



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
January 19, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The work session meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilbert at 5:12 pm.

Present: Council: Mayor Randy Gilbert; Councilmembers Brian Carpenter, Sharon Henderson, Liz Olson, and Sam Rettinger

Staff Present: City Administrator Terrance Post

Guests: Ehlers & Associates Representative Jeanne Vogt

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Carpenter, to amend and approve the Agenda as presented by discussing the Draft Law Enforcement Agreement item first followed by the Water Utility Rate Study item later as Council member Carpenter would have to leave the meeting at 6:15 pm. Ayes: all.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discuss Second Draft of Agreement for Law Enforcement

Administrator Post gave a brief overview of 2009 discussions initiated by the City of Orono regarding their desire to make changes to the existing multi-city Police Services Agreement. The changes involve both operational and financial. The operational change involves the creation of three service districts and the elimination of the "basic service and supplemental officer" concepts in the current agreement. The primary financial change involves the weighting of cost allocation factors – the introduction of a "calls" factor, and a reduction in the weighting of the market value factor relative to population and calls factors. Council directed staff to include this item for further discussion on the upcoming January 23, 2009 special meeting agenda.

Discuss Water Utility Rate Study

Administrator Post provided a brief background on the topic and noted that it was prompted by the need to be in compliance with DNR water conservation rate requirements beginning in 2010. Post then introduced Ms. Vogt who walked the council through the findings and recommendations contained in the report. It was emphasized that this was a draft report and Council was encouraged to provide feedback to staff on any changes to the report recommendations presented before formal action would be considered by the council at the first February regular council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Gilbert adjourned the work session meeting by general consent at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terrance Post, City Administrator