

On Monday, August 24, 2009 the meeting of the Albert Lea City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Center Council Chambers by Mayor Pro-Temp Al Brooks

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Pro-Temp Al Brooks, Councilors Vern Rasmussen, Larry Baker, Ellen Kehr, Reid Olson and Larry Anderson. Absent: Mayor Michael Murtaugh. Also present were City Manager Victoria Simonsen, and Council Secretary Shirley Slater-Schulte.

- a. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Pro-Temp Al Brooks stated that Mayor Murtaugh is absent for this meeting,

***2. CONSENT AGENDA**

- *a. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2009.**

- *b. **RESOLUTION 09-151 – APPROVING CLAIMS:** Resolution 09-151 represents the financial claims of the City.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 09-151 included with these minutes.)

- *c. **LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

ANNUAL LICENSE(S)

Off-Sale Liquor

Southtown Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Southtown Liquor of Albert Lea, 1018 S. Broadway
D. Malakowsky, Inc., d/b/a Aragon Bar, 130 W. College, Albert Lea, MN 56007

On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor

D. Malakowsky, Inc., d/b/a Aragon Bar, 130 W. College, Albert Lea, MN 56007

2:00 A.M. Closing

D. Malakowsky, Inc., d/b/a Aragon Bar, 130 W. College, Albert Lea, MN 56007

CABARET

D. Malakowsky, Inc., d/b/a Aragon Bar, 130 W. College, Albert Lea, MN 56007

Gambling License - Exempt Permit

Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber Foundation, Raffle for Freeborn County Dept. of Human

Cigarettes

Southtown Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Southtown Liquor of Albert Lea, 1018 S. Broadway
D. Malakowsky, Inc., d/b/a Aragon Bar, 130 W. College, Albert Lea, MN 56007

Archade Amusement

D. Malakowsky, Inc., d/b/a Aragon Bar, 130 W. College, Albert Lea, MN 56007

Distributor/Vending

Coinstar Entertainment Services, Inc., 397 S. Taylor Avenue, Louisville, Co 80027

Billiards/Pool Tables

D. Malakowsky, Inc., d/b/a Aragon Bar, 130 W. College, Albert Lea, MN 56007

Plumber

Superior Plumbing & Heating, 1244 60th Avenue NW, Rochester, MN 55901

S.O.B

D. Malakowsky, Inc., d/b/a Aragon Bar, 130 W. College, Albert Lea, MN 56007

3.2. On Sale Intoxicating Beer License

Albert Lea Thunder, 701 Lake Chapeau Drive, Albert Lea, MN 56007

Daveid Reiseiwitz d/b/a/ Legends Bar, 721 Marshall Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007 -
Fairgrounds

September 5, 2009 - Dance

- *d. **CALL COUNCIL WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009, 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER FOR SEWER RATE ANALYSIS.**
- *e. **CALL PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2009 PARKING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**
- *f. **CALL A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDER OF REMOVAL OF 316 RAILROAD AVENUE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 , COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**
- *g. **CALL A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE (1ST Reading) AMENDING THE TATTOO ORDINANCE, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009, COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

MOTION: Move to approve and amend the consent agenda to include Item N – Resolution Regarding Bill of Sale and Release of Easement with Northern Gas Company

Councilor Baker moved that the consent agenda items be adopted as amended, seconded by Councilor Anderson. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors: Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the motion passed.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Dawn Malakowsky, Owner of Aragon Bar requested permission to use the public parking lot behind the Aragon Bar on September 12th, 2009 from 5 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. The request is for an extension of the off-premise intoxicating license, the use of the public parking lot, which will be fenced off with security and extension of the noise ordinance from 10 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. for the street dance. This item was placed on the agenda as 4c

Mr. Paul Contreres, 701 Lake Chapeau Drive, requested a permit for the Albert Lea Thunder for September 12, 2009 and this item was placed on the agenda as 4b.

