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Public Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF KOOCHICHIING

NINTH JUDICAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 36-PR-14-251

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING
ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

Estate of: Pearl Marie Hooker
Decedent

It is ordered and Notice is given that on June 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. A hearing will be held in this Court at 715 Fourth Street, International Falls, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated February 24, 2014 under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Gary Dean Hooker, whose address is 1120 7th Avenue, International Falls, MN 56649 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501B.41, subd. 5.

Dated: 4-21-14

(COURT SEAL)

BY THE COURT
/s/ Charles H. LeDuc
Judge of District Court

Dated: 4-21-14

/s/ Sara Thompson, Deputy
CourtAdministrator

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May 14th & 21st, 2014

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: 06/22/2009
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$59,500.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Erin E Lundin
MORTGAGEE: Riverwood Bank
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 06/23/2009 as Document Number A000265926 in the Office of the County Recorder, Koochiching County, Minnesota
ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to U.S. Bank National Association
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 06/25/2009 as Document Number A000265950 in the Office of the County Recorder, Koochiching County, Minnesota
TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 92-027-01061
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: THE NORTH 10 FEET OF LOT 6; LOT 7, LESS THE NORTH 60 FEET; BLOCK 1; SUNNYSIDE ADDITION TO INTERNATIONAL FALLS (NOW KNOWN AS AUDITOR'S PLAT NO. 26); KOOCHICHIING COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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ABSTRACT PROPERTY
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1117 13th Ave, International Falls, MN 56649
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Koochiching
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Riverwood Bank
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE AS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE: \$63,122.74

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes.
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Koochiching, Minnesota at public auction as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 5/20/2014 at 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Koochiching Sheriff's Office, 715 4th Street, International Falls, MN to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law.
The time allowed by law for redemption by said Mortgagor(s) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY:
If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on 11/20/2014, or the next business day if 11/20/2014 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM
FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: 4/2/2014
U.S. Bank National Association, Mortgagee
Klatt, Odekirk, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C., By Brian G. Sayer, Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee
925 E. 4th Street, Waterloo, IA 50703

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT

The attached referenced sale scheduled for 5/20/2014 is hereby postponed until 6/24/2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Koochiching Sheriff's Office, 715 4th Street, International Falls, MN 56649. Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, the premises must be vacated by 11:59 p.m. on 12/24/2014 or the next business day if 12/24/2014 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Dated: 5/1/2014
U.S. Bank National Association, Mortgagee
Klatt, Odekirk, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C., By Brian G. Sayer, Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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May 14th, 2014

Public Notice

April 7, 2014 Minutes
4:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of International Falls, Minnesota, was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 7th day of April, 2014 at the hour of 4:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Eklund, Jaksa, Rognerud, and Mayor Anderson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Kalar

Motion by Councilor Jaksa to approve minutes of the regular city council meeting of March 17, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Jaksa to approve transfer of Lodging Tax in the amount of \$156.11 from Fund 812 to Fund 101. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Jaksa to approve payment of claims from various funds of the city including checks 52854-52975 in the amount of \$401,625.13. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried

unanimously.
Checks 97799-97835 were issued under blanket authorization in the amount of \$172,636.69.
None.

Mayor Anderson read that three bids were received - Utility Systems of America, Inc. bid of \$541,322; Bowman Asphalt Products, Inc. bid of \$510,430; and Wagner Construction, Inc. with the low bid of \$410,254.50.
Motion by Councilor Rognerud to approve the first reading of contract Ordinance No. 956 to accept the low bid in the amount of \$410,254.50 and award the contract to Wagner Construction, Inc. for the City of International Falls 2013 Multi-Modal Distribution Center Site Improvements. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa.
Discussion followed with concerns raised by the public and Mayor regarding whether the investment of \$300,000 of local money made sense with no prospective client ready to commit to building. It was explained that the Minnesota Transportation Economic Development (TED) grant of \$657,400 was extended once. There have been meetings with strong development prospects for the Multi-Modal site. Approving this project bid will allow for the extension of utilities to additional sites, local funds have been spent to relocate the leachate line, and the Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee also supports moving forward. The TED grant conditions include the need to create 50 jobs in 5 years. Some present questioned whether it was a worthwhile expenditure of money when nothing has occurred on the site in the last 8 to 10 years even with a Foreign Trade Zone designation. There was satisfaction expressed on the Council that a local contractor was the low bid resulting in local construction jobs.
Motion carried with Councilors Eklund, Rognerud, and Jaksa voting yea and Mayor Anderson voting nay.

