

LOCALNEWS

County officials to discuss flood issues

Public asked to be patient as information is gathered

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Editor

Borderland area residents impacted by flooding will get more information about potential assistance and how to proceed following a committee meeting next week.

The Koochiching County Board is scheduled to meet with some department supervisors and emergency response officials to gather information for development of a plan to help guide members of the public. The committee meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The meeting is not intended to be a forum to disseminate information to the public. Instead, it is a preliminary step toward drafting a plan for public guidance.

Sheriff Brian Jespersen asked the public to be patient, as county officials gather information in an effort to determine just what kind of



FILE PHOTO

**Koochiching County Sheriff Brian Jespersen discussed flood issues with Congressman Rick Nolan when he toured flooded areas in June.**

assistance for which private property owners may qualify. “We’re still in the early stages,” Jespersen said. “We haven’t assessed all damages yet — the water is still high. There will be a lot to be looked at when the water goes down.”

County officials Tuesday are expected to discuss the status of a site visit by staff from the Federal Emergency Management Administration, as well as the state and federal process for the county to report damage and incurred costs to obtain as-

sistance.

FEMA staff are expected to visit the area sometime next week, said Jespersen. “They’ll be assessing damage and a lot of questions could be answered at that point,” he said.

Meanwhile, Jespersen clarified the definition of the term “public infrastructure,” which he said seems to be causing confusion. Public infrastructure refers to items such as county roads and bridges, he said.

Also on Tuesday, officials will discuss how damage and incurred costs will be collected from the county, as well as cities, towns, the state and tribal officials.

Discussion will also surround county Assessor Len Peterson’s damage assessment of private property for state tax aid and an abatement program. A survey may be considered to assist in collecting other information about damage to private property to report to FEMA.

A plan is expected to be developed to assist county property owners with removal and disposal of sandbags and debris cleanup. Information about public and environmental health issues, including wells, safety and cleanup, is also expected to be discussed Tuesday.

Officials are also scheduled to discuss the status of a Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development business survey and the potential for funding from the United States Department of Agriculture for shoreland and road-related erosion.

AGENDA

**City of International Falls - City Council Regular Meeting  
4:30 P.M., Monday, July 21, 2014  
Council Chamber, 600 Fourth Street**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Minutes of the Monday, July 7, 2014 regular City Council meeting (Council action- motion)

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**1. CLAIMS**

a. Transfer Claims

to: City of Intl Falls Fund #101 from: City of Intl Falls Fund #601 \$16,492.00  
General Water/Sewer (Council action-motion)

to: City of Intl Falls Fund #403 from: City of Intl Falls Fund #601 \$15,958.50  
Reserve for Capital Outlay Water/Sewer (Council action-motion)

a. Regular Claims (Council action-motion)

**AUDIENCE – OPEN FORUM** (The Open Forum is an opportunity for the audience to address the City Council on any matter not listed on the agenda. Please limit your comments to five minutes.)

- 1. Presentation about Dementia-Friendly Community, Doug Skrief and Myrna Meadows.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**OPENING BIDS (AND/OR QUOTES)**

- 1.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Finalize plans for Dragon Boat Races, August 9, 2014, Councilor Jaksa (Council action-motion)

**CONSENT AGENDA** The Consent Agenda allows the City Council to take action on routine matters by one motion that shall not be debated and shall be adopted by unanimous vote of those present. Any individual council member may remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the regular agenda. (Council action – motion)

- 1. License approvals:
  - a. Voyageur Restaurant LLC, Restaurant License at 1200 3rd Ave.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Approve Mayor appointments (Council action – motion)
  - a. Health Officer
  - b. Ambulance Medical Director
  - c. Library Board members
- 2. Accept letter of retirement from Rich Christie, Water Commissioner (Council action – motion)
- 3. Accept letter of resignation, Shawna Bolstad, Paramedic (Council action – motion)
- 4. Backus Rainy Lake Triathlon use of City Beach (Council action – motion)
- 5. Bronco Football Boosters 2014 advertisement (Council action – motion)
- 6. Resolution # -14 application and permit for a 1 day to 4 day temporary on-sale liquor license for International Falls Elks Lodge 1599
- 7. Any other business

**REPORTS OF ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

- 1. **Reports of the Administrator, Attorney, and Department Heads**
  - a.
- 2. **Reports of the Mayor, Council Committees, Boards and Commissions**
  - a.

