

# LOCALNEWS

## POLE DOWN



A Main Avenue resident took this photo of a street light that had fallen over in her yard Tuesday. She reported that the pole was removed from the area within an hour.

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## Retail gasoline prices climb over concerns with rising crude prices; oil inventory declines; tension in Egypt

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

After blaming higher gasoline prices on refineries for much of the early spring and summer, it now seems that higher oil prices may be to blame for an expected up tick in the national average, according to an official.

The national average price of gasoline Tuesday, \$3.52 per gallon, is 11 cents less than it was a month ago, but the gap is closing quickly as prices in recent days begun moving higher. Most notably, the Midwest and Great Lakes region have seen the steepest increases with many of those states recording 10-cent increases — or more -in just the last week.

“With NYMEX crude oil over \$105 per barrel today and with concerns about who’s running the government in Egypt and the security of the Suez Canal, it’s not surprising that we’re seeing wholesale and retail gasoline prices rise,” said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy. The key question is: ‘How long will the run-up in crude oil last?’

Prices in International Falls Sunday averaged \$3.49 per gallon, according to [www.MinnesotaGas-Prices.com](http://www.MinnesotaGas-Prices.com).

DeHaann added, “What’s even more troubling is that the Department of Energy’s weekly report today showed the second consecutive week with exceptional declines in crude oil (9.9 million barrels this week) inventory totaling a 20 million barrel decline in the past two weeks. So there’s no getting around the fact that prices go up when supply diminishes.”

“The future looks dim again for motorists as oil prices have risen \$10 per barrel in just the last two weeks. It’s all but guaranteed to mean another round of price increases as motorists hit the road for summer vacations, taking a bigger bite out of their wallets,” added Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy.

Gas prices Sunday in

Minnesota were 14.7 cents per gallon lower compared to the same day one year ago and are 39.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 14.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 7.8 cents per gal-

lon higher than this day one year ago.

GasBuddy operates MinnesotaGasPrices.com and more than 250 similar websites that track gasoline prices at more than 140,000 gasoline stations in the United States and Canada.

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### AGENDA

**City Council**  
**Monday, July 15, 2013**  
**4:30 P.M.**  
**Council Chamber**

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

#### ROLL CALL

#### MINUTES

- Approve minutes of the Monday, July 8, 2013 regular City Council meeting

#### SPECIAL ACTION CLAIMS

#### TRANSFERS

To:	From:
1. City of Intl Falls- Fund #101 General Fund	City of Intl Falls- Fund #601 \$15,952.00 Water/Sewer Admin Costs
2. City of Intl Falls- Fund #401 Permanent Improvements	City of Intl Falls Fund #601 \$16,668.00 Water/Sewer Sanitary Sewer Projects
3. City of Intl Falls- Fund #403 Reserve for Capital Outlay	City of Intl Falls Fund #601 \$15,271.25 Water/Sewer

#### REGULAR CLAIMS

- Regular Claims

#### AUDIENCE

#### OPENING BIDS AND/OR QUOTES

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### CONSENT AGENDA

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Prescription Drug Abuse Event – Lisa Santee, Problem Solving Court Coordinator and Borderland Substance Abuse Court Alumni Group
2. Budget & Finance Committee: recommendation to contribute to the Disc Golf Course Project with Rainy River Community College – Brad Krasaway
3. Bronco Football Boosters – ad for program booklet
4. City Beach transportation funding
5. Recommendation for award of - 2013 Street Improvements Project
6. Resolution -13 supporting continuance of the Transportation Economic Development (TED) Grant
7. Resolution -13 requesting Arrowhead Regional Development Commission to submit an application to the Economic Development Administration for funding an Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant
8. Any other business

#### PUBLIC HEARING

#### REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

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

#### AUDIENCE – 2<sup>nd</sup> CALL

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- July 9, 2013 – airport improvement updates
- June 2013 – Population Estimate from State Demographer

