

EAST BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 19, 2012

The East Bethel City Council met on December 19, 2012 at 7:30 PM for their regular meeting at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Boyer Richard Lawrence Heidi Moegerle
Steve Voss

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bob DeRoche

ALSO PRESENT: Jack Davis, City Administrator
Mark Vierling, City Attorney

Call to Order **The December 19, 2012 City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Lawrence at 7:30 PM.**

Adopt Agenda **Voss made a motion to adopt the December 19, 2012 City Council agenda. Moegerle seconded; all in favor, motion carries.**

Sheriff's Report Lieutenant Orlando gave the November 2012 report as follows:

DWI Arrests: There was one DWI arrest in November. The driver was stopped for driving conduct and tested at a .17 BAC.

Property Damage: There were six reports of damage to property. Three of them involved damaged mailboxes – two of which were in the same area, same night. There were no suspects. One report was damage to a yard, believed to be in retaliation for another report. One report was damage to pine trees, unknown what caused them to be damaged. The last report was damage to a door on a vacant house. No entry was made.

Thefts: Thefts report in November included two no pay gas thefts, one identity theft report where a credit card had been opened under someone's name. There were two theft from vehicle reports. Two theft of bicycles reports, one theft of downspouts from gutters, and lastly a theft of a political sign. There were no suspects identified.

Burglaries: There were four burglaries reported. Two involved houses that were vacant – one was under construction where tools were taken, and one was foreclosed where property had been taken from. A business had been burglarized where items were taken from display cases. There were no suspects and no evidence left behind. The last report was a house that was burglarized where an X-Box 360 and a small safe were taken.

Suspicious Activity: Thanks to a vigilant neighbor, a male was taken into custody after being found on the property of a neighbor who was out of town. Deputies were able to make contact with the homeowner who stated no one should be on his property. The suspect was an acquaintance of the homeowner but had no permission to be there. The suspect ended up being arrested for obstructing justice and trespassing. The next day the homeowner called deputies and requested extra patrol as the acquaintance had said he was going to go back and take some items. A deputy went to the residence to do a house check and while sitting in the driveway, the male came up to him and said that he wanted to pick up items that were his. The male made a call on his cell phone that was allegedly the homeowner, wanting to tell the

deputy that it was okay for him to be on the property – the deputy had the homeowner’s cell number and called him to be told that he had not changed his mind and did not want him there without him being home. The male was arrested a second time for trespassing.

Moegerle, “I was at a meeting at Anoka County regarding 911 services. I think it would be good to remind people that if they need 911 services during the stressful times of the holidays, to be sure to call.” Lt. Orlando, “Yes, we are here 24/7. We always have someone available to help to whoever needs any help or has any problems.” Moegerle, “Very interesting what the 911 operators do and they say they get one call every minute of the year.” Lt. Orlando, “They are very busy down there. They are a good crew. I also wanted to congratulate Steve and Bill on your retirements. If there is every anything you need, feel free to still call me. You have my number.”

Recognition
of Service –
Bill Boyer

Davis said, “We would like to recognize Council Member Bill Boyer for his years of service as a Council Member, liaison to the Park Commission, the Horse Committee, Booster Day Committee, member of the HRA and EDA Commissions, Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve Committee and many more. Mr. Boyer has served as a Council Member since January 2001. On behalf of the citizens of East Bethel, we thank you for your many contributions to our community and present this plaque to you for your years of dedicated service.

Recognition
of Service –
Steven Voss

Davis, “We would like to recognize Council Member Steven Voss for his years of service as Council Member, liaison to the Planning Commission, Road Commission, Anoka County Sheriff’s Department, Watershed Management Organizations, Booster Day Committee and many more. Mr. Voss also served as a Planning Commission member for 11 years before being elected as a Council Member. Mr. Voss has served as a Council Member since January 2005. On behalf of the Citizens of East Bethel, we thank you for your many contributions to our community and present this plaque to you for your years of dedicated service.

