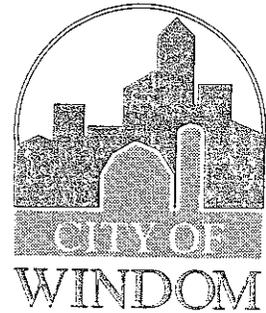


**City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 18, 2008  
City Council Chambers  
7:30 p.m.  
AGENDA**



Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of Minutes
  - Council Minutes – March 4, 2008
2. Consent Agenda
  - Receipt of Board & Commission Minutes
    - Utility Commission – March 4, 2008
    - EDA Commission– March 10, 2008
    - Park & Recreation Commission – March 10, 2008
    - Telecommunication Commission – March 11, 2008
    - Library Board – March 11, 2008
3. Proclamation – Windom-Mt. Lake-Butterfield-Odin Wrestling Team
4. Department Heads
5. First Reading Ordinance No. 130, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series – Amending Chapter 13 (Public Nuisance)
6. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Bridge Replacement - Municipal Drainage Structure Replacement Resolution
7. Regular Bills
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Council Concerns
11. Adjourn



**Council Meeting**  
**Windom City Hall, Council Chamber**  
**March 4, 2008**  
**7:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Powers at 7:30 p.m

2. Roll Call: Mayor Pro Tem: Bradley Powers

Council Members: Jean Fast, Kirby Kruse, Robert Messer and JoAnn Ray

Council Members Absent: Mayor Tom Riordan

City Staff Present: Steve Nasby, City Administrator; Bruce Caldwell, Street Superintendent; Al Baloun, Recreation Director; Craig Mueller, Wenck Associates (City Engineer) and Jeremy Rolfes, Telecom

Public Present: Dirk Abraham and Rahn Larsen

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes:

**Motion by Fast, second by Ray, to approve the February 19, 2008 minutes. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

**Motion by Ray second by Fast, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

6. Department Heads:

None

7. Premise Permit:

Powers said there was a premise permit for the Cottonwood County Game and Fish League for the Windom Country Club.

**Council member Messer introduced the Resolution No. 2008-06, entitled “RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL OF PREMISE PERMIT” and moved its adoption. The resolution was seconded by Kruse and on roll call vote: Aye: Powers, Ray, Fast, Kruse and Messer. Nay: none. Absent: none. Resolution passed 5-0.**

8. Windom Dam – Structural Assessment Report:

Craig Mueller, Wenck Associates, said that a copy of the report was in the Council packets which included the applicable Minnesota rules for dams. He provided the Council with an overview of the current situation and history of the dam. The assessment report noted that the right abutment and wing wall was greatly deteriorated, the dam structure (up and down stream) was in good condition and the left abutment and wing wall were in good condition. Mueller said that only the portions of the dam that were above water were inspected and that an underwater inspection should also be completed. He said the dam can be repaired, but all work would have to be done up to the specifications for new dams which include considerations for flood control and elimination of the hydraulic roller. The next recommended step is to have a feasibility study done regarding the City’s options, costs and impacts on environment, infrastructure, habitat, hydrology and flood control.

Powers asked if there was enough rip rap present at the site to fill the gap. Mueller said that there likely was, but it is spread out downstream and some is underwater. He added that the DNR may not allow concrete chunks. Messer said that the DNR had approved the City’s using the existing rip rap for bank stabilization.

9. Disposition of Surplus Equipment:

Powers said that this is the old skid loader from the Arena.

**Motion by Fast, seconded by Kruse, to approve the disposition of the surplus equipment. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Messer asked how this would be handled. Nasby replied that an ad would be placed in the newspaper and sealed bids would be accepted as this is the procedure for items over \$500. Powers noted that bids would be accepted until April 10. Nasby said the Council would make the decision on April 15.

10. Resolution Establishing Rates and Fees for Park and Recreation:

Caldwell and Baloun gave an overview of the rationale for the fee increases. Caldwell said the fee for adult league softball would be about \$1 per game for each player, which was a very reasonable fee.

Nasby asked Baloun if the pool rates were raised in 2007. Baloun said that the pool rates had not been adjusted since 2006.

