MILL

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operate the mill.

"In order to make this happen, to sell the mill, you have to have a willing seller and a willing buyer," Avis said. "We have doubts as to whether Resolute is a willing seller, and whether they came to the table with the idea of being willing to sell."

Expera would have been a great fit for the mill, Avis said, as Resolute doesn't want to sell the mill to a company that would compete with them.

"Expera isn't a competitor for Resolute," Avis said. "They make totally different products."

Reopening the mill would have resulted in 200 jobs at the facility, and another 800 jobs related to the operations, according to a release. That's important in building the base for the local economy, Avis said Friday during the special meeting.

"To have a strong economy, you need a good base, and manufacturing is the start," Avis said.

Koochiching Economic Development Authority Director Paul Nevanen said Monday Fort Frances and International Falls are connected both socially and economically, and more jobs in Fort Frances would mean more spending and more dollars in International Falls.

"We have to look beyond those borders, and help them get jobs back," Nevanen said. "We're tied at the hip here, and that impact can't be understated."

In order to combat Resolute's control over the local timber, Avis said there's an enhanced sustainable forest license, which gives municipalities, harvesters and other stakeholders control over the wood.

"One identity controls everything right now," Avis told The Journal Friday. "There have always been complaints from Barwick and Emo, they're always complaining the price of wood is too high."

To get an enhanced sustainable forest license, the town of Fort Frances must work with the Ontario provincial government, based in Toronto. At Friday's special meeting, it was decided local and regional officials would fly to Toronto Monday, in order to bring their issue to the provincial government on Tuesday.

Avis said at Friday's meeting Resolute has no intention of heating the mill during the winter, which means a solution needs to be found before winter. Expera doesn't want to heat the facility over the winter, he said.

A Tuesday press release from the town of Fort Frances calls for the Premier of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne, to implement the enhanced sustainable forest license for the Crossroute Forest in Ontario, and for help in securing a long-term solution for the Fort Frances mill.

"The Ministry's delay and lack of action to demand a fair negotiation regarding Crown timber may have cost the Province and Rainy River District much-needed investment," the release said. "The government must also assist financially in securing and heating the pulpmill asset immediately for this winter and facilitate meaningful negotiations concerning the sale of the pulpmill."

ELECTION

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Laura Gibbs, 18; write in, 4.

Ranier City Council

Two available seats: Ron Wilcox, 151, Joann Kellner, 114, Jeff McHarg, 111, Naomi Woods, 95.

Write-in results for Independent School District 361 will be counted this morning and will be made available later this week. With nine of 10 precincts reporting, on the ballot question on expanding the school board from six members to seven, "Yes" had 2,707 votes to "No" with 1,014.

With 4,106 precincts in Minnesota, final unofficial results were not available for state and federal races in time for publication.

State Representative District 3A

At 10:21 p.m., with 36 of 83 precincts, or 43.37 percent, reporting, District 3A Representative showed incumbent David Dill, DFL, leading with 5,517 votes, or 64.57 percent, with newcomer Eric Johnson, Republican, following with 3,016 votes, or 35.30 percent.

Governor

In the governor race, with 2,383 of 4,106 precincts reporting at 10:29 p.m., incumbent Mark Dayton, DFL, had 52.14 percent of the votes with Republican Jeff John following with 42.48 percent of the votes.

U.S. House 8th District

The hotly-contested race among the candidates for the 8th District U.S. Representative was tight at 10:20 p.m. with 245 of 810 precincts reporting. At that time, incumbent Rick Nolan, DFL, lead with 34,099 votes or 48.59 percent, followed by Stewart Mills, Republican, with 32,783 votes, or 46.72 percent. Green Party candidate Skip Sandman had 3,228 votes, or 4.6 percent.

COUNCIL

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clear.

Councilor Pete Kalar said he was confused by the issue, noting at the last meeting the council agreed to insert the language into the resolution.

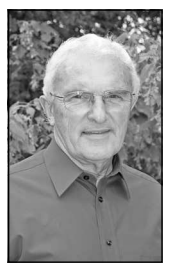
Councilor Paul Eklund said he'd like to see the resolution made more clear, so it isn't subject to various interpretation.

Anderson said he supported a simple majority vote for additions and deletions, as well as adoption, because it was "good governance."

"I think it gets to be very complicated to have two different standards: One to approve the agenda by simple majority and then to remove something from the agenda by unanimous," Anderson said.

Councilor Cynthia Jaksa said she was "disappointed" councilors were debating the resolution, and that they hadn't resolved the issue yet.

"The purpose of a unanimous consent for removal was so that no city councilor could be marginalized by the rest of the council as far as putting his or her items on the agenda," Jaksa said.



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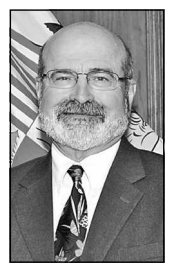

Steve Shermoen

Cynthia Jaksa

Shermoen said only requiring a majority vote to remove items from the agenda could theoretically keep things from being discussed at a council meeting, as removal would only require three votes, as opposed to the unanimous five.

"I don't ever recall that being an issue here at our council," Shermoen said. "But theoretically, it would be possible to block a topic from coming before the council."

"I agree, I don't think that ever has occurred and I don't know that it ever will," Anderson said. "I think we're certainly reaching here by the discussion, but I don't know that it's necessary to have unanimous, or have two standards."

Jaksa proposed rewriting the resolution and presenting it at a future meeting, so the council could wrap up the issue. Shermoen said rewriting the resolution would be difficult, as there doesn't appear to be a consensus on how it should be rewritten.