Voss said after almost twenty years of doing this it is amazing how many people you meet and how well you learn the community. That is probably the most rewarding part of serving is meeting the residents and being more part of the community. I want to thank everyone else.

Proclamation
Recognizing
Service of the
Williams
Family

Lawrence, “Whereas, the Williams Family have been a dedicated Firefighters of the East Bethel Fire Department for a collective period of time over 142 years; and

Whereas, Howard served for 22 years, Beverly served for 15 years, Kevin served for 4 years, Jason served for 3 years, Richard is serving his 33rd year, Ron served for 5 years, Dale served for 45 years, Jackie served for 10 years, and Todd served for 5 years; and

Whereas, the East Bethel Fire Department Relief Association has recognized the Williams Family with a lifetime achievement award; and

Whereas, the Williams Family has proudly served the City of East Bethel and continues to have a family member as a current Firefighter

Now Therefore, as the Mayor of the City of East Bethel, I declare: Friday, December 21, 2012 as Williams Family Day in the City of East Bethel in recognition of their achievements and contributions over the past combined 142 years.

Fire Chief DuCharme, "The Williams family has been involved in the fire department since the very first day. The 50+ years of the fire department is not without a Williams family member serving. And it continues to have a Williams family member serve us with Richard. Who knows, in the future, we may have another one. But this is truly an outstanding achievement for the family. Many fire departments and our peers throughout the state not only talk about the East Bethel fire department, but sometimes they call it the Williams Fire Department. We do have a couple family members here to receive the lifetime achievement award from the Relief Association, if I may do that.

Dale Williams, "I served 45 years." Howard Williams, "I served 33 years." Richard Williams, I am still serving at present." Moegerle, "We just talked to Jack and he has agreed we will present the Williams family with a flag flown at the fire department on their family day, Friday."

Public Forum Lawrence opened the Public Forum for any comments or concerns that were not listed on the agenda. There were no comments so the Public Forum was closed.

Consent Agenda Moegerle, "I would like to remove Items C) Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2012 Town Hall Meeting; D) Joint Powers Agreement between Anoka County the Municipalities, Townships and School Districts in Anoka County to Allocate for Election Expenses; and J) IUP Renewal for Richard Wait, Hot Rod Factory at 20042 Polk Street NE.

Moegerle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including: A) Approve Bills; B) Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2012 Regular Meeting; C) ~~Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2012 Town Hall Meeting; D) Joint Powers Agreement between Anoka County the Municipalities, Townships and School Districts in Anoka County to Allocate for Election Expenses;~~ E) Approve Tobacco Licenses for 2013; F) Approve Garbage Hauler Licenses for 2013; G) Resolution 2012-76 Tort Limits; H) Approve Renewal of GIS Contract; I) IUP Renewal for Kevin Denker, B&D Bobcat and Landscaping at 23026 3rd Street NE; J) ~~IUP Renewal for Richard Wait, Hot Rod Factory at 20042 Polk Street NE/~~ K-L) Resolution 2012-18 Revoking State Aid Routes and Resolution 2012-19 Establishing State Aid Routes. Voss seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Item C) Meeting Minutes Moegerle, "I removed Item C) Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2012 Town Hall Meeting because they were not included in the packet.

Item D) Joint Powers Agreement between Anoka County the Municipalities, Townships and School Districts in Anoka County to Allocate for Moegerle, "I removed Item D) Joint Powers Agreement between Anoka County the Municipalities, Townships and School Districts in Anoka County to Allocate for Election Expenses. I understand we have someone here from Anoka County to explain some of this. Cindy Reichert, Anoka County Elections Manager, "Appreciate the opportunity to talk about this with you. What specifically would you like to understand?" Lawrence, "How much is it?" Reichert, "I will do a recap of how we got to where we are. We are in a position where we need to purchase new voting equipment as soon as possible. The equipment we have been using is no longer completely functional; it does count the ballots when it accepts the ballots. But more and more we are seeing when a voter places a ballot in the machine it kicks back because the read heads on the machine are scratched, dirty. They are 10 years old. The biggest problem is the entire system is DOS based that cannot be upgraded to Microsoft Windows. So we are running it on a very ancient server that is basically on its last