Motion by Councilor Jaksa to accept the recommendations of the EDA to construct a trail, construct a monument, ensure the site does not become degraded, and explore annexing the property. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud whom noted that a developer is interested in constructing a rental or owner-occupied association supported development on part of the site. In discussion, there were questions raised about what a "first class trail" is, why the property could not be given back, and what would happen if the contract was broken. The City Attorney replied that the City could live up to the contract, default, negotiate, or end up in court. Others complained that the visioning process would only allow positive comments. Information was discussed noting that the existing trail is satisfactory, that loggers could be invited to take lumber along the trail route, Bowman Construction had agreed to donate rock, and Lelf Larson would etch the monument.
The motion was amended to add that no hunting would be permitted on the property due to the trails. No ATVs were allowed as part of the minimum actions recommended and listed on page 5 of the visioning document. Steve Shermoen commented that the EDA Advisory Board did not intend a definitive use of the trails. He said the proposal envisioned a meeting with neighbors and current users about what they like and don't like, then decide what should be allowed and not allowed on the property with hunting being the only prohibition at this time. Mayor Anderson said this site maintenance would be a low priority of the Infrastructure Committee. Councilor Rognerud stated the recommendation is to do the minimum actions and fully comply with the terms of the contract. Sale terms and appraisal costs were further discussed.

Councilor Jaksa called the question to approve the EDA recommendations for the Donahue property to construct a trail, construct a monument, ensure no site degradation, explore annexation, and to prohibit hunting. Councilor Eklund said he would vote in the affirmative to honor the contract.
Motion carried with Councilors Eklund, Rognerud, and Jaksa voting yea, and Mayor Anderson voting nay.
Motion by Councilor Rognerud to approve the consent agenda as follows:
1. Approve revised council agenda format and meeting rules of conduct pamphlet,
2. Approve/allow necessary expenses for Bill Tomczak to attend the 2014 Spring Solid Waste Landfill Operator Training on June 19, 2014 in Virginia, MN,
3. Approve/allow necessary expenses for Kelly Meyers, Bldg Official to attend the Minnesota Safety & Health Conference on May 6-8, 2014 in Minneapolis, MN, and
4. Approve Sand Creek Group, Ltd Employee Assistance Program Annual Agreement and Invoice for \$2,846.25.
Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilor Eklund to approve the On-sale Liquor License for the Backus Community Center. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Jaksa to authorize the hiring of two Paramedics for two vacancies effective April 4, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.
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None.
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2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Eklund to authorize the hiring of eight volunteer firefighters effective April 1, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Jaksa to authorize the hiring of two Part-time Patrol Officers. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud. The Council requested the officers be introduced to the Council. Captain Lynch responded they will be introduced after successful completion of a background investigation of each candidate. Motion carried unanimously.
Mayor Anderson introduced this item and requested the City Administrator summarize the financing options in his report. Administrator Kenneth Anderson reported he had drafted a resolution for Council action supporting the Falls International Airport Terminal Building expansion project and requesting that the Airport Commission study all financing options for funding the proposed local share of the project estimated to be \$1,000,000. The Airport Agreement specifies that half the cost will be paid by the City and half paid by Koochiching County. Administrator Anderson explained the financing options were very preliminary and the financing plan was subject to change based upon uncertainty about the level of federal and state funding contributions. Local funding sources included cash in the form of reserve funds or undesignated monies, municipal bonds; establishment of an Airport Authority and taxing district; Airport Commission, City, and County agreement to adjust the contributions of each party through authority identified in the existing joint powers Airport Agreement; expand the number of partners to the existing Airport Agreement; dissolve the Airport Agreement and transfer airport responsibilities solely to the County or the City; or close the airport. Discussion followed.