Jaksa said she believes addition or removal of items from the agenda should require a unanimous vote.

"I guess we have a fundamental difference of view here," Jaksa said.

In other business, the council approved a loan agreement with Koochiching County and the Borderland Humane Society to fund the remaining balance of the new animal holding facility.

According to the agreement, the final cost of the project ran $60,000 over the initial funding, so the city and county have each contributed an additional $30,000 to cover the remaining balance.

The funds are in the form of an interest-free loan to the BHS, repayable over 10 years. Shermoen said the organization can pay back the loans using gifts and donations it receives over and above its normal fundraising. If enough isn't raised to pay back the loans, he said the city and county can forgive the loans.

"These payments would be paid from exceptional donations," Shermoen said.

Councilor Gail Rognerud said when the building is completed, the city will own the land and the building. Shermoen said the furnishings and equipment in the building are being provided by the BHS and society officials hope to move into the building by the end of November.

LOOKINGBACK

25 YEARS AGO

Chad and Kim Boyer announce the arrival of their son, Caleb Mikyle, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, 21 inches long, born today at Falls Memorial Hospital.

Kelly and Arlene Steele announce the arrival of their daughter, Jenna Lea, 8 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces, 20 1/2 inches long, born today at Falls Memorial Hospital.

40 YEARS AGO

A boy was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis LaJambe, South International Falls.

Duane R. Krueger was enlisted into the Army Reserve during the present enlistment drive of Company B 367th Engineer Battalion.

Mrs. Ethel Young of the Falls was 90 years old recently and to mark the occasion, employees of the Rex Hotel, where she resides, honored her at a surprise birthday party.

50 YEARS AGO

A boy was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Braaten; weight, 5 pounds, 2 ounces; Bruce Loren.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Brennan, 1108 Oak Ave., Prospect Heights, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorraine Marie, to James J. Glowack of International Falls.

An open house at the H.E. Sandstrom home, 901 Second St., last Sunday, honored Mr. and Mrs. Greg Selsaas on their 45th wedding anniversary. The occasion was Mrs. Selsaas's birthday also.

Mrs. Tecla Holmquist, 722 Ninth St., and her twin brother, Gust Dahlstrom, of Littlefork, were guests of honor at a surprise 75th birthday supper at the home of Mrs. Holmquist on Sunday evening.

60 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Palm, the Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Leone, to Alex Katrin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Katrin, 513 Ninth St.

A son was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ruelle, 503 Fourth Ave.; weight, 3 pounds, 5 ounces. He was born on his brother Timmy's third birthday.

A daughter was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Riley Dunn; weight, 7 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces.

Champions of this season's eighth grade football are Wayne Thorson, Jerry Steele, Richard Prozinski, Sam Woods, Trevor Kittleson, John Christie, Jim Raboin, Charles Roeder, Dwayne Schultz and Sammy Johnson.

70 YEARS AGO

Anna Mae Wietecha was elected patrol leader at a meeting of Girl Scout Troop 12 in St. Thomas Hall Friday evening. Assisting her will be Katherine Rauscher.

Ensign Leon (Jack) Laurion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Laurion, 324 Eighth St., was recently reported missing after a Navy plane crash off the coast of Norfolk, Va., while qualifying for carrier landings.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Couture have closed their camp at Kettle Falls for the season and are now occupying their home in Ranier.

Pfc. Iver Vedaa arrived from Camp Devens, Mass., to spend a 14-day furlough with relatives at Indus.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Koochiching County
Canister site hauling service

Koochiching County is seeking proposals for trasportation of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) from the County's rural canister sites. With the exception of Silverdale, all MSW must be hauled to the Solid Waste Complex located near International Falls. Waste from Silverdale may be transported to the transfer station in Cook. Canister service is requested for the following sites:

Big Falls
Birchdale
Littlefork
Loman
Mizpah
Ray
Silverdale

For a complete **"Request for Proposal"** packet, please contact the Koochiching County Environmental Services Department located in the County Courthouse or call 218-283-1157.

Sealed proposals will be accepted at the Koochiching County Auditor's Office until 4:30 p.m. November 14, 2014. Submitted RFP's must be labeled "Canister Hauling Proposal".

Holiday Preview

ENJOY!
A wonderful brunch
Program featuring holiday fashion ideas and table decor

SOCIALIZE!
Bring your friends

SHOP!
Holiday Bake Sale
Gift Table

Saturday, November 8th
Doors open at 10:30am • Brunch 11am

Faith United Church
1001 Fifth Street • Int'l Falls

TICKETS: $10
Advance tickets may be purchased at:
The Hideaway
Faith United Church • 9-noon/ M-F

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Koochiching County International Falls, MN

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AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thursday, November 6, 2014
Falls High School Cafeteria
5:00 p.m.

PRELIMINARIES:

1.0 CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER

2.0 ROLL CALL

Gordon Dault _____ Darrell Wagner _____
Michelle Hebner _____ Dena Wenberg _____
Mike Holden _____ Kevin Grover _____
Will Kostiuk _____

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried/failed by a _____vote.

5.0 PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA: Moved _____ second _____ carried/failed

5.1 Approve the hire of Randy Hart as a 1.0 FTE custodian effective November 3, 2014 and in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510.

5.2 Accept the resignation due to retirement of Susan Milette, Secretary, with the last service date of February 27, 2015 and pursuant to the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510.

6.0 CANVASS SCHOOL BOARD GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS:

Moved _____ second _____ Roll Call Vote:

7.0 CANVASS SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS:

Moved _____ second _____ Roll Call Vote:

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn the meeting at _____p.m. Motion carried/failed by a _____ vote.

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