legs. We also have some mechanical issues with the machines, small plastic parts are breaking, and wheels are falling off. There has been quite a bit of changes on how election equipment is certified in the last 10 years. State of Minnesota also requires it to be tested. Right now we don't have anything to buy, because it is all 10 year old. We are looking at the next generation of equipment. There is very little competition in the marketplace.

What I have been doing with estimates is I have been trying to keep it on the high side. We know what other agencies are paying, but there is no such thing as a non-negotiated election equipment purchase. There are five counties that are planning to purchase in 2013, Anoka, Washington, Ramsey, Dakota and Hennepin. The counties have been working together, we have a meeting tomorrow where we will be talking about the RFP and starting to put together the specs that match the equipment. The purchase that we did 10 years ago, the county did not purchase the equipment at that time. All of the ballot counters were purchased by the cities themselves. So you owned the equipment and you still own those units. The business model of the vendors has changed considerably. Because the system was parceled out, we did not have maintenance agreements on them. At the time that we purchased, we had a staff member at Anoka that was trained in the program, could do minor repairs. That has all changed with federal certification requirements and with the sophistication of the programs. This will not allow for the county to have a trained technician for repairs. So we do need to have maintenance agreements."

"So we know the capital costs will be approximately twice as much as we paid 10 years ago. We think the operating costs will be about 10 times as much. So there is a huge increase in costs. The county recognizes that and the county has stepped up and wants to pay 55% of the entire capital purchase and of the ongoing operating costs. We have also been working with our school districts who have not participated before. The agreement before is an accumulation of three years of work. We started out with election administrators; Wendy Warren has participated in those discussions. Once we had a proposal developed we created what we called the Election Equipment Task Force that was Council Members, Mayors, School Superintendents, and Business Managers. What we did in that group was talk about the statutory responsibility each party has in paying for things, and came up with a cost sharing that we thought each party could live with in this. Like I said, the county has moved up a little, schools are participating and what we are looking at from cities to pay is 30% of the capital costs and the operating costs for the life of the equipment. We also still have about \$310,000 in grant funds. Looking at over a 10 year period the estimate is \$26,000"

Moegerle, "What is the entire cost of the system?" Reichert, "The entire system for capital costs are 1.2 million dollars. And then the annual operating we are looking at \$160,000 to \$180,000." Moegerle, "And Anoka County will own these?" Reichert, "That is correct. They will also manage all the contracts that go along with that. We will continue to do all the programming that we have done before, we will manage the printing. This was part of what we worked on in our workgroup was what is the most logical division of duties for us to do. It seemed most prudent for the County to do those things which really apply to all of the jurisdictions, and let the clerks work on the things that focus on your local election. Hiring the election judges, serving voters at your counter with in-person absentee ballots, etc. and let the county stick to the big picture types of things."

Lawrence, "The old systems only last 10 years, and they only get used every two years once, which means they only get used five to six times?" Reichert, "That is not exactly accurate, because along with every election you have testing, pre-election, post-election. If we were able to replace the reed heads, that would be ideal. We are no longer able to do that,

it is no longer being manufactured.” Lawrence, “The machines aren’t used very much.” Boyer, “Well you use them in the primaries too, not just the general.” Moegerle, “What is the life expectancy of these? Mr. Vierling says that the life expectancy of these has been limited in the past. This JPA doesn’t say that we are assured for our investment we will get a return for the next 10 or 15 years.” Reichert, “The average life expectancy of voting equipment is between 10 and 15 years. Often they are replaced before they are completely obsolete. This is relative new technology. It would be nice if we could be guaranteed. I don’t have a crystal ball, we have warranties.”

