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**DATE** : December 6, 2011  
**TIME STARTED** : 7:00 p.m.  
**TIME ENDED** : 8:50 p.m.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT** : Councilmember Bohnen, Fogelson, Huber, Potter  
and Mayor Carr  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** : None

Staff members present: City Clerk, Kim Points

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Carr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SETTING THE AGENDA**

**Council Member Huber moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

November 1, 2011 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
Bill List, \$82,364.29	Approved
City of Stillwater, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Fire Contract, \$58,118.00	Approved
City of Mahtomedi, 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Fire Contract, \$27, 902.50	Approved
Cates, Town Hall Project, \$11,234.00	Approved
Bell Trucking, Inc., Town Hall Project, \$9,000.00	Approved
Resolution No. 2011-25, Lot Line Adjustment, 11950 Isleton Ave.	Approved

1 **Council Member Potter moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Council Member**  
2 **Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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4 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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6 Mr. Bob Tufty, Jasmine Ave., came forward and advised there is a street sign missing at 63rd Street  
7 and Jarvis.

8 Mr. Larry Lanoux, Keswick Ave., came forward and requested an agenda item be added to the next  
9 Council agenda regarding the school referendum that was passed and is not reflected on current tax  
10 statements. He also asked that the City consider annexing the school boundaries and limiting open  
11 enrollment.

12 Mr. Loren Sederstrom came forward and stated his current show is about aviation and the Flying  
13 Eagles. He noted the latest plowing that occurred within the City was done well. He said the school  
14 was pushed through the City process and he wondered if the school district did get new bids for their  
15 grading work that is currently being done.

16 Mr. Bob Zick, came forward and stated the City can't rest on the Comprehensive Plan to keep the Met  
17 Council out of the City of Grant. He stated he really believes the City has to be prepared to take on  
18 the Met Council.

19 Mr. Mark Wojcik, 110<sup>th</sup> Street, came forward and stated at the last meeting the City Planner was  
20 discussed. He indicated he worked with her through the school district and she did a good job and he  
21 gained a lot of respect for her. However, there may be a more efficient way to handle the City's  
22 planning. He asked the Council to consider that so City dollars are used more wisely. He noted the  
23 need for sirens within the City and planning dollars that are saved could be spent for that.

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25 **STAFF REPORTS**

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27 **City Engineer, Phil Olson**

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29 **Staff Report** – A report was provided for November 2011 City engineering activities, to be placed on  
30 file for review. The Manning Avenue Bridge access was discussed briefly and it was the consensus of  
31 the Council that City Engineer Olson contacts the DNR and addresses the issue of moving the access  
32 to the east of the current location.

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34 **City Planner, Jennifer Haskamp**

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36 **Staff Report** - A report was provided for November 2011 City planning activities, to be placed on  
37 file for review.

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39 **City Attorney, Nick Vivian**

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41 **Staff Report** – A report for November 2011 was provided to be placed on file for review.  
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1 **Building Inspector, Jack Kramer** – A report was from Building Inspector Kramer was provided for  
2 November 2011 to be placed on file for review.

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4 **OLD BUSINESS**

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6 **Website Items, Mayor Carr** – Mayor Carr advised this item will be on every agenda for comments  
7 and suggestions on the City’s website. He noted that some of the City meeting minutes are located  
8 under documents and some under calendar and he has talked to the Webmaster about that issue.

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10 Council Member Fogelson advised the City resolutions posted are only through 2007. All resolutions  
11 need to posted.

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13 **NEW BUSINESS**

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15 **Public Comment Inquiries, Mayor Carr** – Mayor Carr referred to the comments made earlier  
16 regarding the School District, open enrollment, cost of emergency services and the request of having  
17 those issues as an agenda item for the January Council meeting. He stated he does not believe the  
18 City should do battle with the School District in that type of format. He advised he does want to  
19 discuss with them some of those issues if in fact they are costing the City money but he needs that  
20 documentation.

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22 Council Member Potter added that he would like to look at the police and fire calls for the whole  
23 City.

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25 **Resolution No. 2011-17, Snow Plowing Policy** – Council Member Fogelson advised there is a draft  
26 resolution in the packet reflecting a change to the plowing policy.

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28 Council Member Bohnen advised the old resolution regarding that, addressing the policy of snow  
29 removal, states the target is to go out and plow at three inches. In the actual road book, road are  
30 prioritized and some of them the trigger is three inches and some the trigger is two inches. He stated  
31 he would like a uniform target for all roads within the City. He noted the City Engineer does not  
32 promote having a difference in plowing triggers and the map that is in the road book was drawn up  
33 before he was the City Engineer. He stated he believes plowing would be much more efficient in  
34 there was a uniform trigger at two inches.

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36 Council Member Huber inquired as to why the trigger would be two inches as opposed to three inches  
37 for the whole City.

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39 Council Member Bohnen advised ice does build up on the roads because plows don’t go out until two  
40 or three inches. The State and County do go out and plow right away when it snows. Waiting for  
41 three inches results in the snow getting compacted and icing over. The savings that have been offered  
42 with the new plowing contractor allows going out at two inches and staying within the set budget.

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44 Mayor Carr stated he believes language should be put in the revision that allows the Road  
45 Commission latitude.