**REPORTS OF MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**AUDIENCE – OPEN FORUM**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1. May 2014 and June 2014 Convention and Visitors’ Bureau meeting minutes
- 2. June 1, 2014 MN State Demographic report
- 3. June 2014 TravelerFun Lead Campaign Results (Council information)
- 4. June 2014 Falls Hunger Coalition Spring/Summer 2014 Newsletter (Council information)
- 5. July 14, 2014 Certificate of Appreciation – Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run (Council information)

**REMINDERS**

- 1. Next regular City Council meeting is Monday, August 4, 2014 at 4:30 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Note: Matters inappropriate for consideration at the meeting or not in the order specified shall not be considered except 1) with the unanimous consent of the members of the City Council, or 2) scheduled public hearings or bid lettings, but not before the time stated in the notice.

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NOTICE OF FILING  
CITY OF RANIER

The Ranier City Election will be held in conjunction with the General Election on Tuesday November 4th, 2014 for the following offices:

Two Council Members .....4-year terms

Persons interested must file an Affidavit of Candidacy at the office of the City of Ranier. The filing period is July 29th, 2014 - August 12th, 2014 by 5pm.

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Monday, July 21, 2014 • Falls High School Cafeteria

PRELIMINARIES:

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.**
- 2.0 **ROLL CALL**  
Gordon Dault \_\_\_\_\_ Willi Kostiuk \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Grover \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Hebner \_\_\_\_\_ Darrell Wagner \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Holden \_\_\_\_\_ Dena Wenberg \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4.0 **PREVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** moved \_\_\_\_\_ second \_\_\_\_\_  
carried/failed
- 5.0 **OPEN FORUM**  
5.1 Public Open Forum
- 6.0 Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 16, 2014 and the special meeting of June 24, 2014. moved \_\_\_\_\_ second \_\_\_\_\_ carried/failed
- 7.0 Approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$390,986.20 moved \_\_\_\_\_ second \_\_\_\_\_ carried/failed

OLD BUSINESS:

- 8.0 Hear a report from physical education teachers on the curriculum review cycle.
- 9.0 Act on postponement of the physical education curriculum upgrade (\$75,000) until the FY16 school year. moved \_\_\_\_\_ second \_\_\_\_\_ carried/failed
- 10.0 Hear the Activities Expense report

NEW BUSINESS:

- 11.0 **Program Consent:** moved \_\_\_\_\_ second \_\_\_\_\_ to approve items carried/failed
  - 11.1 Accept donations in the amount of \$2,166.50
    - 6/16/14 Kerry Park Hockey Tournament; Concussion Testing \$600.00
    - 6/23/14 MN Historical Society; 5th Grade Field Trip \$256.00
    - 6/25/14 Bronco Track Boosters; Track/ Cross Country Meet Tent \$810.50
    - 6/26/14 Stewart's Super One Foods; PBIS Rewards \$500.00
    - TOTAL \$2166.50
  - 11.2 Approve revised Joint Powers Agreement between the City of International Falls and Independent School District 361 for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
  - 11.3 Approve a contract with Miller, McDonald to provide audit services for FY14.
  - 11.4 Approve renewal rates from Ram Mutual Insurance Co. for workers' compensation for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$88,410.
  - 11.5 Approve renewal rates from Riverport Insurance Co. for property and liability insurance for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$68,288.32.
  - 11.6 Approve capital Health and Safety budget and acknowledge Policy 807 Health & Safety with no changes.
  - 11.7 Approve a non-financial agreement with Kootasca Head Start for collaborative services for Early Childhood Special Education and Head Start services for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
  - 11.8 Approve membership with the Minnesota School Boards' Association in the amount of \$4,904.00 for the period of 7/1/14 to 6/30/15.
  - 11.9 Approve the increase of school meal prices pursuant to the Federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 as follows:

	Breakfast	Lunch
Gr K-6	\$1.60	\$2.10
7-12	\$1.70	\$2.20
Adult	\$2.10	\$3.60

- 12.0 **Personnel Consent:** moved \_\_\_\_\_ second \_\_\_\_\_ to approve items 12.1 – 12.9.7 carried/failed