Lawrence, “The City is responsible for the warranty?” Reichert, “That is not the case. The warranty is another thing we think we will be able to negotiate. What we are asking the cities to do is insure against damages while it is in your possession. But anything that becomes non-operational because the equipment doesn’t work, we are not holding the cities responsible for that. That is the vendor that is responsible for those things and the county will be working with the vendors on that.”

Moegerle, “I have quite a few problems. First of all in Section 4 the list a total of eight types of entities within four categories. When I divide 100% x 8 and we are 1 of the 8 we should be paying 12% not 30%. I realize we don’t have a hospital district so we will mark that off, but you start looking at this and why is the city paying 30%? Why aren’t the judicial offices paying something. I understand we are not going to get the feds out here to pay some of this, so it is 16%, but 30% that is carrying a lot of weight. Next question, every single one of our residents pays county taxes. And the big headline last week is, “Levy cut by 1 million dollars”. And, it seems to me that what the county is doing very directly is saying “You city guys tax for 30% of this tax and we will carry the other part.” And it is not an ‘unfunded mandate’, because that term has a very specific meaning. But, you are kicking it down to us and I don’t think that is appropriate. So, please address my concerns.”

Reichert, “First, when we refer to Section 4, which are the categories of election types, those are merely the election types. That does not their statutory responsibility to fund equipment. When we look at election expenses payment Statute Section 204.B.32, counties have no obligation under the statute to pay for your ballot counters. Municipalities shall pay the cost of providing ballot boxes (which are the machines) and providing and equipping the polling places. That is what we are talking about is you purchasing your equipment. The county is willing to pay 55% of the purchase of the equipment that you are responsible for paying for.”

Moegerle, “In Statute 206.59, ‘Payment for Voting Systems’, ‘May be provided for in the best interest of the political subdivision adopting it and purchasing it.’ You just said that is Anoka County. So they may make payment by a General Fund, Levying a Tax, or Issuing or Selling Bonds. So, you are asking us, in paragraph 7, The voting equipment system ‘Procurement, purchasing, and support shall be divided between the county, its municipalities and school districts.’ So in effect, we are in fact paying for the ‘procurement’ purchasing of these things. I don’t think that is what the statute provides for and I have to respond to voters. People are going to say, the county is buying it, the county should pay for it. I don’t mind paying for that aspect of the votes that reply to the municipality. But I don’t see where the city should be paying 30% of this.”

Reichert, “Statute also requires cities to conduct elections in election years for state elections. You are responsible as a city for paying for your voting equipment. And what we are offering is an opportunity to share the costs of the equipment. You are certainly

welcome to purchase your own units. If you choose to do that, we can do that outside this agreement. But you would then also be responsible for purchasing all the equipment you would use here in East Bethel. And that would be 100% of that equipment.” Moegerle, “And we own the voting machines we have now?” Warren, “Yes.” Moegerle, “So theoretically, we could have our municipal election on the old ones and then the county could do the rest on their own?” Reichert, “That is not how that works. It is an election system and because you run the federal elections, you would end up purchasing the program, do the entire ballot layout, all of those duties, all the reporting and frankly that is not a function of the city. That is a function of the counties.”

Moegerle, “Well the big issue with me is what you are asking under subsection 7, we are going to pay ‘procurement costs’. That is a term of this.” Reichert, “For purchase.” Moegerle, “Right, but Anoka County will own it.” Reichert, “I ran some cost detail and for each precinct if you do decide to have a City purchase which you are allowed to do, each precinct the capital costs will be \$6,440. On top of that you will have an extra \$430 per year if you choose to have a vendor maintain that. You could also lease the units from a vendor and that cost would be \$2,850 per precinct per year. So when I ran this for the City of Oak Grove, they have four precincts, you have three. The way the cost breaks down is over a 10 year period \$68,000 for an independent purchase. We think this is a pretty good deal.” Voss said I think this is a pretty good deal for the City. Boyer asked out of curiosity when was the statute last revised? Reichert, “It was long enough ago that it says provide ballot boxes.”

