

# City Council Proceedings

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



City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order with the following members present: Bender, Wilcox, Bartusek, Guerrette.  
Absent: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Administrator, Mike Johnson, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Bender and Council Members Kristin Guerrette and Mark Bartusek.

City Attorney, Scott Riggs, Kennedy & Graven, was introduced to the new Council members. Mr. Riggs has been the City's City Attorney for approximately the past 6 years.

It was moved by Wilcox, second by Guerrette to appoint Scott Riggs of Kennedy & Graven to continue as City Attorney for 2009. All voted in favor of the motion.

A letter of resignation from the City Council was received from Council Member Jennifer Flicek effective January 1, 2009. City Attorney Scott Riggs, explained to the Council that they need to by Resolution declare the vacancy, acknowledging and accepting the letter of resignation, and fill the vacancy. The vacancy can be filled by the results of the last election and selecting the remaining candidate with the most votes that didn't win.

The Council decided to appoint Ken Betterton to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of Council Member Jennifer Flicek. Ken Betterton was the remaining candidate from the last election with the most votes that didn't win.

It was moved by Bartusek, seconded by Wilcox to adopt RESOLUTION #09-01-06-01 DECLARING A VACACY TO EXIST IN THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT THEREOF All voted in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Guerrette, seconded by Bartusek to appoint Kay Wilcox as 2009 Council Vice President.  
All voted in favor of the motion.

The Council decided to table the 2009 Council appointments until the next meeting when Ken Betterton is involved.

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It was moved by Bartusek, seconded by Guerrette to accept the following 2009 Personnel Appointments:

- Police Chief - Mark Vosejпка
- Public Works Director - Dennis Seurer
- Golf Course General Manager - Ken Norland
- Ambulance President - Bill VanCura
- Ambulance Director - Harry VonBank
- Fire Chief - Jim Becker

All voted in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Wilcox. seconded by Guerrette to accept the following 2009 Official Depositories:

- Community Security Bank
- Community Security Financial Services
- MN Municipal Money Market Fund
- Northland Securities
- State Bank of New Prague
- U S Bank of New Prague
- Wells Fargo Bank of New Prague
- Wells Fargo Investments of New Prague

All voted in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Bartusek to designate the New Prague Times as official newspaper for the City for 2009. All voted in favor of the motion.

Planning Director Ken Ondich presented the proposed 2009 official City fee schedule to the Council and answered questions.

It was moved by Guerrette, seconded by Wilcox to accept the 2009 Official City Fee Schedule. All voted in favor of the motion.

Discussion was held on the 2009 Board & Commission appointments. The Council will schedule 15 minute interviews with each candidate and appoint the 2009 Board & Commission members at the January 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

City Administrator Mike Johnson and Ambulance President Bill VanCura reviewed with the Council the ambulance budget and the proposed ambulance rates for 2009.

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Bartusek to approve the 2009 Ambulance Budget and Rates/Charges. All voted in favor of the motion.

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Administrator Johnson presented the Resolution for the 2009 Debt Payments. A portion of the debt payments come from the City's annual property tax levy and the balance from the City's various enterprise funds. The County Auditor has requested that the City provide proof that the non-property tax levy portion of the debt is covered by the City's Enterprise funds.

It was moved by Bartusek, second by Guerrette to adopt RESOLUTION #09-01-06-02 RESOLUTION FOR 2009 DEBT PAYMENTS All voted in favor of the motion.

Police Chief Mark Vosejпка reviewed the request for the purchase of the 2009 unmarked vehicle from New Prague Ford.

It was moved by Guerrette, seconded by Bartusek to authorize the purchase of the 2009 unmarked vehicle for \$15,150.00 from New Prague Ford. All voted in favor of the motion.

Doug Parrott, S E H, reviewed with the Council the feasibility report for the proposed 2009 Street Reconstruction Project. The project to include the following streets:  
Fifth Street SW - TH 13/21 to Central Av.  
Forest Green Circle - CSAH 37 to Cul-de-sac

It was moved by Bartusek, second by Wilcox to adopt RESOLUTION #09-01-06-03 RECEIVING FEASIBILITY REPORT AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT. All voted in favor of the motion.

Administrator Johnson suggested the Joint Powers Agreement for Prosecution Services be tabled until changes and modifications can be made by the City Attorney.

City Planner Renee Christianson presented the list of interior equipment and furnishings for the New Prague Fire and Ambulance facility in the approximate amount of \$131,248.87.

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Guerrette to authorize purchase of interior furnishings and equipment for emergency services building project in the approximate amount of \$131,248.87. All voted in favor of the motion.

Administrator Johnson reviewed the 2009 Compensation Plan and Insurance. There is an adjustment to the non-union compensation plan of 2.0%, a .1% adjustment to the wages for the Police Union, and a reduction in the City's VEBA contribution of \$150.00 for single and \$300.00 for family coverage for 2009.

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It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Bartusek to approve the 2009 compensation Plan and Insurance. All voted in favor of the motion.

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

- A. Approve previous meeting minutes
- B. Approve claims for payment

All voted in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Bartusek to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 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