1 Council Member Bohnen stated he would like to change the resolution to two inches. However, the  
2 policy could remain the same as long as it is the consensus of the Council that plowing may be done  
3 at two inches.

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5 It was the consensus of the Council to leave the current plowing policy as is but revise the map within  
6 the road book that indicates priority roads for plowing.

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8 **Resolution No. 2011-18, Applewood Hills 2012 Liquor License – Council Member Huber moved**  
9 **to adopt Resolution No. 2011-18, as presented. Council Member Fogelson seconded the motion.**  
10 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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12 **Resolution No. 2011-19, Gausthause 2012 Liquor License – Council Member Fogelson moved to**  
13 **adopt Resolution No. 2011-19, as presented. Council Member Huber seconded the motion.**  
14 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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16 **Resolution No. 2011-20, Indian Hills 2012 Liquor License – Council Member Potter moved to**  
17 **adopt Resolution No. 2011-20, as presented. Council Member Bohnen seconded the motion.**  
18 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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20 **Resolution No. 2011-21, Sawmill Golf Club 2012 Liquor License – Council Member Huber**  
21 **moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-21, as presented. Council Member Potter seconded the**  
22 **motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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24 **Resolution No. 2011-22, Windy Acres 2012 Liquor License – Council Member Fogelson moved**  
25 **to adopt Resolution No. 2011-22, as presented. Council Member Potter seconded the motion.**  
26 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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28 **Resolution No. 2011-23, 2012 Final Budget** – Mayor Carr referred to the draft final budget that was  
29 discussed at the budget work session last week. He noted that the City has talked about an emergency  
30 siren for quite some time and it has never been done. He asked for Council input to include the  
31 dollars to have an emergency siren installed. Allowing for two sirens within a capital fund to ensure  
32 the dollars stay there will not affect the 2012 Levy or budget.

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34 The Council determined Resolution No. 2011-25 would be amended to include dollars for emergency  
35 sirens.

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37 City Treasurer Schwarze requested Council direction regarding putting \$500 back into the 2012  
38 budget for the League of Minnesota Cities Annual conference, to be attended by the City Clerk.

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40 The Council determined the \$500 on the line item for Ordinance Codification would be moved to the  
41 line item for training to allow the Clerk to attend that conference.

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43 **Council Member Fogelson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-23, as presented. Council**  
44 **Member Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 **Resolution No. 2011-24, 2012 Levy Certification – Council Member Huber moved to adopt**  
2 **Resolution No. 2011-24, as presented. Council Member Potter seconded the motion. Motion**  
3 **carried unanimously.**

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5 **Resolution No. 2011-25, Designated Reserves General Fund Sign Replacement – City Treasurer**  
6 **Schwarze advised Resolution No. 2011-25 designates reserves for sign replacement within the**  
7 **general fund in the amount of \$6,000.**

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9 The Council agreed the resolution should be amended to dedicate reserves in the amount of \$15,000  
10 for the funding of an emergency siren.

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12 **Council Member Potter moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-25, as amended. Council Member**  
13 **Fogelson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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15 **Resolution No. 2011-26, Designated Reserves Jasmine Avenue Improvements – City Treasurer**  
16 **Schwarze advised previously the bond counsel has indicated to the City that any overages from the**  
17 **Jasmine Avenue project should not be refunded until the bond is paid in full. Resolution No. 2011-26**  
18 **designates a fund for that purpose.**

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20 Mayor Carr requested a list of the homeowners that were assessed be attached to the Resolution for  
21 future reference.

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23 **Council Member Huber moved to adopt Resolution No. 2011-26, as presented. Council**  
24 **Member Bohnen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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26 **Authorization to Purchase Traffic Counters, Steve Bohnen – Council Member Bohnen advised**  
27 **the Council has agreed that the City does need traffic counts. Traffic counts have been taken in the**  
28 **past but the counters themselves cannot be located. He reviewed the information provided in the**  
29 **packet regarding different types of counters and the cost. He requested authorization to spend**  
30 **approximately \$2,000 for three to four traffic counters.**

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32 Council Member Potter advised he believes three counters would be adequate. He noted  
33 approximately \$575 is needed for a durable counter but the tubes are expensive.

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35 The Council authorized the Road Commissioner to spend up to \$2,500 dollars on three to four traffic  
36 counters. A discussion will be held next month about how the traffic counts will be obtained.

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38 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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40 **City Council Reports:** Mayor Carr advised he was asked to read at the library on January 4, 2012  
41 and he is unavailable that date.

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43 Council Member Fogelson advised he would check his calendar and if he is available he would go to  
44 the reading.

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1 Council Member Potter advised the Brown’s Creek trail meeting is scheduling for tomorrow evening.  
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3 **Other Discussion Items:**  
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5 **Current Ordinance Issues, City Clerk** – Mayor Carr referred to the staff report included in the  
6 packet outlining current ordinance issues. Staff is looking for direction regarding these potential  
7 issues.  
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9 Council Member Potter advised he would need to research the issues before any decisions are made  
10 about revisions.  
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12 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR DECEMBER 7 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011:**  
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14 **Planning Commission Meeting, Monday, December, 2011, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.**  
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17 **ADJOURN**  
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19 **There being no further business, Council Member Huber moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.**  
20 **Council Member Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**  
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22 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting January 3, 2012.  
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28 Kim Points, City Clerk  
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Tom Carr, Mayor