Voss made a motion to approve Item D) Joint Powers Agreement between Anoka County the Municipalities, Townships and School Districts in Anoka County to Allocate for Election Expenses as presented tonight. Boyer seconded. Boyer, Lawrence and Voss, aye; Moegerle, nay; motion carries.

Item J) IUP
Renewal for
Richard Wait,
Hot Rod
Factory at
20042 Polk
Street NE.

Moegerle, “I removed Item J) IUP Renewal for Richard Wait, Hot Rod Factory at 20042 Polk Street NE. Some additional information has become available and I want to table this for 30 days. But, technically the IUP expires on December 31, 2012 so how can we do this so it doesn’t expire? Davis, “We need to get the applicant in here to discuss some items. We would like to extend the IUP from December 31st to January 31st until we can talk to the individual and work the issue out.” Voss asked what is the nature of the issue? Davis, “The size of an accessory building.” Voss asked is it a new building? Davis, “Yes, part of it was built in 2008.” Voss asked when was the first IUP issued? Davis, “2005 or 2006. And it was renewed again in 2009.” Voss said so it sounds like when it was renewed in 2009 the consideration of using a larger building wasn’t considered? Davis, “That is correct. I think there are some issues here. Not an issue of saying he cannot have it, just some things that need to be worked out. Maybe some additional conditions. We would like to talk to him to work something out that is acceptable to him and the city.”

Boyer made a motion to extend the IUP for Richard Wait, Hot Rod Factory at 20042 Polk Street NE until January 31, 2013. Moegerle seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Boyer made a motion to table the IUP Renewal for Richard Wait, Hot Rod Factory at 20042 Polk Street NE. Voss seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Building Dept.
Report

Davis explained that the Building Official’s November 2012 Report, 2012 Permit and Fee Report and 2006-2011 Building Department Revenue Reports are included in your packet.

Permit fees, not including SAC and WAC fees, collected through November 2012 total

\$145,067.89. Revenue from fees for this department for 2012 were projected to be \$100,100. The increase in revenue is due primarily to the Aggressive Hydraulics (\$22,806.06) and the Municipal Utilities Projects (\$20,697.04) but also to an increase in home improvement activity coupled with a slight increase in new home construction. New residential construction has increased from 3 permits issued in 2011 to 4 permits for the first 11 months of 2012. New commercial construction has increased from 1 permit in 2011 to 3 permits issued through November 2012.

Discounting the fees collected for Aggressive Hydraulics and the Municipal Utilities Project, the total amount collected for 2012 Building Department charges is \$101,564.73. The total amount of collections for this Department in 2011 was \$89,749.

We are seeing some improvements in the residential construction market in East Bethel.

2013 Budget Amendments

Davis explained the 2012 Budget was adopted by City Council on December 7, 2011. Since that time a number of changes have occurred that affect the current year's budget, resulting in both increases and decreases to several General Fund departments.

The following is a detail of proposed amendments to the adopted 2012 Budget.

Legal Department

303- Legal Fees

Approved:	\$152,500
Proposed:	\$160,000
Increase:	\$ 7,500

Estimated legal fees for 2012 are \$160,000 reflecting the expenses incurred in 2012. Additional legal fees were incurred when the City Council contracted a hearing officer for the Friday IUP, for the City attorney consultation on personnel matters and with the League of MN Cities who represented the City in the Great River Energy case.

Building Inspection Department

101-Full-Time Employees Regular

Approved:	\$116,914
Proposed:	\$107,914
Decrease:	\$ 9,000

Employee resignations and the length of time to hire new staff result in a decrease in wages in the Building Inspection department.

