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Thomas named spelling bee champ

INDUS SCHOOL REPORT

Indus sixth grader, Nissa Thomas, was the champion at the South Koochiching/Rainy River School District 363 spelling bee Jan. 20 at Northome School.

Thomas won by correctly spelling the word, “verve,” which means “vigor and spirit, or enthusiasm.”

When Thomas returned to Indus School, she was greeted with “verve” — her classmates and el-

ementary students met her at the door with a round of applause.

Eight top spellers from Indus School traveled to the Northome school to compete with eight of Northome's top spellers from grades 5 through 8. Holger Olesen went along as the Indus National Honor Society representative and served as a judge for the event. The Northome National Honor Society set up the arrangements and acted as announcers and judges, as well.

Attending from Indus School were:

Fifth grade — Chase Steinbach and Riley Ridgewell

Sixth grade — Nissa Thomas and Alicia Kelly

Seventh grade — Wes Shelton and Austin Hasbargen

Eighth grade — Maggie Morgan and Kierstyn Johnson

Also placing at the spelling bee were Northome students Ainsley Rysdam, second place, and Riley Dreher, third place, and

Indus student Maggie Morgan, fourth place.

**Nissa Thomas, Indus sixth grade spelling bee champion for School District 363, is greeted by Indus Principal Michael Underwood and classmates upon her return from the competition at Northome.**



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INDUS SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Indus School has released the second quarter honor roll for November 2014 to January 2015.

A Honor Roll

- Grade 11  
Chanaya Wheelock
- Grade 10  
Holger Olesen
- Grade 8  
Corinne Dahl  
Kyle Schiro
- Grade 7  
Annie Schiro

B Honor Roll

- Grade 12  
Anthony Vollrath  
Ted Nelson
- Grade 11  
Haille Hansen  
Daniel Patch
- Grade 10  
Bert Dahl
- Grade 9  
Maria Leerssen  
Arryn Swartz  
Blazen Whitfield
- Grade 8  
Isabelle Cress  
Maggie Morgan
- Grade 7  
Emma Morgan

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Public Notices

should be notified before any additional expenditures are approved. MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve the agenda with additions with the removal of item #5 in New Business. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 15, 2014. Motion seconded by Mayor Anderson and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve minutes of the special City Council meeting of December 18, 2014. Motion seconded by Mayor Anderson and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to adopt Resolution No. 02-15 approving payment of claims and accounts payable this 5th day of January 2015. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

None.

None.

None.

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

1. Year 2015 license renewals: Cine 5, Inc restaurant and theater Ysen Snowplowing snowplow
2. Approve registration and expenditures for Building Official Conference and Training at the U of M, St. Paul for the Building Official and City Administrator, January, 2015.

Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Droba to approve Mayoral Proclamation Catholic Schools Week at St. Thomas Aquinas School, January 25 January 31, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to adopt Resolution No. 03-15 Supporting Completion of the Paul Bunyan Expressway. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to adopt Resolution No. 04-15 Authorizing Execution of MN/DOT Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement, Excluding Land Acquisition, for Emergency Heating Repairs State Agreement No. 07450, to provide 80% funding by the state. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Droba to approve year 2015 license renewal for The Fisherman 3.2 off-sale, cigarette, gasoline pumps, and restaurant. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

City Administrator Anderson informed the City Council members that the committee working with the labor unions for both the Police and Fire/Ambulance personnel has come to an agreement in the contracts. He stated that they are in the process of revising the language in the contracts and, once reviewed by the City Attorney, expects to have it on the January 20th City Council meeting agenda for approval.

City Administrator Anderson requested, although the Zamboni item has been removed from the agenda, that City Council consider

whether or not it would be appropriate for an order to be placed for the Zamboni provided the grant approval is not at risk. The reason for this request is it takes 300 days for delivery and it would reserve a spot in the production schedule. MOTION by Councilor Droba to place an order for the Zamboni provided the grant approval is not at risk. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

City Attorney Shermoen thanked the City Council members for his reappointment as City Attorney for another two years. He also stated that there has been an agreement reached with 2 of the 3 bargaining units which will be 3 year contracts effective January 1, 2015.

Police Chief Musich discussed the December 2014 activity report for the Police Department. He also announced that a part time Police Officer, William Lahmayer, has given a verbal resignation to be effective immediately. MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve William Lahmayer's verbal resignation to be effective immediately. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Mannausau submitted a very detailed report for December 2014 and 2014 year-end statistics. He explained that they had two responses to fill locomotives with water for CN. He discussed with City Administrator Anderson possibly setting a charge for this service in the future.

Councilor Kalar, for the Recreation Commission, commented that Kerry Park is a well run facility and very clean. He also commented on the fact that the Annexation Process is still not complete for the Multi-Modal project and commended the Union for their work with our negotiating committee.

Councilor Jaksa gave a warm welcome to Councilor Droba and Councilor Briggs on being elected. Mayor Anderson shared with the City Council that the Airport Commission has hired Kraus Anderson as a construction manager for the Terminal Project. He also stated that he received word from the FAA that Koochiching County has been determined to be a distressed county, therefore, the Airport will be receiving federal funds for eligible expenses at the rate of 95% versus 90%.

Councilor Jaksa, in regards to the Airport remodel project, requested that the City Council have a presentation done showing what is being planned. Mayor Anderson stated that they are in the process of revising the specifications for the facility, and will probably have something in February or March that can be shared.

Jerry Franzen complimented the City crew on the snow removal over the past weekend. He commented that they did a great job and the City should be proud of the crew.

Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Robert W. Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kenneth R. Anderson, City Administrator

Public Notice

January 5, 2015  
City Council Minutes  
Organizational Meeting  
4:30 P.M.

An organizational meeting of the City Council of International Falls, Minnesota, was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 5th day of January, 2015 at the hour of 4:30 P.M.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilor Briggs

Election winners, Councilor Cynthia Jaksa and Councilor Harley M. Droba, were sworn in by Kenneth R. Anderson, City Administrator, and Certificates of Election were signed. Mayor Anderson recommended Councilor Briggs for President pro-tem. Motion by Councilor Droba to appoint Councilor Briggs as President pro-tem. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

Mayor Anderson provided the Council with a list of appointments for Internal Committees.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to approve appointments as follows: Legislation and Land Use Councilor Briggs, Chair; Councilor Droba Public Works and Infrastructure Councilor Kalar, Chair; Councilor Droba Human Resources Councilor Jaksa, Chair; Councilor Briggs Budget and Finance Councilor Droba, Chair; Councilor Briggs, Councilor Jaksa, Councilor Kalar, and Mayor Bob Anderson

MOTION seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

Mayor Anderson provided the Council with a list of appointments for External Committees.

Mayor Anderson, in addition, recommended Paul Nevanen to be reappointed to a two year term expiring December 31, 2016 for the At-Large position on the Airport Commission. MOTION by Councilor Kalar to confirm Paul Nevanen for the At-Large position on the Airport Commission. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba. Councilor Jaksa had concerns in regards to a financial conflict of interest for this appointment. City Attorney Shermoen provided information on conflict of interest, but could not give a legal opinion due to him also being the attorney for the Airport Commission. Councilor Kalar mentioned that Paul Nevanen has already been serving for two years, so sees no conflict of interest. Motion carried 3 to 1 with Councilor Kalar, Councilor Droba, and Mayor Anderson voting "aye" and Councilor Jaksa voting "nay."

MOTION by Councilor Droba to confirm the Mayor's appointments as follows: Airport Commission - Mayor Bob Anderson, Councilor Briggs Cable Commission - Councilor Jak-

sa Community Education Advisory Council - Councilor Jaksa Convention and Visitors Bureau - Mayor Bob Anderson, Alternate Councilor Droba Koochiching Economic Development Authority (KEDA) - Mayor Bob Anderson, Councilor Kalar, Alternate Councilor Briggs Recreation Commission - Councilor Briggs, Councilor Jaksa, Councilor Kalar Highway 53 Long Range Improvement Task Force - Mayor Bob Anderson, Councilor Droba Rainy/Rapid River Zoning and Advisory Committee - Mayor Bob Anderson

