

# Public Notices

## Public Notice

**PUBLIC HEARING Minutes**  
**Minnesota Small Cities Development Program Application**  
**February 2, 2015**  
**4:00 P.M.**

The International Falls City Council held a Public Hearing at 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Monday, February 2, 2015 to discuss the submission of a Minnesota Small Cities Development Program Application.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Anderson and Councilors Briggs, Kalar, Droba, and Jaksa

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

Mayor Anderson called the hearing to order at 4:00 P.M. and stated that the purpose of the hearing is to provide public input and to receive public input and comments on the City of International Falls' submission of a Minnesota Small Cities Development Program Application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. The application will request funds for rental rehabilitation and commercial rehabilitation.

- Isaac Meyer and Dana Herschbach, Grant Administrators of Kootasca Community Action Agency, were present to discuss:
- the proposed activities
  - their benefiting location
  - overall cost and proposed financing
  - the implementation schedule
  - residential anti-displacement

## Public Notice

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #362**  
**January 21, 2015**

The January 21, 2015 regular meeting of the School Board was called to order by Superintendent Christopher Bachmeier at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

- Election of Officers  
Nominations for school board officers were made.  
Motion by Monte Nelson, seconded by Julie Lepisto, that nominations cease and unanimous ballot be cast for those who were nominated. Whereupon said motion carried and officers were elected as follows:
- Chairperson: Doug Franz
  - Vice Chairperson: Keith Knaeble
  - Clerk: Julie Lepisto
  - Treasurer: Mike Imhof

Therefore Chairperson Doug Franz presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda by Keith Knaeble, seconded by Mike Imhof, and carried unanimously.

- Recognition:
- a) Students of the Month for December are Bailey Hagen from Jr. High and Sara Swenson from Sr. High.
  - b) Rylan Henrickson earned the 1,000 Point Award
  - c) Mrs. Meyer's BPA class raised \$1,810 towards this year's Annual
  - d) Accelerated Reader- 105 Elementary Students reached their reading goals for second quarter
  - e) Emily Knaeble and Agim Bekteshi helped with Peer-to-Peer Tech Training
  - f) High School Students helped with Senior Tech Training in the community

Correspondence:

Public Forum:

Minutes:  
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2015 regular meeting by Keith Knaeble, seconded by Monte Nelson, and Julie Lepisto abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Julie Lepisto, seconded by Keith Knaeble, and carried unanimously to approve invoices in the amount of \$473,176.62.

Motion by Monte Nelson, seconded by Mike Imhof, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Mike Imhof, seconded by Keith Knaeble, and carried unanimously.

a) Maternity Leave-Samantha Westerman

Motion by Keith Knaeble, seconded by Shelley Williams, and carried unanimously to approve Board Appointments.

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| MSHSL(1) & Supt.           | <u>Mike Imhof</u>       |                         |
| Legislative Liaison (1)    | <u>Shelley Williams</u> |                         |
| BRIC (1)                   | <u>Julie Lepisto</u>    |                         |
| ECFE (1)                   | <u>Keith Knaeble</u>    |                         |
| Title IX (1)               | <u>Doug Franz</u>       |                         |
| Building Committee (2)     | <u>Doug Franz</u>       | <u>Mike Imhof</u>       |
| Transportation (2)         | <u>Mike Imhof</u>       | <u>Monte Nelson</u>     |
| Negotiations (3)           | <u>Keith Knaeble</u>    | <u>Mike Imhof</u>       |
| Meet & Confer (2)          | <u>Monte Nelson</u>     | <u>Keith Knaeble</u>    |
| CERC (2)                   | <u>Julie Lepisto</u>    | <u>Shelley Williams</u> |
| Policy (3)                 | <u>Doug Franz</u>       | <u>Keith Knaeble</u>    |
| Curriculum (2)             | <u>Doug Franz</u>       | <u>Keith Knaeble</u>    |
| Staff Development (2)      | <u>Monte Nelson</u>     | <u>Keith Knaeble</u>    |
| Technology (2)             | <u>Monte Nelson</u>     | <u>Keith Knaeble</u>    |
| Hiring (Sports & EC) (2)   | <u>Mike Imhof</u>       | <u>Keith Knaeble</u>    |
| Hiring (Educ. & Staff) (3) | <u>Keith Knaeble</u>    | <u>Mike Imhof</u>       |
| Finance (2)                | <u>Monte Nelson</u>     | <u>Doug Franz</u>       |

Motion by Mike Imhof, seconded by Monte Nelson, and carried unanimously to set School Board compensation at (\$35) per meeting; and (\$125) per day if absent from work.