Police Department

307-Professional Service Fees

Approved:	\$959,272
Proposed:	\$960,772
Increase:	\$ 1,500

Animal control services from January through November 2012 cost \$7,985 for which only \$8,000 was budgeted for 2012. The City only pays for animal care when the owner does not claim the animal, which is occurring more frequently in the past 2 years.

Recommendations

With the proposed changes noted above, there is no increase or decrease in the total General Fund Budget.

Staff is requesting approval of Resolution 2012-77 which amends the 2012 General Fund Budget.

Moegerle made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-77 Amending the 2012 General Fund Budget. Voss seconded. Boyer asked with the animal care why are we not placing this back on the owner's tax bills? Davis, "A lot of them we do, but a lot of these animals are picked up and we have no record of who they belong to. Any ones that we can, if the owners pick them up, they are responsible for the cost on this." **All in favor, motion carries.**

Reader Board
Design

Davis explained that at the November 7th City Council meeting, DeMars Signs was selected as the contractor for the construction and installation of an electronic community reader board at the NE corner of TH 65 and Viking Blvd. Their bid of \$73,937 included a 25mm Watchfire color display and upgraded stone columns around the existing support poles.

Staff and two Council Members met with a representative from DeMars Signs to discuss other design options for the upper cabinet and ways to upgrade the architectural elements around the support poles. Attached are three architectural renderings that resulted from that meeting. Design elements from draft City website designs were incorporated into the design along the upper portion of the cabinet.

Approximately 8-10 weeks will be required for installation once a final design is approved.

There is currently \$50,000 in the 2012 EDA budget and approval of \$45,000 for the 2013 EDA budget for an electronic reader board sign. The East Bethel Seniors have provided a donation of \$5,000 toward the sign and the City has received \$2,800 as a damage claim payment, bringing the total available funds for the project to \$102,800 in 2013. The approved bid amount for the sign is \$73,937. The upgraded cabinet design and the quantities of materials used for wrapping the support poles may require additional funds up to \$10,000.

Staff is requesting Council approval for the selection of one of the presented options for an electronic reader board to be located on the NE corner of Viking Blvd and Hwy 65.

Moegerle, "Bob and I met with DeMars and they did get what we are calling 'the swoosh' in there. I still think that lower base is too short. I like Option 1 generally, but I think that is too low."

Lawrence, "I think Option 1 is the best." Voss said you just have the three new ones? Davis, "I e-mailed you the other 12. There are 15 total." Voss said I couldn't open the e-mail. I think I understand the latest set; it has the resemblance to the part of the design element on the website. The difference between this and the website is if the website gets dated it is pretty easy to change. What I see with this is it getting dated real quickly. As opposed to the designs submitted before this. They had a little flair to it, but simple still. I think I like Options 7 and 9. Moegerle, "Of these, I think the base is the proper proportion to the supports in number 9. I understand about things being dated too."

Voss made a motion to approve the Electronic Reader Board Design 9. Boyer seconded. Moegerle, "Randy, you are from the website committee, do you think there is any investment in using that swoosh from the website in the design?" Randy Plaisance, "It does tie it into the website. If you do want to make a signature for the city. But, I appreciate your concern that it will become obsolete. I do work with a lot of designs and I happen to

like the idea of the swoosh on top. This particular piece, #9 that you are looking at, it is also a good piece. It really comes down to matter of opinion of what you want to do. I would be pleased with either/or to be honest with you.” Moegerle, “It will be here for a long time, it is worthy of thoughtful consideration.” Lawrence, “The reader board itself is the most important. If we have a design change later on, we could change the casing without a huge expense I would think.” Voss asked are the “City of East Bethel” letters lit? LED? Davis, “Yes.” **All in favor, motion carries.**

Fire Dept.
Report

Davis explained that Fire Chief Mark DuCharme will give a report.