Consensus was to not take action to allow the City Council time to review the new resolution that was just presented tonight and take the matter up for consideration again at the April 21, 2014 regular meeting.
Motion by Councilor Eklund to approve Resolution No. 15-14, Authorization to Execute MnDOT Grant Agreement to fund 70% of the cost to replace a failed boiler and authorize a transfer to the airport from the General Fund. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Rognerud to approve Resolution No. 16-14, Approving Application and permit for a 1 to 4 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the Bass Championship. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Jaksa to approve Mayor Anderson's appointment of Dave Farmer and Mike Rud to the North Koochiching County Sanitary Sewer Board. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilor Eklund to approve forwarding a letter to State Representative David Dill and State Senator Tom Bakk on City support of legislation to fund state grants to local units of government with ice arenas to convert the cooling plant from using R-22 freon. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Jaksa to authorize the Mayor to sign and extend an invitation to elected officials, regulators, and service providers to attend a Medical NAFTA meeting in July, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Jaksa to approve the Mayoral Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month as April 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Eklund to approve Mental Health Month Mayoral Proclamation May 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.
The next regular City Council meeting is April 21, 2014.
The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Anderson at 6:48 P.M.

ATTEST:

Robert W. Anderson
Mayor

Kenneth R. Anderson
City Administrator

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April 21, 2014 City Council Minutes
4:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of International Falls, Minnesota was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 21st day of April 2014 at the hour of 4:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Jak-

sa, Kalar, Rognerud and Mayor Anderson.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Eklund
Motion by Councilor Jaksa to approve minutes of the regular city council meeting of April 7, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Jaksa to approve transfer from Water and Sewer fund 601 for administrative costs to General fund 101 in the amount of \$16,492.00. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Kalar to approve transfer from Water and Sewer fund 601 for capital outlay projects to Reserve for Capital Outlay fund 403 in the amount of \$15,958.50. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Jaksa to approve payment of claims from various funds of the city including checks 52976-53082 in the amount of \$229,390.69. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.
Checks 97837-97852 were issued under blanket authorization in the amount of \$80,598.71.
None.
None.

Mayor Anderson requested that New Business Items No. 7 and 8 be moved for consideration now because of the public present for both items. The City Council consented.
Mayor Anderson read Jerry Jensen's letter of resignation submitted after over 17 years of distinguished service as Fire Chief. The Mayor recognized Chief Jensen for a job well done in making improvements and expanding services with ambulance capabilities and fire prevention the hallmark of the Fire Department. Councilors joined in praising Chief Jensen for his hard work, state award as Fire Officer of the year in 2013, and high level of professionalism demonstrated during his years of service as Fire Chief. All wished him a wonderful retirement.

Motion by Councilor Kalar to accept the resignation of Fire Chief Jerry Jensen effective May 26, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.
Mayor Anderson introduced his appointment of Adam Mannausau as Fire Chief effective May 27, 2014. The Mayor recited the exhaustive process used to evaluate the four internal candidates and hire the new Chief. He explained the Fire Civil Service Commission administered a 75 question written exam that was forwarded to the Fire Certification Board in Blaine for grading and results, an oral interview was held with Fire and Ambulance employees and rank scoring of candidates, an oral interview was held with the Fire Chiefs from Virginia, Hibbing, and Bemidji and rank scoring, and a final 45 minute interview of each of the four candidates was conducted by the Mayor. The Home Rule Charter in Section 28 states that the Mayor shall make the appointment of the Fire Chief subject to the majority vote of the City Council.

Councilor Kalar moved to approve the Mayors appointment of Adam Mannausau as Fire Chief effective May 27, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried unanimously.
Mayor Anderson administered the oath of office as Fire Chief to Adam Mannausau and described the significance of the Badge and 5 Bugle pin placed on the shirt lapels by his friends/family during the ceremony. Fire Chief Jensen introduced new employees Ben Duval and Tanner Bombenger to the Council. He also noted that the appointment of the new Fire Chief created a vacancy for a Firefighter Engineer and he recommended that Ms. Miranda Sears be appointed as her name was next on the Civil Service Commission approved roster of qualified candidates.

Motion by Councilor Rognerud to approve the first time appointment of a female, Ms. Miranda Sears, as Firefighter Engineer. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Rognerud to table this agenda item to May 5, 2014 due to the absence of the City Attorney and Public Works Director. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Kalar to approve Resolution 17 -14 Supporting the Falls International Airport Terminal Building Expansion and Requesting an Airport Commission Study of Financing Options. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud. Extensive discussion and/or questions followed about ensuring the fair and equitable distribution of the local share of project costs between the City and the County, the number of jobs to be created, the total amount of project costs, potential for establishing an airport authority, inadequacy of the sterile area in the current building without rest room facilities, TSA and Customs and Border Protection facility design issues, the number of international flights, the number of charter flights, the number of routine commercial service flights, the significant share of state and federal funding available for airport improvements, and the positive economic impact of passengers using local car rental services, catering services, lodging, restaurants, etc.
Motion carried unanimously. Con-

sensus of the Council was to request that the Airport Commission present the Terminal Building Expansion Project to the City Council and to the County Board, if desired, in a joint meeting when project funding sources and costs are better known. Motion by Councilor Rognerud to approve the consent agenda as presented:

1. Approve attendance by Mayor, Councilors, and City Administrator to the 2014 League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference.
Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Rognerud to approve a letter of support for Citizens for Backus/AB to provide the Summer Food Service Program for children ages 1-18. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and passed unanimously.

Mayor Anderson explained the proposed streets to be closed for the Play Streets Initiative 2014 being promoted by SHIP to encourage active lifestyles. Streets to be closed are 9th Ave. between 3rd St. and 5th St. and 4th St. between 8th Ave. and 9th Ave. The streets will be closed from 5 to 8:00 P.M. on June 11, July 9, and August 13, 2014. Hoa Sobczynski and Nancy Lee explained there will be healthy food served at Backus. Between 15 and 20 entities will be having activities in the closed streets in the area of the Farmers Market and Community Garden.

Motion by Councilor Kalar to approve the requested street closures for the Play Streets Initiative in Minnesota, 2014. Seconded by Councilor Jaksa. In discussion, it was noted this should be a safe area with little disruption to traffic. Mayor Anderson commended Dennis Jonson and the Street Department for their assistance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilor Rognerud to approve Resolution 18-14 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and after discussion, approved unanimously.

Motion by Councilor Rognerud to approve Resolution No. 19-14 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and approved unanimously.

Motion by Councilor Kalar to approve advertising and calling for bids for the 2014 Street Improvements to include 18th St. from 2nd Ave. East to 5th Ave. East and 20 Ave. south of Shorewood Drive. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and passed unanimously.
Motion by Kalar to allow for advertising and calling for bids for the Municipal State Aid Street Project for the reconstruction of 19th St. from Trunk Highway 53 to County State Aid Highway 24 (2nd Ave. East). Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.
Motion by Councilor Rognerud to approve the appointment of summer employees as requested for the Grounds, Street, Water and Sewer, Administration, and the Fire/Rescue/EMS Departments. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

Councilor Rognerud explained that a sanitary sewer study had been prepared two to three years ago to serve this area, the ARDC and citizens group recommended studying annexation of the Donahue property, a developer has expressed interest in building homes along the golf course, the City has stated its policy was to not bring sewer and water to any property unless it was located in the City. She said there is an opportunity to expand the tax base to the benefit of everyone in the City. She said this effort will be a proactive way to manage the tax base and promote growth of the City.

Mayor Anderson stated the City Council could meet with the County Board and have a public meeting so the area property owners could express their wishes, then look at furthering the process. Discussion ensued regarding wetland and utility issues and the area to be included. Consensus of the Council was to move forward and study the annexation of the Donahue property with County representatives.

Julie Patch spoke to the Council and voiced her concerns about rental homes that were not taken care of and were filthy. She said there was a lot of debris outside and messes from animals that are unacceptable. She will be taking pictures and bringing them to the Mayor.

Don Hughes addressed the Council about the Donahue property costs to do trail brushing and access to the site. He also said the blighted properties should be moved or torn down by Public Works if the owner agrees. The Council stated the City was working on methods for controlling blight.

Next regular Council meeting is Monday, May 5, 2014 at 4:30 P.M. Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:12 P.M.

ATTEST:

Robert W. Anderson
Mayor

Kenneth R. Anderson
City Administrator

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