4. PETITIONS-REQUESTS-COMMUNICATIONS

a. REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES AT FOUNTAIN LAKE GAZEBO – CRIME VICTIM’S ASSISTANCE CENTER

City Manager Simonsen explained that a request was received from the Crime Victim’s Assistance Center for consideration of waiving the fees at Fountain Lake Gazebo for a candlelight vigil on October 8, 2009, to honor victims of crime. The Albert Lea Police Department assists with this event.

Rose Olmsted made the request for the Crime Victim’s Assistance Center.

MOTION: Move to approve this request and waive the \$75.00 fee.

Councilor Anderson moved to approve this request, seconded by Councilor Kehr. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the motion passed.

b. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE AND DANCE PERMIT – ALBERT LEA THUNDER

Mr. Paul Contreres, Marketing Director for the Albert Lea Thunder stated that the Albert Lea Thunder is requesting a temporary 3.2 on-sale intoxicating liquor license and dance permit for a Prep Rally, September 12, 2009 from 3:00-6:00 pm to be held in the parking lot of the City Arena.

MOTION: Move to approve this request subject to the approval of the Police Department.

Councilor Olson moved to approve this request, seconded by Councilor Baker. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the motion passed.

c. REQUEST FROM ARAGON BAR FOR TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE AND DANCE PERMIT

MOTION: Move to approve this request subject to the approval of the Police Department.

Councilor Rasmussen moved to approve this request, seconded by Councilor Baker. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the motion passed.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 09-152 – APPROVING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 5-21

City Manager Simonsen explained that a public hearing is being held to receive input regarding the formation of Tax Increment Financing District 5-21 and the use of tax increment financing for Bridon Cordage, LLC. The project involves the construction of a 103,000 square foot warehouse expansion to its existing manufacturing facility. The city would provide pay-as-you-go tax increment financing to the project. This means that the company will pay 100% of the project costs and that the city will reimburse the company for eligible site improvements in an amount not to exceed \$597,424 out of future receipt of tax increments.

Mr. Ed Tschida was present and explained that this resolution would authorize the formation of economic development Tax Increment Financing District 5-21 and authorize the mayor and city manager to enter into a development agreement with Bridon Cordage approving the use of TIF financing for the expansion. The financing shall be terminated no later than 2019. Notification was given to the County and School District.

Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks opened the public hearing and called three times for public input.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution 09-152 was introduced by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Rasmussen. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said resolution: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the resolution passed

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 09-152
included with these minutes)

b. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 09-153 – ADOPTING MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENT ROLL 75 & 76

City Manager Simonsen explained that a public hearing is being held to receive input involving miscellaneous assessments (Roll No. 0075 & 0076) for unpaid utility bills, refuse removal, and mowing for which payment to the city has not been received. Persons affected by the assessments have been notified of the public hearing. The assessments shall be payable in a single installment and shall bear interest at the rate of six percent per annum unless paid in their entirety within 30 days from the adoption of this resolution.

Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks opened the public hearing and called three times for public input.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution 09-153 was introduced by Councilor Baker, seconded by Councilor Kehr. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said resolution: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the resolution passed

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 09-153
included with these minutes)

**c. PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTING PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS ROLL 0108
(MOTION TO TABLE)**

City Manager Simonsen explained that a public hearing is being held to receive input regarding Job 0108 involving the street and utility construction for Township Road 105. The project costs were held for future assessment in Resolution 02-200 passed by city council on September 23, 2002 and are now due and payable.

The current resolution identifies that the assessments shall be payable in equal annual installments over the next ten years and shall bear interest at the rate of 4.75% unless paid within 30 days from the adoption of this resolution. The current owner of the property, Mr. John Chadwick, is requesting that the assessments once again be held for future assessment until September, 2014 due to the economic downturn that retail businesses are currently experiencing during this recession.

Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks opened the public hearing and called three times for public input.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Move to table until the next City Council Meeting.