**Council member Kruse introduced the Resolution No. 2008-07, entitled “RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES, CHARGES AND FEES FOR PARK AND RECREATION FUND” and moved its adoption. The resolution was seconded by Fast and on roll call vote: Aye: Ray, Fast, Kruse, Messer and Powers. Nay: none. Absent: none. Resolution passed 5-0.**

11. Regular Bills:

**Motion by Messer, seconded by Fast, to approve the Regular Bills. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

12. Unfinished Business:

None.

13. New Business:

None.

14. Council Concerns:

None.

15. Adjourn:

**Motion by Ray, seconded by Fast, to adjourn. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Bradley Powers, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Nasby, City Administrator

## UTILITY COMMISSION MINUTES

City Hall  
March 4, 2008  
10:00 A.M.

**Call Meeting to Order:** The Utility Commission meeting was called to order at 10 a.m., on March 4, 2008 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**Members Present:** Utility Commission Chairperson: Mike Schwalbach

Members Present: Chris Johnson  
Keith Bloomgren

City Council Liaison: Jean Fast

City Staff Present: Steve Nasby, City Administrator; Brigitte Olson, Assistant City Administrator; Marv Grunig, Electric Utility Manager; and Mike Haugen, Water/Wastewater Superintendent

Others Present: Dennis Johnson & Craig Mueller; Wenck Associates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion by Bloomgren, seconded by Schwalbach, to approve the January 23, 2008 minutes with the following corrections: Second page third paragraph, change the "MN Dept. of Pollution Control" to Dept. of Health, and the wastewater sampling to water sampling. Motion carried 2-0. Johnson was absent for this motion.**

### ELECTRIC ITEMS:

*E.A. Pederson Company* - Grunig directed the Utility Commission to the letter in the packet from E.A. Pedersen Company. Grunig said that as of February 15, 2008, this company will no longer be in business. Grunig said that this impacts the City of Windom Utilities in that they were the major contractor on both the 2003 Improvement Project and the Caterpillar Generation project.

*Windom Area High School/Honeywell Project* – Grunig provided information to the Utility Commission outlining the savings in both KW and KWH since Honeywell has done their extensive energy conservation project throughout the Windom Area School systems. The total KWH savings for 2007 was 181,960 and KW savings for 2007 was 474. Grunig informed the commission that he will be presenting a rebate check to School Board at their next meeting on March 10, 2008, that will reflect their savings for 2007.

*Update of Energy Conservation Improvement Program* – Grunig provided an update on future CIP program development. CMMPA has hired a staff person to assist with member CIP programs. They have teamed with MRES on program development, and they also have contracted with G A Ernst & Co to do energy audits and find solutions for efficiency.

WATER/WASTEWATER ITEMS:

*2008 Winter Sampling* - Craig Mueller and Haugen reviewed the results for the January 2008 sampling event. They said that the vinyl chloride levels at that time were below the 1ug/l, and recommend that the pumping system be shut down. Mueller requested direction on whether the Utility Commission would like him to notify EPA of the sampling results or include this information in the semi annual report that will be sent in July 2008.

The Utility Commission decided by general consensus that they would prefer to keep Curt Schroeder up to date on the landfill site. Therefore they requested that Craig Mueller, Wenck Associates send a courtesy letter with the results of the January 2008 sampling attached.

*2008 Project Cost Results* – Dennis Johnson, Wenck Associates provided cost estimates to the Utility Commission for three (3) projects for 2008. These projects are as follows:

Trunk Highway 71 North - Sewer & Water Installation	\$53,350.50
Windom Ready Mix Subdivision	\$28,025.00
Trunk Highway 60 - Water Service Replacement	\$89,850.00

It was decided by general consensus that these projects would be discussed at the next regularly scheduled Utility Commission meeting. At this time the City of Windom should have signed petitions in hand for the improvements requested by the property owners on Highway 71 North for sewer and water. This would give the Windom Ready Mix an additional 30 days to decide if they will go forward with their project.

*Hay ground* – Haugen informed the Commission that the last time the 10 acres of hay ground around the landfill site was bid was in 2003. At this time the amount bid was for approximately 35 acres, which included the 25 acre hay ground that is now the park that resides on the well site. The commission decided by general consensus that this hay ground should be re bid.

*2007 Year End Water/Wastewater Reports* – Haugen reviewed the 2007 year end reports with the Utility Commission, and indicated that in 2007 20 million less gallons of water was pumped, and that there was also a decrease in wastewater that was treated in 2007. Nasby asked why the City of Windom's share of wastewater treated was approximately 50 million gallons more than the water pumped. Haugen said that this is due to the in flow and infiltration of water into the system by sump pumps etc.