Fire Chief DuCharme, “The fire department answered 46 calls last month and what is interesting is 30 of those were medical related. I have included the breakdown of medical calls in the package. Although we are actually on scene of 22 of those calls, eight other calls were canceled en-route. The 22 calls that we were on scene for, 21 were transported by Allina. There is a need that we are there. We will have 461 calls by the end of November. We are on the track in December to answer another 40-50 more calls. So our call numbers will be somewhere around 500-510, which is our projection. When we do our budget, we try to guess and I think we did 501 calls.”

Who We Are In The Fire Department? Kind of a breakdown of our individuals. Years of service, we have five people that are probationary. We have two that are over 30 years of service. Most fall in the category of 5 to 20 years of service. That is typical of all fire departments. That is how we usually try to envision an ideal fire department. Currently we have 34 fire fighters. With Council discussion I think we will try to keep it at 35, but I think ordinance allows up to 40. There will be a time when there will be a few retirements, so will need to bring a few people on. In January, we will be interviewing five candidates and bringing them forward for recommendation.

The next slide deals with the age breakdown. We have a very good span of ages, we want the veterans around, and they carry the culture and experience.

Our gender breakdown is 30 males and 4 females. We are always interested in trying to expand the diversity of the fire department. That tells you in a real quick snapshot about the fire department. Some of our candidates are a lot different than what we used to get. Better educated and some are already trained in the fire service.

Moegerle, “If we accept the five candidates that you are going to interview are they going to go through the training at the county with that new SAFER Grant?” Chief DuCharme, “Any training we give to a new fire fighter coming on is reimbursed by the Minnesota Board of Fire Fighting and Education. To train a fire fighter for what we call Fire Fighter I, or II it is a \$1,050. We will be using the Anoka County Fire Academy which the Fire Chiefs got together and wrote the grant and it is a great thing for the next four years because not only will we get funding for that, but also the cost for what we call turn-out gear is going to be covered. That is an additional \$1,500 to \$1,600. And, if we train a person which we always do first responder or EMT it is also covered.”

Voss said you spoke about most of your calls being medical calls. How many EMT certified do we have on the fire department? Chief DuCharme, “We have 13 right now that are EMT certified, which is an increase. I think in 2008 we had 3 or 4. We have offered it to the fire fighters and many have decided to do it. It is a huge commitment 110 or 120 hours classroom time and the test is not fun. Because we have a crew that is EMT certified we

have special things we can do.”

Moegerle, “You said how many calls were dispatched and cancelled calls, what is your philosophy on that? Would you rather be dispatched than not called? Do people call too soon? I see there were two of those calls to the same address. And, what does that mean? Or is that just a fluke.” Chief DuCharme, “A deputy might have made it to the scene and accessed the situation. For some reason, in November, we had a higher number of cancelled calls. I think that we never know what we are going to walk into and the severity of the incident. We need to be started and if we are going to be cancelled that is fine. We are ready to jump on it and do what we can. Happy holidays and Steve and Bill thank you so much.

Council
Member
Report –
Boyer

Boyer said Happy Holidays.

Council
Member
Report – Voss

Voss said Happy Holidays.

Council
Member
Report –
Moegerle

Moegerle, “I encourage everybody to go to the ThriveMSP.org website and express your opinion to Met Council about your views for 2040. Yesterday, I went to the reception for Andy Westerberg and Dan Erhart both of whom are retiring from the county commissioner’s office and talked to the 911 office people. Very interesting, they do a great job. And, nobody should be shy about calling in an emergency. On Tuesday, we had representatives from National Sports Center out to East Bethel to talk to us about the idea of tourism and “Is that something we want to explore along with economic development?” And, we were supposed to meet with Pat Born, who is the administrator from the Met Council, tomorrow. He got a call to see governor tomorrow, so he is not going to come see us.”

Council
Member
Report –
Lawrence

Lawrence, “Happy Holidays. I am really thankful for the Williams family and their service. When I see 142 years of service, wow! I am pleased to see people that dedicated to the City.”

Adjourn

Boyer made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 PM. Voss seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Attest:

Wendy Warren
Deputy City Clerk