Motion was introduced by Councilor Olson, seconded by Councilor Rasmussen. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said motion: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the motion passed

**d. PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION 09-154 – TO AMEND
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADOPT THE WALKABILITY STUDY AND
REPLACE FIGURE 4.6 AS “NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION
CORRIDORS.”**

City Manager Simonsen explained that a public hearing is being held to receive input regarding the proposal to amend the comprehensive plan to include the Dan Burden

Walkability Study as Appendix D and replace Figure No. 46 which identifies non-motorized transportation corridors. The Walkability Study was conducted as part of the AARP/Blue Zones Vitality Project and identifies policy direction and implementation strategies for sidewalks, biking, and trails master plans. The planning commission conducted a public hearing on August 18 and unanimously adopted the Walkability Study and voted to amend the comprehensive plan to include it, as well as replace Figure No. 46 with the new Non-Motorized Transportation Corridors, Shared Users Paths and Bikeways map.

Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks opened the public hearing and called three times for public input.

There was not public comment.

Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution 09-154 was introduced by Councilor Kehr, seconded by Councilor Anderson. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said resolution: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the resolution passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 09-154
included with these minutes)

**e. PUBLIC HEARING – AUTHORIZING ORDER FOR REMOVAL FOR 501 E. 8TH
(MOTION TO TABLE)**

City Manager Simonsen explained that a public hearing is being held to receive input regarding the order for removal of a dilapidated structure at 501 E. 8th, owned by contract for deed, by Lee Ellen Sundholm. An order for removal is required by the city council as part of the process to obtain a court order for the action.

The structure is currently considered hazardous for the following reasons: missing windows, sagging roof, missing and deteriorated shingles, missing water protection, interior walls and soffits have been removed, the furnace, water heater and piping, as well as electrical, water and gas service have all been removed or disconnected. The owner was notified on June 1, 2005, that the property was unfit for human habitation and has not yet brought the property up to minimum housing standards.

Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks

Mr. Greg Sundholm stated that they have been working on the house and the roof has 6 layers of shingles and that is why the roof is sagging. Siding and eaves should be completed within this next week. They are currently working to restore this residence and are requesting a stay on this order.

Fire Chief Paul Stieler stated that this property has been condemned in 2005 and 2006. The current owner has completed considerable amount of work on fixing up of this property. I would recommend that this matter be table for 30 days and complete a plan for the completion of this project.

MOTION: Move to table this item for 30 days and completion of an action plan.

Motion was offered by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Baker. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said resolution: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the motion passed.

f. PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE 124,4d – (1st Reading) AMENDING CHAPTER 54 OF CITY CODE (Subdivision Ordinance)

City Manager Simonsen explained that on August 18, 2009, the Albert Lea Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the City council approval of an amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance by adding Section 129 (t) requiring that all subdivisions shall be designed with complete streets. Complete streets means a system that provides for auto, truck, pedestrian and alternate vehicle travel including bicycles, scooters, wheelchairs and other transportation devices. The section further describes details of the systems. A second reading of the ordinance would occur at the September 14 city council meeting. It is requested that a summary of the ordinance be published.

Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks opened the public hearing and called three times for public input.

There was not public comment.

Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks closed the Public Hearing.

Ordinance 124,4d was introduced by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Olson. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said Ordinance: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared Ordinance 124,4d (1st Reading) passed.

g. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74 OF CITY CODE (Zoning Ordinance) TO REQUIRE DESIGN STANDARD IN THE B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT (TABLED)

City Manager Simonsen explained that on August 18, 2009, the Albert Lea Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider an amendment to the current zoning ordinance that would require design standards in the B-2 community business district. The amendment would include specific building design standards for vertical surfaces, including the fronts, sides and rear of buildings in the city's main business corridors. Details are outlined in the resolution. A second reading of the ordinance would occur at the September 14, 2009 city council meeting. It is requested that a summary of the ordinance be published.

Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks

Mr. Randy Kehr, 1712 Plainview Lane and Executive Director of the Chamber spoke to this issue and is in support design standards. The design standards that are being proposed are not being supported at this time. There are too many restrictions at this time. Mr. Kehr suggested that this be sent back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and review of the design standards. Mr. Kehr referred to design standards from other surrounding communities.

