SAC. All voted in favor of the motion except Betterton who voted no.

Public Works Director, Dennis Seurer, reviewed with the Council the need to consider the estimated cost of \$3,100 for additional engineering services from S E H for engineered plans for the sidewalk from Central Av. S to First Av. SE.

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Guerrette to add an amendment to the engineering services agreement with S E H in their proposal at a cost of \$3,100 for sidewalk plans

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from Central Av. S. to First Av. SE.  
All voted in favor of the motion.

Ken Ondich reviewed the Quit Claim Deed of a portion of Vacated 6<sup>th</sup> St. NW to Randy Kubes. On January 7, 2008, the City Council approved the vacation of a portion of 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW near the intersection of TH21. This vacation was done in relation to the project that realigned the intersection of TH21 with County Road 37 and with 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW was moved north to line up with County Road 37 to achieve a 4 legged intersection.

The City had earlier obtained new 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW right of way From Randy Kubes for the realignment project for no cost. The intent, but no formal action taken, was to then quit claim deed the vacated 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW right of way to Mr. Kubes in exchange for the right of way he deeded to the City.

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Betterton to adopt RESOLUTION #09-01-20-02 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY BY CITY OF NEW PRAGUE. All voted in favor of the motion.

Ken Ondich reviewed with the Council the New Prague EDA Quit Claim Deed of Lot 1, Block 1, New Prague Business Park 10<sup>th</sup> Addition to the City of New Prague. On January 14, 2009 the New Prague Economic Development Authority held their regularly scheduled meeting and passed a resolution approving a Quit Claim Deed of Lot 1, Block 1, New Prague Business Park 10<sup>th</sup> Addition to the City of New Prague. This is a lot that contains the new Fire and Ambulance facility.

It was moved by Betterton, seconded by Wilcox to accept the Quit Claim Deed of Lot 1, Block 1, New Prague Business Park 10<sup>th</sup> Addition to the City of New Prague. All voted in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Betterton to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approve previous meeting minutes
- B. Approve claims for payment
- C. Approve application by Tri-County Ducks Unlimited for LG220 Gambling Permit at the Park Ballroom on March 6, 2009.
- D. Approve application by New Prague Firemen's Relief Association for LG230 Gambling Permit at the Knights of Columbus Hall on February 20, 2009.

All voted in favor of the motion.

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Public Works Director Dennis Seurer informed the Council that CapX2020 Utilities will be at an upcoming City Council meeting in February to give an update.

Planning Director Ken Ondich reviewed the 2008 Building Permit Summary. There were 6 new home permits issued in 2008.

City Administrator Mike Johnson informed the Council that the Scott and Le Sueur County Assessors will be at one of the February meetings.

A resident recommended changing the wording of the Snowbird Parking Ordinance. Staff will look into it.

It was moved by Wilcox to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 P.M. All voted in favor of the motion.

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W. A. Bender, Mayor  
City of New Prague

ATTEST:

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Michael J. Johnson  
City Administrator