*2007 MN DNR Annual Report of Water Used* – Haugen reviewed the 2007 Annual Report and its calculations with the Utility Commission.

*Bio-Solids Report* - Haugen reviewed the Bio-Solids report with the Commission. He also said that the department hires J & M Waste Applicators from St. James to perform this service twice a year. Each time they take out approximately 100 loads.

*Notice of Violation* – Haugen indicated that he had received the notice of violation from the MN Dept. of Health for failure to take the necessary water sampling in December 2007. The MN Dept. of Health will

not be imposing a fine to the City of Windom for their failure to do the required testing in December 2007. However the City of Windom had to publish in a local newspaper that the City Water is safe and informing the citizens of the failure of performing the necessary sampling event.

*Review of Rate information provided by Bob Brown, Bolton Menk* – Haugen reviewed the rates for PM Windom as they appear in the present contract, and also the rates as proposed by Bolton Menk. Haugen informed the Commission that the last time the sewer rates were increased was July 2007. Nasby informed the commission that a meeting between PM Windom and the City of Windom was scheduled for later this week, but has been postponed. He would bring the new proposed rates to PM Windom for further discussion. At the present time it was determined that the rate schedule for Wastewater would be at a break even point for 2008.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

**Motion by Bloomgren, seconded by Johnson, and carried to approve payment of the bill to Wenck Associates in the amount of \$2,255.50. Motion carried 3-0.**

**New Business:**

The next regular meeting will be set for April 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

**Old Business: None**

The Utility Commission went into closed session at 11:15 a.m. for a Personnel Issue.

The Utility Commission returned from the closed session at 11:55 a.m.

On motion meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Mike Schwalbach, Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Nasby, City Administrator

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF WINDOM  
MINUTES  
MARCH 10, 2008**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Erickson at 12:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call & Guest Introductions:

EDAWN Commissioners: Juhl Erickson, Trevor Slette, Nestor Palm, Kirby Kruse, and Bob Messer.

Also Present: EDA Staff – Aaron Backman, Executive Director, and Mary Hensen, Adm. Asst.; Steve Nasby, City Administrator; Joel Luitjens, WADC Liaison; Tom Riordan, Mayor; Gene Van Binsbergen, Scott Burdorf, and Rahn Larson.
3. Approval of Minutes:

**Motion by Commissioner Palm, seconded by Commissioner Slette, to approve the Minutes of the EDA Meeting held on February 11, 2008. Motion carried 4-0.**  
(Commissioner Kruse was not present for the vote.)
4. River Bluff Townhomes – Annual Update: Gene Van Binsbergen and Scott Burdorf from Van Binsbergen & Associates were present. Scott is a new hire with their company and is the person specifically assigned to the River Bluff Townhomes property. This morning Gene and Scott completed the annual inspection and analysis of the townhome units. Copies of the 2007 year-end financial statements were distributed and Gene presented a brief report. He felt that 2007 was operationally a good year for the townhomes and they are fully occupied at the present time. He was basically pleased with the condition of the units and listed some of the repairs and improvements made in 2007.
5. Sign Update
  - A. Electronic (LED) Sign: Director Backman gave an update concerning the LED community events sign. The first message appeared on February 25<sup>th</sup>. On February 26<sup>th</sup>, Darrell Thiner made some technical changes to the sign and trained the Chamber Staff in the use of the message software for the sign.
  - B. North Windom Industrial Park Sign: Director Backman advised that the South face of the sign has been installed. The Electric Department will be topping the sign posts this week. It is anticipated that the north face will be installed within the next two weeks. After the frost is out of the ground, the lighting for the sign will be installed.
  - C. Rotational Billboard Sign: Director Backman circulated a copy of the sign design and advised that it was installed in the St. Peter location last Friday. It is a lighted sign that will be in this location for the first three months of the lease term.
6. Commercial Rehab Loan Program:
  - A. Project Review: The Board had received a copy of project recap for Projects C-4 and C-5. After review of the recap, the following action was taken.