- 12.1 Appoint Jody Hamilton as the Homeless Liaison for the 2014-15 school year as recommended by Superintendent Nelson.
- 12.2 Annual approval of extended time of twenty days for the Guidance Counselor position for the 2014-15 school year.
- 12.3 Accept the resignation of Maxine Corrin as a paraprofessional effective June 30, 2014.
- 12.4 Appoint Melissa Tate as the LEA Representative in filing an application for funds as provided under Public Law 103-382 for Title I, and II funding for the 2014-15 school year.
- 12.5 Appoint Kevin Grover, Superintendent as Human Rights Officer and the Title IX Officer for the 2014-15 school year.
- 12.6 Appoint Tim Everson as the alternate Human Rights and Title IX Officer for the 2014-15 school year.
- 12.7 Appoint Beth Shermoen as the secondary Section 504 Officer and the alternate elementary Section 504 Officer for the 2014-15 school year.
- 12.8 Appoint Melissa Tate as the elementary Section 504 Officer and the alternate secondary Section 504 Officer for the 2014-15 school year.
- 12.9 Hire extracurricular coaches in accord with Schedule “C”/“D” of the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 331:

- 12.9.1 **Football** Ryan Puncochar – Assistant Coach, Chris Wade – Assistant Coach  
Will Awe – Junior Varsity Coach
- 12.9.2 **Girls' Softball** Kevin Gordon – Head Coach Katie Hamers – Assistant Coach
- 12.9.3 **Boys' Baseball** Eric Walls – Head Coach
- 12.9.4 **Boys' Track** Paul Hjelte – Head Coach, Dan Zika – Assistant Coach
- 12.9.5 **Girls' Track** Jen Erickson – Head Coach, Sheryl Henrickson – Assistant Coach
- 12.9.6 **Cheerleading Advisor** Jessica Crosby – Football, Lori Potter – Basketball Alex Ringhofer – Hockey
- 12.9.7 **NHS Advisor** Danielle Schermerhorn

- 13.0 **POLICY CONSENT AGENDA:** moved \_\_\_\_\_ second \_\_\_\_\_ to approve items 13.1 – 13.4 carried/failed

- 13.1 Approve revised Bronco Activities Handbook.
- 13.2 Approve revised Policy 514 Bullying Prohibition.
- 13.3 Approve new Policy 513.5 Kindergarten Early Entrance
- 13.4 Approve new Policy 513.6 Gifted and Talented
- 13.5 Receive Falls Elementary Student Handbook for approval in August
- 13.6 Acknowledge the Falls Figure Skating lettering requirement

**Other New Business:**

- 14.1 Approve a 1.0 FTE elementary/secondary library position with six days extended time. moved \_\_\_\_\_ second \_\_\_\_\_ carried/failed
- 14.2 Approve a contract with HCA Asset management for a property insurance appraisal. moved \_\_\_\_\_ second \_\_\_\_\_ carried/failed

REPORTS AND INFORMATION:

**15.0 Administrative Reports:**

- 15.1 Kevin Grover, Superintendent
  - 15.1.1 “Early Outs” • 15.1.2 Third grade elementary position

**16.0 Committee Reports:**

**CLOSED SESSION:** Enter into a closed session to discuss Local 510 negotiations. moved \_\_\_\_\_ second \_\_\_\_\_ to enter into a closed session at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. carried/failed

**REOPEN AND ADJOURNMENT:** Reopen the meeting and adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. moved \_\_\_\_\_ second \_\_\_\_\_ carried/failed

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Koochiching County Board of Adjustment relative to the following item on **Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.** in the County Board Room, Koochiching County Courthouse, International Falls, Minnesota.

A variance application received by **James Hartje** requesting a deviation from the required 50ft setback from the ordinary high water level (OHWL) of Rainy Lake and also a deviation from the maximum twenty-five percent impervious lot coverage in order to construct a 20 x 26ft addition onto the existing detached garage. The parcel is located along County Road 117 (Birch Point) and is described as part of Lot 23 and all Lots 24 & 25, Block 2, Plat of Birch Point and Lot 21, Auditor's Plat 4, Sec. 29, Twp 71N, Rge 23W, Koochiching County, Minnesota.

All interested parties are invited to attend the said hearing to be heard. If more information is desired, please contact the Koochiching County Environmental Services, ph. (218)283-1158.

July 14, 2014

Dale Olson  
Zoning Administrator  
Koochiching County