Motion by Julie Lepisto, seconded by Shelley Williams, and carried unanimously to set meal allowance at: Breakfast (\$7), Lunch (\$9), and Dinner (\$16).

Motion by Shelley Williams, seconded by Keith Knaeble, and carried unanimously to set the mileage allowance according to the IRS mileage allowance of \$0.575.

Motion by Monte Nelson, seconded by Mike Imhof, and carried unanimously to set Regular Board Meeting date and time at: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM.

Motion by Monte Nelson, seconded by Keith Knaeble, and carried unanimously to designate the following as depositories:

- Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (PFM Group)
- TruStar Federal Credit Union

Motion to designate The Journal as the official newspaper by Shelly Williams, seconded by Keith Knaeble, and carried unanimously.

- Reports:
- Littlefork CERC - Board Appointments
  - Big Falls CERC Board Appointments
  - Administrative Report: Total Enrollment is currently 380 students consisting of 178 High School and 182 Elementary Students

Motion by Mike Imhof, seconded by Monte Nelson to reschedule the regular school board meeting for the month of February to Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Monte Nelson, seconded by Mike Imhof, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

**The Journal**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

## 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 conditions of the following described mortgage:  
DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 26, 2002  
MORTGAGOR: Paul W. Dahlen, a single person.  
MORTGAGEE: Border State Bank of International Falls.  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded October 17, 2002 Koochiching County Recorder, Document No. 239608.  
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Merchants Bank, National Association. Dated October 17, 2002 Recorded October 17, 2002, as Document No. 239609.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE  
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Border State Bank of International Falls  
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Merchants Bank, N.A.  
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4920 Highway 71, Littlefork, MN 56653  
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 26.008.11100 & 26-008-12000  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South 330 feet of the NE1/4 NE1/4 lying North and West of Highway 71; the SE1/4 NE1/4 lying North and West of Highway 71; the North 330 feet of the East 565 feet of the SW1/4 NE1/4 lying north and west of Highway 71; and the South 330 Feet of the East 565 Feet of the NW1/4 NE1/4; all in Section 8, Township 68 North, Range 25, West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Koochiching County, Minnesota  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Koochiching  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$74,000.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$64,498.84  
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:  
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM  
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, International Falls, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within twelve (12) months from the date of sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on May 2, 2016, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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

Dated: February 18, 2015

Merchants Bank, National Association  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.  
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**THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.**

**The Journal**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, & April 1<sup>st</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

## Public Notice

**February 2, 2015**  
**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 2nd day of February, 2015 at the hour of 4:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilors Briggs, Droba, Jaksa, Kalar and Mayor Anderson.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

Councilor Jaksa requested to add item #11 to New Business, Nomination for the ARDC. Councilor Jaksa was selected for this nomination at the January 20, 2015 City Council Meeting and later chose to decline the nomination. MOTION by Councilor Briggs to approve the agenda with Councilor Jaksa's requested addition to the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 20, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilor Briggs and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to adopt Resolution No. 07-15 approving payment of claims and accounts payable this 2nd day of February, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

None.  
MOTION by Councilor Briggs to Approve submitting the final application for Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) grant funds to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economics Development (DEED), including approval of the:

- Citizen Participation Plan
- Residential Anti-displacement Plan
- Certification letter to DEED that the area proposed for commercial rehabilitation meets the state standard for blighted area
- Resolution approving submission of the SCDP final application to DEED

Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

City Attorney Shermoen opened discussion in regards to the annexation of property at the Multi-modal site and City-owned, 40 acre parcel. Mr. Shermoen explained that they are still attempting to work with the County on the annexation of the property at the Multi-modal site and would like to add two pieces of property to the joint agreement. The first piece of property is another City-owned 40 acre parcel, and the second piece of property is a piece of personal property owned by Dennis Wagner. Mr. Shermoen explained two options to the City Council for moving forward with the annexation process. He explained that they could continue working with the County and move forward with all three parcels in the agreement, or Petition directly with the State to have the two City-owned pieces of property annexed, which happens quite routinely and could go through automatically. Councilors Kalar and Jaksa were concerned about how long the process is taking with the County. Mr. Shermoen suggested giving the joint agreement process one more effort with the County, and if it doesn't move forward, then we can petition to the State. Mayor Anderson stated that he didn't think it would be out of line to spend a little more time working with the County after all the time spent in putting together the agreement. Councilor Droba was concerned that they would be adding more road blocks by adding more pieces of property to the joint agreement, but Mr. Shermoen believed it would be a simple addition to the paperwork. Mayor Anderson requested a map and a description of the additional properties and requested for this to be added to the agenda for the next City Council meeting on February 17, 2015.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to approve the consent agenda as presented:

1. Approve registration and expenditures for the Public Works Director to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association 31st Annual Water & Wastewater Technical Conference in St. Cloud, March 3-5, 2015
  2. Approve registration and expenditures for the Building Official and Building Maintenance personnel to attend the Building Energy Savings Conference in Duluth, MN February 23-25, 2015
  3. Approve/allow expenses for Councilor Jaksa's attendance at the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Board meeting and Legislative Action Day
  4. Approve *Customized Training Income Contract* with Advanced Minnesota for EMT Refresher Training
  5. Resolution No. 09-15 Authorizing attendance at sessions to meet licensure/certification requirements
  6. Approve Grant Agreement with the American Heart Association, Inc. for Ambulance equipment
  7. Approve acknowledgement for changes to Aflac Payroll Account and authorize signatures
- Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.
- MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve locations for proposed kiosk/interpretive sign(s) on City property as part of the proposed bike trail reconstruction project along Trunk Highway 11 to the City of Ranier. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

City Administrator Anderson explained to the Council members that due to Miller McDonald no longer providing audit services to the City of International Falls, he asked for 3-year proposals from other companies. MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to accept Schlenger Wenner & Co.'s audit proposal. Motion seconded by Councilor Briggs. Fire Chief Mannausau commented that Miller McDonald intended to continue doing the audit for the Fire Relief, but Councilor Jaksa thought it would be a price advantage to stay with one company. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve 3-year Labor Agreement Between the City of International Falls, Minnesota and Woodworkers Lodge W-33, IAMAW, AFL-CIO, for

the Police Department. Motion seconded by Councilor Briggs and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Briggs to approve 3-year Labor Agreement Between the City of International Falls, Minnesota and Woodworkers Lodge W-33, IAMAW, AFL-CIO, for the Firefighter Engineers and Paramedics. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

Mayor Anderson shared that he does not have an appointment for Health Officer at this time, and hopes to have one appointed by the next City Council meeting on February 17, 2015.

Mayor Anderson stated that when the International Falls Economic Development Authority was established in 2007, no terms were established, which was brought to his attention by City Administrator Anderson. In order to be in compliance with the State statute, terms need to be established for the Board of Directors and EDA Commissioners. City Attorney Shermoen suggested the City Council pass a resolution that states that the EDA terms be set to coincide with the City Council member's terms of office. MOTION by Councilor Kalar to accept Mr. Shermoen's recommendation to have the EDA terms coincide with the City Council member's terms of office. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Briggs to adopt Resolution No. 10-15 approving application for exempt permit for Minnesota Deer Hunter's Association, Trail End Chapter. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve Year 2015 license renewal - Miner's Inc., dba County Market, 3.2 off sale, cigarette, and gasoline pump licenses. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Briggs to adopt Resolution No. 11-15 placing on hold a Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access Channel Fee until all Subscribers in the International Falls, Ranier, and Koochiching County Area System will be required to pay such a fee. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba. Crystal Clance spoke from the audience in support of the PEG Fee and stated that it would be a great disservice to the citizens if it doesn't continue to be funded. Bob Bohr from the audience also agreed stating that there are many people who are excited about the channel. Mayor Anderson stated that the subscribers who live in the International Falls area are the only ones who pay the fee, and that there is a petition stating that everyone who is a Mid-Continent subscriber should also be charged the fee. Councilor Briggs stated that he wouldn't vote for something that would require the citizens of International Falls pay \$6.00 a year for everyone in the County to watch it for free. Robin Bjorkquist from the audience commented that we all pay taxes for things that we don't use and this, in her opinion, is a step backwards on Voyage Forward, and asked the Council members to reconsider keeping the PEG Fee. Councilor Droba believes it's a wonderful thing, but was concerned that the citizens were not aware of the fee being added. Steve Shermoen commented as a citizen that he also thought the PEG Channel is a terrific thing, but agreed we could have a public hearing to make it available in a fair and equitable way. Ward Merrill said it was important to a democracy to communicate and KCC-TV supports our quality of life. Mayor Anderson noted if the PEG Fee was removed it could be added later if the City of Ranier and County Board approve it for the Midcontinent subscribers in their areas. Councilor Briggs withdrew his MOTION to approve Resolution No. 11-15. MOTION by Mayor Anderson to adopt Resolution No. 11-15. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Anderson and Councilors Briggs, Kalar, and Droba voting "yea" and Councilor Jaksa voting "nay."

