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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE AFTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AFTON
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

APPROVED City Council Special Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2019
Afton City Hall
3033 St. Croix Trail
Afton, MN 55001
5:00 P.M.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Bill Palmquist

The Oath of Office for the position of Mayor was administered to Bill Palmquist

Lucia Wroblewski

The Oath of Office for the position of Ward 2 Council member was administered to Lucia Wroblewski

1. **THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Palmquist.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Council Members Nelson and Wroblewski and Mayor Palmquist. Absent: Ross. **Quorum Present.**

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Ron Moorse

4. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Nomination of Candidates to Fill the Ward 1 Council Seat

Moorse explained that the election of Bill Palmquist as Mayor midway through his term as Ward 1 Council member has created a vacancy in the Ward 1 Council seat for the remainder of the term, which expires at the end of 2020. State Statute requires that, because there is less than 50% of the term remaining, the Council seat is to be filled by appointment by the City Council. Mayor Palmquist had requested that each of the Council members provide a list of candidates to be considered for the Council seat.

The Council discussed the nominated candidates, which included Annie Perkins, current member of the Planning Commission, and Leo Yurek, a long-time resident of Afton. The Council did not take any action, because the appointment was to be considered at the regular Council meeting of January 15, 2019.

B. Options for House on Wastewater Treatment System Site

Moorse explained that the wastewater treatment system site is a 25 acre site, the northern portion of which is being used for the wastewater treatment system and the southern portion of which includes a house and garage. The house has been unused since the City's purchase of the property. Moorse described several potential options for the house.

The Council discussed the options and requested Moorse to obtain additional information regarding the options, including the value of a 5-acre parcel that would include the house, and whether Belwin would be interested in leasing the house and adjacent land for its programming.

C. Designate the Official Newspaper – Resolution 2019-01

Motion/Second: Nelson/Wroblewski. To adopt resolution 2019-01 designating the St. Paul Pioneer Press as the City's Official Newspaper for 2019. Motion carried 3-0-0.

- 55 D. Designate the City Attorney and Prosecuting Attorney – **Resolution 2019-02**
56 **Motion/Second: Wroblewski/Nelson to adopt Resolution 2019-02 Designating the firm of Holstad and**
57 **Knaak, PLC as the City Attorney and Prosecuting Attorney through January 31, 2020. Motion**
58 **carried 3-0-0.**
- 59 E. Designate the City Engineer – **Resolution 2019-03**
60 **Motion/Second: Nelson/Palmquist. To adopt Resolution 2019-03 Designating WSB as the City**
61 **Engineer for a term expiring January 21, 2020. Motion carried 3-0-0.**
- 62 F. Designate the Official Signatories for Payroll and Checks – **Resolution 2019-04**
63 **Motion/Second: Nelson/Wroblewski. To adopt resolution 2019-04 designating Mayor Bill Palmquist,**
64 **Council member Randy Nelson, City Administrator Ron Moore and City Clerk Julie Yoho as official**
65 **signatories for payroll and checks. Motion carried 3-0-0.**
- 66 G. Designate the Official Depositories – **Resolution 2019-05**
67 **Motion/Second: Wroblewski/Nelson. To adopt resolution 2019-05 designating US Bank and the 4M**
68 **Fund as official depositories. Motion carried 3-0-0.**
- 69 H. Schedule Work Session
70 Moore listed a number of items for discussion at a work session and indicated he would coordinate with the
71 Council members to select a date.
- 72 I. Schedule Neighborhood Meeting with River Road Residents Who Have Been Connected to
73 the 201 Community Septic System
74 Moore provided background regarding the 201 sewer system that formerly served River Road properties
75 and the transition to the new city sewer system and the poor condition of the 201 system sewer lines on
76 River Road.
77 The Council questioned why the replacement of the River Road sewer lines was not included in the
78 Downtown Village Improvement Project, and requested staff to research how that decision was made.
79 The Council also discussed scheduling a neighborhood meeting with the River Road residents to discuss the
80 monthly sewer fee these residents will need to pay in place of the 201 system fee they formerly paid; and to
81 discuss the condition of the 201 system sewer lines on River Road and the process of determining how and
82 when those lines will be replaced.

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84 **5. ADJOURN –**

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86 **Motion/Second: Nelson/Wroblewski. To adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried 3-0-0.**

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88 Respectfully submitted by:

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92 Ronald J. Moore, City Administrator

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94 **Approved by Council (on February 19, 2019) as (check one): Presented: X Amended: _____**

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96 **Signed by Mayor Bill Palmquist _____ Date _____**