**Motion by Commissioner Kruse, seconded by Commissioner Slette, to approve Commercial Rehab Projects C-4 and C-5; to approve the release of SCDP repayment funds totaling \$10,568 and \$15,000, respectively, for contractor payments in these projects upon Western Community Action's submission to the EDA of appropriate documentation verifying the owners' approval of the work completed; and to approve**

**payment from the SCDP repayment funds of administration fees to Western Community Action of up to \$1,600.00 for each of these projects upon submission of appropriate invoices. Motion carried 5-0.**

7. SCDP – Subordination Request: Director Backman advised that the EDA has received a request from Bank of the West concerning the subordination of an SCDP repayment agreement to allow the owner to refinance his home loan with the Bank. The owner of property, located at 1113 Fourth Avenue, entered into a repayment agreement on March 18, 2004, for the rehab of residential rental property at that location. These loans are forgivable over a five-year period and this loan would be forgiven in full on March 18, 2009. The procedural policies for the SCDP loans provide that the City/EDA may subordinate these rehab mortgages to allow owners to refinance their principal loan on the property.

**Motion by Commissioner Messer, seconded by Commissioner Slette, to approve subordination of the SCDP repayment agreement, covering property at 1113 Fourth Avenue, to allow the owner to refinance the principal mortgage in March, 2008. Motion carried 5-0.**

8. River Bluff Estates – Update: Director Backman recapped the property sales in the subdivision over the last month. The proceeds from the sales of undeveloped lots will be segregated and retained for a future principal payment on the subdivision's infrastructure bond. In February, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the home at 325 Sixth Avenue were used to make a \$25,000 principal payment on the home loan covering the property at 427 Sixth Avenue.
9. Carl Schneider Business Park – Property Review: The Board received a copy of an aerial map of the industrial park. Pursuant to a request at the February meeting, EDA Staff secured and included a copy of an estimate from Zieske Land Surveying for services to locate or re-establish the lot corners for Lot 6, Block 2 of the Windom Industrial Park Subdivision. The Board requested that Director Backman obtain information concerning the 50-foot easement on the north side of Lot 5. Following further discussion, the Board tabled action on the surveyor's proposal for the present time pending further developments with business prospects.
10. EDA Annual Report: The Board received a copy of the proposed EDA 2007 Annual Report. Pursuant to Minnesota law, the EDA is required to provide an annual report to the City Council.

**Motion by Commissioner Messer, seconded by Commissioner Palm, to approve the EDA's 2007 Annual Report and authorize the EDA Executive Director to present this report to the City Council. Motion carried 5-0.**

11. Prospect/3D Strategies Update: Director Backman updated the Board concerning the marketing campaign.
12. Unfinished Business: None.
13. New Business
  - A. Business Visits Report: Director Backman updated the Board concerning business visits, area contacts, meetings and events since the February meeting. Director Backman also updated the Board concerning his legislative activities through EDAM regarding the transportation bill, SEED initiative, and JOBZ legislation changes.

- B. North Windom Industrial Park: Director Backman advised that he had been contacted concerning the pricing of the lots in the industrial park. There was a discussion concerning expenses to date and anticipated future infrastructure costs. In order to establish a reasonable pricing structure, the Board encouraged Director Backman to secure information from commercial realtors, DEED, and other sources regarding pricing of similar industrial lots.
14. Miscellaneous Information:
- A. Monthly Budget Recap: The Board received a copy of the Budget Recap Year-to-Date thru January 31, 2008.
- B. River Bluff Townhomes – Monthly Financial Report: The Board received a copy of the financial report provided by Van Binsbergen & Associates for the period ending January 31, 2008.
- C. Revised EDA Board Roster: The Board received a copy of the 2008 EDA Board roster with the revised phone number.
15. Adjourn: On motion, President Erickson adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

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Nestor Palm, Secretary

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aaron Backman, Executive Director

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES MARCH 10, 2008**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Fredin at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
2. Roll Call: Commission Present: Kay Clark, Brenda Muller, Steph Schwalbach & Angie Blanshan  
Commission Absent: Jeff LaCanne & Sherri Zimmerman  
City Staff Present: Recreation Director Al Baloun & Park Director Bruce Caldwell  
Council Liaisons: Brad Powers & Jean Fast  
Public: None
3. Approve Agenda Blanshan Motion, seconded by Clark  
**Motion Carried 4-0**
4. Approve Minutes February 11, 2008: Schwalbach Motion, seconded by Clark  
**Motion Carried 4-0**
5. Park Director Report: Bruce Caldwell
  - a. Spring Ball Field Usage Windom Recreational Park

The last couple of years there have been several complaints from the public and the news press that the grasses aren't growing and the fields are in bad condition for the spring high school games. Caldwell stated that there isn't much we can do about this when the school begins practice in late March and games begin in early April. The only thing that would help remedy the situation is to put a moratorium on spring usage but that is difficult because the school has no where to go. The outfields at the WRA will never be as good as the Island Park ball fields due to the poor soil conditions. The first scheduled high school games begin on April 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Tegel's Park Playground; Caldwell stated that he sent out flyers to cement contractors stating that we need new curb installed around our new playground complex. We have not received any reply as of this meeting. Because of the scheduled events in the park in May, the department may have to install wood timbers instead of the concrete which would be similar to the playground complex at Island Park.
6. Recreation Directors Budget Report Al Baloun
  - a. Summer Recreation Update

Recreation and Swimming Lesson sign up night will be on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Windom Community Center. Baloun reviewed a handout showing the new registration policy for swimming lesson registration and also the ad in the Community Education Booklet which will state the new registration policy.
  - b. The commission received a copy of the memo given to city council regarding new recreation and pool rates and a copy of the flyer to liquidate the used skid loader that the city council agreed on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

c. Arena Shows;

The Southwest Delegate Show will be held at the Arena May 4, 2008. A new Appaloosa show has been contracted for the May 10-11<sup>th</sup> weekend. Also Baloun stated that the Royal Lipizzaner Stallions will not be coming this year, due to rescheduling conflicts with other arenas but he is hopeful they can return in 2009.

7. Open Mike:

Muller; stated that she was pleased with the turn out for the figure skating show.

Blanshan; stated that during Riverfest the Youth Area Task Force will be selling concessions at the WRA during the softball tournaments.

Fast; stated that she has a used refrigerator that could be used in the concession room at the WRA if we need it. Caldwell said he would have to measure to see if we have room and get back with her. Jean also stated that the property owner is still looking at continuing the new development on Cottonwood Lake. If they go forward the commission desires to move to get a new water main for the possibility of building a new campground at Tegel's Park in the future.

Clark; stated that the Youth Conservation Day will be held at Tegel's Park on May 13<sup>th</sup>. There could be a couple hundred youth in the park from the area.

Next Park & Recreation Meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

Adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

**Telecommunication Commission Minutes**  
**March 11, 2008**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Wendell Woodcock.

2. Roll Call:

Commission Members Present: Wendell Woodcock, Robert Messer,  
Jean Fast, Forrest Fosheim, Jake Voth Jr.

Commission Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Dan Olsen, Telecom Operations Manager, Sally Oltmanns,  
Marketing Specialist, Steve Nasby, City Administrator

Public Present: none

3. Approval of Minutes:

**Motion made by Fast, seconded by Voth to approve the February 12, 2008 minutes.  
Motion carried 5-0.**

4. Public Agenda Items: None

5. Lifetime Agreement:

Continue with current Lifetime Agreement, new contract due January 2009.

6. ISP Contract Support:

Heartland ISP Contract is up for renewal, current contract is \$18,000 per year. Southwest Service Co-op will offer the same type of support service for \$10,000 per year.

**Motion made by Messer, seconded by Fast to hire Southwest Service Co-op for the  
ISP Support with a start date of April 1, 2008. Motion carried 5-0.**

7. Quadrature Amplitude Modulator (digital capacity) Purchase:

Olson stated that there is not a spare M-QAM and that currently no more channels could be added to the cable lineup. An M-QAM with 6 channels could be purchased for \$13,000 and this would include a spare QAM. A GIGA QAM would have 32 HD channels or 65 standard channels and would cost approximately \$42,500.

**Motion made by Messer, seconded by Fosheim to purchase GIGA QAM equipment.  
Motion failed: 1 Aye, 4 Nays.**

Discussion was held on where is the money going to come from for the purchase of this equipment. This will be looked into for the next meeting.

**Motion made by Fosheim, seconded by Messer to table discussion on purchasing  
additional equipment, item #7 until the next meeting. Motion carried 5-0.**

8. Director's Report:

Olsen reported that Sanford Clinic, Home Medical and Hospice are new customers with twelve new phone lines. This was all done in house and commended the Windomnet staff for their effort in this project.