Gary Skallman, Director of Public Works, stated that as per prior Mayor and City Council approval, two (2) public works positions for Maintenance Lead Bottom Man were authorized for hiring. Mr. Skallman made the recommendation to hire Ryan Hilfer and Rhory Gelo for these positions. MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to hire Ryan Hilfer and Rhory Gelo for the two Maintenance Lead Bottom Man positions at 80% of the posted wage. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

Councilor Jaksa, after deciding to decline her nomination from the Council Meeting on January 20, 2015, nominated Councilor Briggs for nomination to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC). MOTION by Councilor Kalar to accept the declination of Councilor Jaksa and to nominate Councilor Briggs to the ARDC. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa. Motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Anderson and Councilors Kalar, Droba, and Jaksa voting "yea" and Councilor Briggs "abstaining."

City Administrator Anderson shared with the Council members a letter of appreciation from the Chamber of Commerce thanking the City of International Falls for its generosity in spirit as well as resources for the 35th Annual Icebox Days and Freeze Yer Gizzard Blizzard Run.

City Attorney Shermoen stated that in reaction to the appointment approved by the City Council in regards to the NKASD Board, that Brian McBride is continuing his objection to that. He has petitioned to the Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial District to reappoint himself with the claim that the Council's action was not timely. The Chief Judge has scheduled a hearing one week from today. Mr. Shermoen thought that both sides would argue their

positions and the Chief Judge would make his decision. Mr. Shermoen was confident that the City Council acted appropriately and timely, and believes that the Chief Judge will support the decision that the City Council made to appoint Robert F. Thompson to the NKASD Board. Councilor Droba questioned if Mr. Thompson should go forward with participation on the board, and Mr. Shermoen recommended that he immediately become involved. Mayor Anderson requested that Mr. Shermoen attend the next NKASD meeting. MOTION by Councilor Droba to have City Attorney Shermoen attend the NKASD meeting that will be held at 8:00 a.m. on February 9, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilor Briggs and carried unanimously.

Captain Lynch gave a brief activity report for the month of January 2015.

Fire Chief Mannausau gave a brief activity report for the month of January 2015.

Mr. Mannausau shared with the Council members the mileage on each ambulance, which was a question that arose at the last City Council meeting:

- 2010 Ambulance: 113,915 miles
- 2012 Ambulance: 102,000 miles
- 2013 Ambulance: 77,000 miles
- 2014 Ambulance: 11,000 miles

Fire Chief Mannausau also shared the mileage that has been put on each ambulance in January 2015, for a total of 16,750 miles:

- 2010 Ambulance: 4,373 miles
- 2012 Ambulance: 3,959 miles
- 2013 Ambulance: 4,983 miles
- 2014 Ambulance: 3,435 miles

Councilor Jaksa informed the Council that there was interest in putting a renal dialysis center at Rainy Lake Medical Center. Mayor Anderson stated that they are trying to determine how many people are in need of renal dialysis services, either those who live in our community or those who have moved away from our community due to the need of this service.

Councilor Jaksa requested to hold a Human Resources Committee meeting to review the sick leave policy.

Councilor Droba attempted to schedule a Budget & Finance meeting. Due to conflicting schedules, he will work on getting that scheduled.

Councilor Droba also stated that he applied for appointment for the Governor's Broadband Task Force and hopes to hear by Friday if he is appointed.

Mayor Anderson shared with the Council that he attended the meeting with the Fire Chief with regards to the Chemical Assessment Team (CAT) and will bring a recommendation to the City Council at a later time.

None.  
Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:52 P.M.

Robert W. Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kenneth R. Anderson, City Administrator

**The Journal**  
**March 4, 2015**

## Public Notice

**January 20, 2015**  
**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 20th day of January 2015 at the hour of 4:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilors Briggs, Droba, Jaksa, Kalar, and Mayor Anderson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

Mayor Anderson announced that the Oath of Office for Councilor Briggs took place earlier this afternoon.

Mayor Anderson suggested correcting #2 under new business by separating them as follows: 2a. Application for exempt permit for International Falls Lions Club, 2b. License renewal for Citizens for Backus/AB, Inc. MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to approve the agenda with Mayor Anderson's suggested corrections. Motion seconded by Councilor Briggs and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve minutes of the Organizational City Council meeting of January 5, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba. Mayor Anderson suggested two additions to the minutes. The first addition was to include the term dates for Brian Youso, term expiring December 2016, and Kenneth Olson, term expiring December 2015, for the International Falls Planning Commission, and secondly to add Steven Shermoen's last name for the appointment of City Attorney. Motion carried with Mayor Anderson and Councilors Kalar, Droba, and Jaksa voting "yea" and Councilor Briggs "abstaining" due to his absence from the January 5, 2015 Organizational City Council Meeting.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to approve minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 5, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar. Motion carried with Mayor Anderson and Councilors Kalar, Droba, and Jaksa voting "yea" and Councilor Briggs "abstaining" due to his absence from the January 5, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to

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