

State of Minnesota  
Counties of Scott & Le Sueur  
City of New Prague



City Council Meeting  
Monday, February 2, 2009

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Ken Ondich, Renee Christianson, Mark Vosejпка, Dennis Seurer, and Mary Jo Hruby.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Police Chief Mark Vosejпка reviewed with the Council the Police Departments surplus radio equipment. In November 2009 the Police Department transitioned radio communication equipment from VHF to 800 MHz. They have several pieces of surplus VHF equipment. Some of the equipment is inoperable, some has no value do to the age and condition of the equipment and some equipment will be retained for use by Officers that are members of the Le Sueur County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team. Le Sueur County Sheriff David Glisczinski is in need of radios for the members of the Sheriff's Posse and is interested in the equipment.

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Betterton to approve the disposal of the identified property of no value, and the sale of the communication equipment with value to the Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office for a fair price agreed upon by Police Chief Mark Vosejпка and Sheriff Glisczinski. All voted in favor of the motion.

Planning Director Ken Ondich reviewed the request for Conditional Use Permit C1-2009 to allow the existing structure at 436 Main St. W. to be used as an office with a maximum of 2 employees in the B-3 Highway Commercial Zoning District.

It was moved by Bartusek, seconded by Betterton to adopt RESOLUTION #09-02-02-01 RESOLUTION OF THE NEW PRAGUE CITY COUNCIL GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #C1-2009 TO ALLOW THE EXISTING STRUCTURE AT 436 W. MAIN STREET TO BE USED AS AN OFFICE WITH A MAXIMUM OF 2 EMPLOYEES IN THE B-3 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AS PROPOSED BY JERRY ODLE, APPLICANT.

All voted in favor of the motion.

City Planner Renee Christian presented the Queen of Peace Hospital traffic impact study report and findings. Queen of Peace Hospital has purchased a ten acre parcel at the northeast corner of Trunk Highway 19 and Alton Avenue. On December 15, 2008, the City Council authorized S E H to perform a Traffic Impact Study which would evaluate the

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impact that site generated traffic would have on area intersections and the surrounding road network. Of particular concern the study was the future of Alton Avenue. Alton Avenue is a gravel road which is currently under the township's jurisdiction. Alton Avenue is the future alignment of County Road 15 and the City has an agreement with Scott County to guide development along the corridor in a manner that would preserve its ability to be developed as an arterial roadway in the future. The City is also obligated through this agreement to coordinate construction of the county road as development occurs. Staff needed to determine the projected traffic volumes on this gravel road before recommendations to the hospital as to what improvements may be recommended with their potential development.

Scott County, MnDOT, Helena Township, and the City of New Prague all participated in the study. S E H provided a draft technical report. After reviewing and discussion the technical findings, there was a full consensus among the agencies involved that the projected increase in traffic on the gravel portion of Alton Avenue would not be significant enough to require a full upgrade of the road, or to deny the hospital's request to build on the property. There was also a full consensus that the increase in traffic would result in additional maintenance of the gravel road, and that details regarding the roles and responsibilities of the various government agencies and/or hospital could be addressed at the time of development.

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Betterton to accept the study of the Queen of Peace Hospital Traffic Impact Study. All voted in favor of the motion.

Planning Director Ken Ondich reviewed with the Council the request from Queen of Peace Hospital to study sanitary sewer alternatives related to development of a hospital. The City has asked S E H for a proposal for professional services to provide a review and memo related to the potential site development sanitary sewer system options.

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Betterson to approve reimbursement agreement and approval and authorization to engage S E H to perform the sanitary sewer system options review study as proposed in the January 27, 2009 proposal in an amount not to exceed \$3,000. All voted in favor of the motion.

Planning Director Ken Ondich reviewed the lease of 40 acre future athletic complex land for agricultural purposes to Ralph R. Sullivan for 2009/2010 at \$7,800 per year rate (\$195 per acre for gross acreage).

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It was moved by Bartusek, seconded by Guerrette to adopt RESOLUTION #09-02-02-02 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE OF PROPERTY BY CITY OF NEW PRAGUE FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES. All voted in favor of the motion.

Planning Director Ken Ondich reviewed with the Council the following 2009 Planning Department goals:

1. Complete Subdivision ordinance rewrite.
2. Zoning Ordinance Amendments
3. Incorporate Alton Av. Alignment Study and various other updated maps into the comprehensive plan.
4. Training and Integration of Planning/Building Permit Software.
5. Streamline the Nuisance/Code Enforcement Process with City Code and/or Zoning Ordinance Revisions.
6. Continued GIS/Mapping projects.

Planning Director Ken Ondich presented the concept report review of residential erosion control and turf establishment requirements. The need for a residential landscaping ordinance has come to staff's attention because of the numerous erosion and weed related nuisances that have developed because of new homes that were occupied without sod/seed or other landscaping completed on them. All cities in the area have some degree of landscaping and/or turf establishment requirements regarding trees to be planted on a residential lot or what portion can be sodded or seeded. New Prague currently has no minimum requirements for trees or turf establishment which has led to various issues in the past years. Ondich asked for feedback from the Council before the Planning Commission moves forward on it. Council members showed support for sodding/seeding requirements to aid with erosion control and also minimum tree requirements for a residential lot.

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

- A. Approve previous meeting minutes
- B. Approve claims for payment
- C. Approve monthly financials.

All voted in favor of the motion.

City Administrator Mike Johnson reviewed the Scott Joint Prosecution 2008 summary. In 2008 the City of New Prague joined the Cities of Belle Plaine, Elko New Market, Jordan, Prior Lake, Savage and Shakopee with the prosecution for the criminal side. He stated it is a better outcome for the City working with other entities rather than doing it on their own.

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City Administrator Mike Johnson reviewed the estimated 2009 and 2010 cuts to LGA according to the Governor's budget proposal. He is working with staff and will have a list of recommendations and outline of reductions for consideration at the next City Council meeting.

City Planner Renee Christianson reported on the Scott County Transit Review Board. The purpose of the Board is to facilitate and plan for the development of infrastructure and capital facilities within the County to serve regional transit needs.

Public Works Director Dennis Seurer informed the Council that CapX2020 will be at the February 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

It was moved by Betterton, seconded by Guerrette to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 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