

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



City Council Meeting
Monday, March 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, Mark Vosejпка, Dennis Seurer, and Mary Jo Hruby.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Cindy Geis, Scott County Auditor, Farley Grunig, Scott County Assessor, and Dave Armstrong, Le Sueur County Assessor did an overview presentation on property valuations. The estimates for 2009 residential market value payable in 2010 will decrease at 10% for Scott County and 6-7% in Le Sueur County. It will take over 3 years in Scott County and 7 years in Le Sueur County to have the vacant lots reach full value.

Planning Director Ken Ondich reviewed the proposed Section 736 of the Zoning Ordinance for performance standards for residential erosion control, turf establishment and tree requirements. The need for the ordinance amendment had come to staff's attention because 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. It was also recommended amending the 2009 Official Fee Schedule to include a required \$1,500 escrow deposit to ensure proper erosion control, turf establishment and minimum tree planting on residential lots. The Planning Commission held a public hearing February 25, 2009. There were no public comments received.

It was moved by Bartusek, seconded by Wilcox to introduce the Ordinance Amendment along with amending the 2009 Official Fee Schedule to include a required \$1,500 escrow deposit to ensure proper erosion control, turf establishment and minimum tree planting on residential lots. All voted in favor of the motion.

Planning Director Ken Ondich presented the inventory of all lots within the City limits that have municipal utilities available for development. There are currently a total of 330 vacant residential lots available in City limits. There are currently 19 vacant commercial lots available in City limits. The total acreage of the commercial lots is 66.43 acres (not including approximately 40 additional acres which was to accommodate the formerly proposed Wal-Mart Store and which is currently zoned residential). There is also a concentration of smaller lots available along the east side of New Prague near the two roundabouts.

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There are currently only 2 vacant industrially zoned lots with utilities available in City limits. One is nearly 1 acre lot adjacent to the north side of the new Fire/Ambulance facility. The other is a large site west of Millpond Apartments in downtown which is a 4.38 acre site but is actually guided in the Land Use Plan as partially B-1 Central Business District Zoning and also RM Medium Density Residential Zoning. This is a definite shortage of industrially zoned land for new development.

City Administrator Mike Johnson reviewed the draft of proposed 2009 general fund budget reductions and presented a listing of the proposed reductions that staff would recommend to the City Council once the final legislative actions have occurred in May 2009. In developing the list of items for Council consideration, City Staff tried to find budgetary elements that would enable the Council to generally accomplish the 2009 General Fund Budget goals as adopted without significant reductions in City services. Total budgeted reductions amount to \$229,449 which is 5.8% out of the \$3,954,035 budget.

It was moved by Betterton and seconded by Guerrette to adhere to the proposed 2009 general fund budget reductions and adopt once the Legislature/Governor act on the Final 2010/2011 State Budget. All voted in favor of the motion.

City Administrator Mike Johnson reviewed the amendment to Section 6 of the contract for Administrative Services between the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership and the City of New Prague. The City has an administrative contract with the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership for rehabilitation of the Westgate Townhomes. The City has received a \$300,000 Small Cities Development Program grant in 2008 from the State of Minnesota for this project. The City's fund will be loaned to the project as a 30 year, 0% loan with repayment at the end of the 30 years.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Betterton to approve the amendment to contract for administrative services between the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership and the City of New Prague. All voted in favor of the motion.

City Administrator Mike Johnson reviewed the Change Order #4 with Ebert Construction on the Emergency Services Center Building Project amounting to \$16,103.38.

It was moved by Wilcox and seconded by Bartusek to approved Change Order #4 with Ebert Construction on the Emergency Services Center Building Project. All voted in favor of the motion.

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City Administrator Mike Johnson presented the 2009-2010 liquor, beer, wine and miscellaneous licenses to the Council for approval. All the required applications have been submitted, insurance provided and fees paid. Trailside Liquor of New Prague will be paying their real estate taxes on March 3, 2009. Classic Grill & Bar liquor license will be presented at the March 16, 2009 City Council meeting.

It was moved by Wilcox and seconded by Guerrette to approve the following 2009-2010 liquor, beer, wine and miscellaneous licenses with the provision that Trailside Liquor of New Prague pay their taxes on March 3, 2009. All voted in favor of the motion.

City Club Bar, Inc. On-sale liquor, off-sale liquor,
d/b/a City Club Bar Sunday liquor

Coborn's Inc. Off-sale liquor
d/b/a Coborn's Liquor

M.K.N.B. Inc. On-sale liquor, off-sale liquor
d/b/a Corner Bar Sunday liquor, dance permit

Los Tequilas Inc. On-sale liquor, Sunday liquor
d/b/a El Tequila

Patoon Inc. On-sale liquor, Sunday liquor
d/b/a Fishtale Grill Inc.

Flipside Pub & Grill, Inc. On-sale liquor, off-Sale liquor
d/b/a Flipside Pub & Grill Sunday liquor, dance permit

Knights Building Commission On-sale beer, dance permit,
a/k/a K.C. Hall On-sale wine, set up license

Mark Michel's Pioneer Saloon Inc. On-sale liquor, off-sale liquor
d/b/a Mark Michel's Pioneer Saloon

DJ Larson Inc. On-sale liquor, off-sale liquor,
d/b/a Millers Tap Sunday liquor, dance permit

New Prague Baseball Assn. On-sale beer

New Prague Golf Club On-sale liquor, Sunday liquor,
dance permit

Legion Pavilion Company, Inc. On-sale beer, on-sale wine,
d/b/a Park Ballroom dance permit, set up license

Praha Haus Inc. On-sale liquor, Sunday Liquor
d/b/a Praha Haus

Simon's Sportsman Bar Inc. On-sale liquor, Off-sale liquor,
d/b/a Simon's Sportsman's Bar Sunday liquor, Dance

Dennis & Dee Enterprises, Inc. On-sale beer, on-sale wine,
d/b/a Strike Force Bowl set up license

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Trailside Liquor of New Prague
Inc. d/b/a Trailside Liquor of
New Prague

Off-sale liquor

J & C. Picka Inv. Inc.
d/b/a West End Liquors

Off-sale liquor

New Prague Chamber of Commerce

On-sale beer, Temporary On-Sale
Liquor July 30, 2009, September 18,
2009, September 19, 2009

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

- A. Approve previous meeting minutes
 - B. Approve claims for payment adding Rice Lake Construction to claims for payment.
 - C. Approve monthly financials
- All voted in favor of the motion.

Ken Betterton expressed appreciation for the new City Council Member open house that was held on February 27th.

Kristin Guerrette stated she attended the League of Minnesota Cities Leadership Conference.

Public Works Director Dennis Seurer invited the Council to the SMPA Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, March 11th at 9:00 at the New Prague State Bank meeting room.

It was moved by Betterton to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. All voted in favor of the motion.

W. A. Bender, Mayor
City of New Prague

ATTEST:

Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator