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see it as a positive opportunity in the area and are willing to make it happen,” he said. “For people who want to help, we want to give them a forum and opportunity to do that.”

Wellcome urged people who want to get involved but can’t attend the Oct. 8 meeting to contact him at 218-286-1357 to get email updates on what’s happening. He also urged people to visit the website of Voyage Forward — Journey to Success at www.voyageforward.org

A cross section of people attended the meeting, with some people who often at-

tend events willing to help out and others that don’t often attend events, Bartkowski said.

According to the website at Voyageforward.org the group’s vision is “to address the immediate needs of impacted employees and businesses associated with the mill while charting and driving a course of growth, sustainability, and economic diversification for Koochiching County.”

Their mission plan comes in five parts:

- To connect people in need with available resources and support services such as counseling, training, education and employment opportunities;
- To retain and reemploy

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reasonable and most people will be able to handle it. We need to start somewhere or someday it will be 15 to 20 percent.”

Eklund said the city has taken good care of the water plant, distribution and repairs. The added capacity at the sewer plant from areas outside the city are playing a role in increased use.

But he added, “We’re all in this together. We’re all paying together.”

Other business

In other business Tuesday, the council agreed to revise a resolution approved earlier to contribute \$52,000 toward an effort to raise money to purchase a electric Zamboni for use at the city’s Kerry Park Arena. The existing gas-powered Zamboni generates carbon monoxide in the arena posing a safety concern.

As a result of contributions from other groups, and the potential for a Mighty Ducks grant through the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission, the city’s

share was revised to \$27,218.

Kalar acknowledged the other groups contributing include the International Falls Recreation Commission, International Falls Recreation Hockey Association, the Falls Men’s Tournament Committee and the Koochiching County Development Authority.

“The (new) Zamboni should last another 20 years, surpassing my coaching,” Kalar said.

“It’s how we get a lot things done — by coming together,” Jaksa said.

Should the grant not be awarded, the city would need to consider contributing more money in an effort to make the arena safe for players and fans.

The council agreed to discuss amending a franchise agreement with Mid-continent Communications to allow a proposed live feed to be placed outside the Falls Municipal Building.

Jaksa said the Falls Cable Commission would like the live feed to go to Backus auditorium or Rainy River Community College, but is waiting for information

“Taxpayers in the community pay more, overall.”

Bob Anderson
Falls Mayor

our talented workers

- To address the immediate needs of existing businesses and entrepreneurs to retain and create new job opportunities;
- To create a growing, sustainable and diversified economy for Koochiching County and;
- To communicate and share information and ideas, being transparent and timely.

from the college to make that decision.

She said she had hoped the amendment would be in place to allow for the live feed of an Oct. 28 candidates forum.

The council agreed to consider the amendment and its first reading of the ordinance at the Oct. 6 meeting after RRCC provides the needed information.

The council agreed to accept a proposal to conduct an orientation presentation for council members and city employees aimed at improving interpersonal communication skills.

Cost of the orientation session would be travel expenses and the city’s session may be conducted on the same day as a similar session planned for Koochiching County staff in an effort to save costs for both governments.

The council agreed it would decide on what additional services on workplace communication and interpersonal relationships for council members would be determined following the initial session.

L-BF homecoming



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The class of 2015 at L-BF High School shows off the only aquatic-based float of the homecoming parade Friday.



L-BF students enjoyed a variety of games during the homecoming pep fest Friday.

HIGHER GROUND



A crane lifts material to workers atop the Boise paper mill sheeter building where roof repairs are being made, said Lori Lyman, Boise public affairs manager.

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