#### REMINDERS

- Next regular Council meeting is Monday, August 5, 2013 at 4:30 PM

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## Independent School District #361

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AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Monday, July 15, 2013  
Falls Elementary School Library

#### PRELIMINARIES:

##### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

##### 2.0 ROLL CALL

Gordon Dault _____	Darrell Wagner _____
Michelle Hebner _____	Dena Wenberg _____
Michael Holden _____	Nordy Nelson _____
Willi Kostiuik _____	

##### 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 18, 2013 and the special meeting of June 27, 2013. Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ carried/failed

##### 7.0 Approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$696,679.38. Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ carried/failed

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### 8.0 Program Consent: Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ carried/failed

8.1	Accept donations in the amount of \$6,300.00	
6/18/13	Kerry Park Hockey Tournament Board; Computerized Concussion Testing	\$500.00
6/18/13	Bronco Swim Booster Club; Volunteer Boys Swim Coach	\$500.00
6/27/13	Northland Foundation; Community Garden Project	\$5000.00
7/8/13	Minnesota Historical Society; 5th Grade Field Trip	\$300.00
	TOTAL	\$6300.00

8.2 Approve the 2013-14 PSEO Agreement between ISD 361 and Rainy River Community College.

8.3 Approve the 2013-14 Concurrent Enrollment Agreement between ISD 361 and Rainy River Community College.

8.4 Approve membership in the Minnesota School Boards' Association for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$4,865.00.

8.5 Approve a student teaching contract with North Dakota State University for the 2013-14 school year.

8.6 Approve a contract with Miller, McDonald to provide audit services for FY13.

8.7 Approve renewal rates from Ram Mutual Insurance Co. for workers' compensation for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$115,915.00.

8.8 Approve capital Health and Safety budget and acknowledge Policy 807 Health & Safety with no changes.

##### 9.0 Personnel Consent: Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ carried/failed

9.1 Appoint Brenda LeDuc as the Homeless Liaison for the 2013-14 school year as recommended by Superintendent Nelson.

9.2 Approve extended time of six days for the elementary/secondary librarian position for the 2013-14 school year.

9.3 Approve extended time of twenty days for the Guidance Counselor position for the 2013-14 school year.

9.4 Approve extended time of six days for the Dean of Students position for the 2013-14 school year with additional days as needed and upon approval by the Superintendent of Schools.

9.5 Accept the resignation of Tim Mellstrom, secondary teacher, effective July 17, 2013.

9.6 Approve the hire of Cherie Sweeney as a non-union cafeteria helper for 2.75 hours per day effective August 28, 2013.

9.7 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 2013-14 school year.

9.8 Appoint Tim Everson as Human Rights Officer for the 2013-14 school year.

9.9 Appoint Susan Palm as Human Rights Officer for adult female employees for the 2013-14 school year.

9.10 Appoint Kevin Grover as the secondary Section 504 Officer for the 2013-14 school year.

9.11 Appoint Melissa Tate as the elementary Section 504 Officer for the 2013-14 school year.

9.12 Appoint Nordy Nelson as the Title IX Officer for the 2013-14 school year.

##### 10.0 Other New Business:

10.1 Approve revised Policy 426 At Will.

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ carried/failed

10.2 Adopt a resolution for non-renewal of Bruce Elson as Head Boys' Hockey Coach for the 2013-14 season. Roll call: Aye \_\_\_\_\_ Nay \_\_\_\_\_

10.3 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	\$1.50	\$2.00
7-12	\$1.60	\$2.10
Adult	\$2.00	\$3.50

#### REPORTS AND INFORMATION:

##### 11.0 Administrative Reports:

11.1 Melissa Tate, FES/WEE Principal

11.2 Tim Everson, FHS Principal

11.3 Nordy Nelson, Superintendent

11.3.1 School safety update

11.3.2 Weighted grades; committee appointment

11.3.3 Bullying Policy update; committee appointment

##### 12.0 Committee Reports:

**ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ carried/failed

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