Mr. Tony Trow, 522 Park Avenue, a member of the Planning Commission stated that all of us have been asked questions regarding the previous buildings. Currently, you can do just about anything in the B-2 Community Business District regarding buildings. The Planning Commission has made an attempt to start somewhere with some design standards.

Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks.

Mr. Bob Graham, City Planner, stated that the city has been working on these design standards for some time. Several public meetings have been held, have worked with the Chamber and a Design Team, and we have had requests for a design standards from the Albert Lea Listens Committee.

MOTION: Move to referred this back to the Planning Commission for further study and review.

Motion was introduced by Councilor Kehr, seconded by Councilor Anderson. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said Ordinance: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the motion passed.

h. ORDINANCE 125,4d – (1ST Reading) AMENDING ORDINANCE 1-13 – GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS

City Manager Simonsen explained this is the first reading for an amendment to Ordinance 1-13 pertaining to penalty provisions in the city code. In 2000, the maximum fine for a misdemeanor increased from \$700 to \$1,000 and from \$200 to \$300 for petty misdemeanors. It is recommended that the city code reflect this law change and be up to date with state law. The second reading of this amendment would occur at the September 14, 2009 city council meeting.

Ordinance 125,4d was introduced by Councilor Rasmussen, seconded by Councilor Baker. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said Ordinance: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared Ordinance 125,4d (1st Reading) passed.

I. RESOLUTION 09-155 – ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT 2009 TH 13 CONCRETE SIDEWALK CONTRACT NO. 1 – CLARK STREET TO 9TH STREET TO ELMIRA STREET (Job 0807)

City Manager Simonsen explained that on August 19, 2009, sealed bids for the Sidewalk Project along Highway 13 (Clark Street to 9th Avenue to Elmira Street) were opened and tabulated. Four bids were received on the project ranging from \$65,577 to \$87,298. At the bid opening, Custom Concrete, Albert Lea, was the apparent low bidder on the project. However, after reviewing the bid proposals, Custom Concrete had made an error on one of the bid items causing them not to be the low bid. Because of this, staff recommends the low bid of \$67, 590.45 as submitted by Sorensen Brothers, Inc. be accepted. This resolution would authorize the mayor and city manager to enter into a contract with Sorensen Brothers, Albert Lea, for Concrete Sidewalk Contract No. 1. The engineer's estimate on the project was \$71,810.

Resolution 09-155 was introduced by Councilor Baker, seconded by Councilor Olson. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said resolution: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the resolution passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 09-155
included with these minutes)

j. RESOLUTION 09-156 – ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT ON 2009 STREET & SEWER SLIPLING CONTRACT NO. 1, NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – WILLAMOR ROAD STREET RECONSTRUCTION (Job 0911)

City Manager Simonsen explained that on August 19, 2009, sealed bids were received, opened and tabulated for Job 0911 involving the reconstruction of the curb and gutter, bituminous surface and aggregate base, as well as slip lining of the sanitary sewer on Willamor Road. Two bids were received on the project: Ulland Brothers, Albert Lea - \$152,712.90 and Sorenson Brothers, Albert Lea - \$149,511.37. The engineer's estimate on the project was \$183,158.10. This resolution would authorize the mayor and city manager to enter into a contract with Sorenson Brothers for this project.

Resolution 09-156 was introduced by Councilor Rasmussen, seconded by Councilor Baker. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said resolution: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the resolution passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 09-156
included with these minutes)

k. RESOLUTION 09-157 – APPROVING REPLAT OF SUMMERDALE SECOND ADDITION

City Manager Simonsen explained that this resolution would authorize the re-plat of Lots 6-9, Block 1 and Lots 1-2, Block 2 of Summerdale Second Addition for the purpose of creating six lots for twin home development. This development is located on the cul-de-

sac of Hale Drive. The planning commission reviewed the request at their August 18, 2009, meeting and unanimously agreed to the re-plat as prepared by Jones, Haugh & Smith dated July 2009.