MOTION seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Droba to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Chrystal Clance to the Cable Commission for a 4 year term, January 2015 - December 2018. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Michael Rud to the International Falls Fire Civil Service Commission for a 3 year term, January 2015 - December 2017. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to accept with regrets the resignation of James (Poncho) Forsythe from the International Falls Fire Civil Service Commission, term January 2014 - December 2016. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Droba to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Jerry Jensen to complete the unexpired term of James (Poncho) Forsythe on the International Falls Fire Civil Service Commission, term January 2014 - December 2016. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Joseph Gust to the International Falls Housing and Redevelopment Authority for a 5 year term, January 2015 - December 2019. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to accept with regrets the resignation of Virginia Cann from the International Falls Housing and Redevelopment Authority, term expiring December 2015. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Cindy Youso to complete the vacant unexpired term ending December 2015 of Virginia Cann on the International Falls Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Droba to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Ted Saxton and Paul Nevanen to the International Falls Library Board for a 3 year term, January 2015 - December 2017. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously. Mayor Anderson offered Tom Worth

and Robert F. Thompson for appointment. MOTION by Councilor Droba to confirm the Mayor's appointments of Tom Worth and Robert F. Thompson to the NKASD board with terms expiring December 2017. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar. Discussion followed about not re-appointing Brian McBride. Council questioned why both appointments were combined and Mayor Anderson replied they can be separate actions. Brian McBride asserted he applied for re-appointment, has served 6 years on the Board, and has over 27 years experience in waste water treatment at Boise Paper; therefore, he was very well qualified to serve. David Farmer currently serves on the Board and suggested there was a 6-year term limit and "power grab" by the Executive Director and Attorney for the Board. Councilor Jaksa replied the legislation stated there was a 6-year term, not a 6-year term limit. Councilor's Droba and Kalar withdrew their respective motion and second.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Tom Worth to the North Koochiching Area Sanitary Sewer District. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Droba to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Robert F. Thompson to the North Koochiching Area Sanitary Sewer District. Motion seconded by Mayor Anderson. Discussion ensued. Councilor Droba stated that he believes you should look at who gets appointed, not who didn't get appointed, and he believes there's no reason why Mr. Thompson should not be appointed. Councilor Kalar believes that Mr. McBride should be re-appointed if he requests. Mayor Anderson asked if the objection was due to timing, and both Councilor Jaksa and Councilor Kalar confirmed it's not due to the timing, it's due to Mr. McBride not getting re-appointed. Motion failed 2 to 2 with Mayor Anderson and Councilor Droba voting "aye" and Councilor Kalar and Councilor Jaksa voting "nay."

Mayor Anderson stated this appointment will be revisited at the January 20th Council meeting.

MOTION by Councilor Droba to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Julie Ehman, Paul Nevanen, and Peter Schultz to the International Falls Planning Commission for a 3 year term. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to accept with regrets the resignation of Carol Dalton, term expiring December 2016, and Brian Briggs, term expiring December 2015, from the International Falls Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Droba to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Brian Youso to fill the unexpired term of Carol Dalton, term expiring December 2016, and Kenneth Olson to fill the unexpired term of Brian Briggs, term expiring December 2015, on the International Falls Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to confirm the Mayor's appointment of David Peterson to the International Falls Police Civil Service Commission for a 3 year term, January 2015 - December 2017. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Gerald Franzen to the International Falls Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5 year term, January 2015 - December 2019. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to accept with regrets the resignation of Carol Dalton from the International Falls Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiring December 2017. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Droba to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Clint Chase to fill the unexpired term of Carol Dalton on the International Falls Zoning Board of Appeals, term ending December 2017. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Droba to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Clint Chase to fill the unexpired term of Carol Dalton on the International Falls Zoning Board of Appeals, term ending December 2017. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to approve the proposed 2015 City Council meeting schedule and location. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to appoint Steven Shermoen as City Attorney, term expiring December 2016. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

Mayor Anderson reported he is searching for a doctor to serve as Health Officer and hopes to have an appointment for the January 20th meeting.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to appoint the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and the Health Officer to the Board of Health, term expiring December 2016. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to appoint Widsith Smith Nolting as the City Engineer. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Droba to appoint Arro of the North and Widsith Smith Nolting as City Surveyors. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve payroll bi-weekly on Tuesdays. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to adopt Resolution #01-15 designating depositories. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve designation of the Journal as official publication. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously.

Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 5:43 P.M.

Robert W. Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kenneth R. Anderson, City Administrator