

State of Minnesota  
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City of New Prague



Special City Council Meeting  
Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mayor Bender called the Special (joint meeting with Golf Club Board) meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present: Bender, Bartusek, Betterton, Guerrette, and Wilcox.

Golf Board Members present: Tim Dittberner, Kevin Becker. Jeff King, Duane Anderson, Eric Kallal, Kevin Berglund and Ken Betterton.

Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Ken Norland and Patty Solheid.

Others Present: Springsted, Inc. Reps. Included: Terri Heaton-Senior V.P, Patty Kettles-V.P., and Tom Denaway-Analyst.

Mayor Bender opened the Special Joint City Council/Golf Club Board meeting, welcomed the public in attendance and indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the Comprehensive Golf Course Financial Review and Recommendation Study (October 22, 2009) with the Springsted Financial Advisors.

City Administrator Johnson provided an overview of the purpose/goal of the study, the need for the compilation of the financial golf course data and trends from 2000-2009, an identification of various scenarios to address the golf course financial shortfalls and some of his personal observations of the golf course operation in recent years.

Patty Kettles of Springsted reviewed and provided a historical financial overview of the golf course operations and trends from 2000 - 2009 (est.) The report elements covered included revenues, expenses, net income, general fund transfers, rates of play, membership information, green fees, cart fees, and food and beverage operations.

Tom Denaway of Springsted provided an overview of the sensitivity analysis and four different scenarios concerning where the future golf course operations may need to go to address future revenue/expense/net income and general fund transfer alternatives.

Patty Kettles also reviewed the New Prague golf operations in comparison to other municipal courses (2008 Audit Data) which included Buffalo, Becker, Grand Rapids, Apple Valley and Virginia.

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There were general questions from the Council, Audience and Staff of the Springsted, Inc. representatives.

Following the presentation, City Administrator Johnson indicated that the Council should provide some direction to the Golf Course Board and Staff in order to prepare the 2010 Budget, address various rates and charges for the golf course operations and to determine what level if any, outside assistance would be provided by the General Fund in 2010.

The consensus of the Council was for the Staff and Golf Course Board to work on various budgetary options for 2010 and report back to the Council.

Copies of the comprehensive Golf Financial Review and Recommendations Study are available at the New Prague Memorial Library, City Hall and on the City Golf Website at [www.ci.new-prague.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-prague.mn.us).

There being no further discussion, motion by Betterton, seconded by Bartusek to adjourn at approximately 7:15 P.M. All voted in favor.

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W. A. Bender, Mayor  
City of New Prague

ATTEST:

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Michael J. Johnson  
City Administrator