Resolution 09-157 was introduced by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Rasmussen. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said resolution: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the resolution passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 09-157
included with these minutes)

I. RESOLUTION 09-158 – AMENDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT OF JARED DAWSON/SUMMERDALE SECOND SUBDIVISION

City Manager Simonsen explained that the planning commission also reviewed a request from Mr. Jared Dawson to amend the conditional use permit for the Summerdale Second Addition to allow additional for-sale duplex development on Lots 1-4, Block 1 and Lots 1-2, Block 2, noting that the building design shall be consistent with the design of the existing units and that each half of the two-unit buildings will be treated as individual lots.

Resolution 09-158 was introduced by Councilor Baker, seconded by Councilor Rasmussen. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said resolution: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the resolution passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 09-158
included with these minutes)

m. RESOLUTION 09-159 – APPROVING PROJECT PLANS FOR MAIN STREET STORMWATER PARK

City Manager Simonsen explained that the Shell Rock River Watershed District, the City of Albert Lea and Earth Wizards, Inc. are presenting plans for the storm water management site located along Main Street, near Culligan and Fleet Farm. The project involves the installation of rain gardens, porous sidewalks, parking, limestone paths and relocation of roadways. This resolution would accept the plans and authorize the use of city staff to stake, grade and install storm water piping, as well as landscaping as an "in-kind" contribution toward the project. Earth Wizards would be contracted by the Watershed District to perform all other work. This resolution would also serve as public notification that the roadway and parking at this location will be modified.

Resolution 09-159 was introduced by Councilor Kehr, seconded by Councilor Anderson. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said resolution: Councilors

Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the resolution passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 09-159
included with these minutes)

n. RESOLUTION 09-160 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE BILL OF SALE AND RELEASE OF EASEMENT FROM NOTHERN NATUR GAS COMPANY

City Manager Simonsen explained that this resolution authorize the city manager and city attorney to enter into an agreement with Northern Natural Gas for a deed of easement. Northern Natural Gas currently has an abandoned pipeline that runs across the airport property. The city needs to remove the pipeline in order to continue with the grading of the runways. The funding to enter into the bill of sale for \$1.00 and the necessary abatement would be paid for with federal funding of 95% and city funds equaling 5% of the costs.

Resolution 09-160 was introduced by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Baker. On roll call vote, the following councilors voted in favor of said resolution: Councilors Rasmussen, Baker, Kehr, Olson, Anderson and Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks. Mayor Pro-Temp Brooks declared the resolution passed.

(See Secretary's Original Resolution 09-160
included with these minutes)

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS
• Mayor/Ward and Committee Updates

First Ward, Councilor Rasmussen reported:

- Committee Updates
- Standing water on Ridge
- Thank you to city staff on all of their hard work in developing the budgets
- Thank you to Blue Zones, encourage everyone to take advantage of this project.

Second Ward, Councilor Baker reported:

- Committee Updates
- No Ward Items
- Looking forward to the "Walking Buses"

Third Ward, Councilor Kehr reported:

- Committee Updates.
- No Ward Items
- Thank you to staff for all of their hard work.

Fourth Ward, Councilor Olson reported:

- Committee updates
- School Starting, please drive careful

Fifth Ward, Councilor Anderson:

- Committee Updates
- Representative Walz will be in Albert Lea August 25, 2009

Six Ward, Councilor Brooks:

- Committee updates
- 1709 Oakwood Terrace, lot next to it, junk on this lot
- South Shore Drive Utility work

City Manager's Report:

- Walking Moai on Thursday, August 27, 2009, to end at the Fairgrounds
- Return of Good Morning America to see our Walking Buses
- Comment on events, personal request to Michelle Obama and asking for a writing campaign to invite Michelle Obama and her family to attend
- Request regarding children playing in the streets, City Attorney to give his opinion – there are few cities that regulate people playing in the streets,
- Encourage the public to walk in the walk on Thursday evening.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:29 P.M.

Councilor Anderson moved and Councilor Baker seconded that there being no further business, the council meeting be adjourned at p.m., until the next regular meeting of the Albert Lea City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2009. On roll call vote, all councilors voted in favor of said motion. Mayor Murtaugh declared the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Pro-Temp Al Brooks

Filed and attested August 25, 2009.

Secretary to the Council