Bandwidth is peaking on the internet pipe, 44 meg peak. Olsen is working on this with Onvoy.

The City of Lakefield had a meeting with Dan Olsen and they are looking at the probability of receiving telecom and internet services from Windom. Olsen is working on some packages for them to look over.

9. Other Business:

Woodcock suggested that we offer some sort of a promotion for Windom Cable customers that could include a free cable channel for the weekend. Customers without a set-top box could not get certain promotions. Woodcock suggested having the promotions shown on a basic channel. Olsen stated that he would have to contact many companies for compliance and this would take quite a few hours each week.

Woodcock would like to see live activities on the school channel 22. This could be done in the future with the proper equipment.

The commission would like to see some promotional stuffers in the Windom bills. Possibly a glossy ad to catch the customers attention.

10. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 8, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

11. Adjourn:

**Motion made by Woodcock, seconded by Messer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried 5-0.**

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Wendell Woodcock, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Nasby, City Administrator\Clerk

Windom Library Board Meeting  
Windom Library  
March 11, 2008  
5:05 p.m.

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Jan Johnson at 5:05 p.m..
2. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Charles Reid, Freddie Hoppert, Kathy Hiley, John Duscher  
Anita Winkel, Mary Erickson and Jan Johnson.  
  
Members Absent: None  
  
Library Staff Present: Joan Hunter and Dawn Aamot  
  
City Council Member Present: None

3. Agenda and Minutes:

Motion by Anita Winkel, seconded by John Charles Reid to approve the Agenda and Minutes.

4. Financial Report:

Joan pointed out the expense item, "Windom Women's Investment" was a publication that the library pays 50% of the total cost of \$598. This is an annual fee.

Motion by John Duscher seconded by Freddie Hoppert to approve the Financial Report.

5. Librarians Report:

Joan reported that the library hosted a Dinosaur Open House featuring the second graders Dinoramas. It was well attended and the Friends of the Library provided refreshments.

The Girl Scouts have set up a display in the showcase celebrating Girl Scout week.

A computer went down in the front library and it will be replaced with an extra one that is on hand.

Joan has seen an increase in interlibrary loans. The average used to be 500/month and now averages 700/month.

The new library cataloging software is working well. Joan will be attending a refresher course on the system at the end of the month. Classes will be offered at a later date on creating reports with this system.

Dawn reported that she has begun working on the summer reading program, "What's Cookin' at your Library". Minnesota children's author and illustrator, Deb Frazier, is doing the art work for the program. A puppeteer will be performing on July 1st.

Motion by Charles Reid and seconded by Freddie Hoppert to approve the librarian's report.

6. Old Business:

None

7. New Business:

None

## 8. New Book Suggestions

The board presented new book suggestions. John Duscher suggested "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time" by Greg Mortenson. Mary Erickson suggested the new book by Windom native Michelle Larson (Joan reported that we already have it) and the "Bush Tragedy".

Joan informed the board that the Redwood Falls library is hosting a "Crime Wave", on March 31 at 6:30 pm, featuring 3 Minnesota mystery writers.

## 9. Adjourn:

Motion by John Duscher, seconded by Charles Reid to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m..

**RESOLUTION # 2008-**

**INTRODUCED:**

**SECONDED:**

**VOTED: Aye:**

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 2007-08 WINDOM-MT. LAKE-BUTTERFIELD-ODIN COBRAS WRESTLING TEAM**

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**WHEREAS**, the 2007-08 Windom –Mt. Lake-Butterfield-Odin Cobras Wrestling Team participated in the Minnesota Class AA State Wrestling Tournament and have represented their schools and communities admirably; and

**WHEREAS**, the players and coaches have put forth their best efforts in conference and state tournament wrestling competitions; they have acted in a sportsmanlike manner and upheld the honor of their schools; and

**WHEREAS**, six individuals competed in the individual competitions that resulted in two individuals receiving medals in their weight classes; and

**WHEREAS**, the players and coaches of the 2008 Windom-Mt. Lake-Butterfield-Odin Cobras Wrestling Team deserve the support and the congratulations of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINDOM, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the 2007-08 Windom–Mt. Lake-Butterfield-Odin Cobras Wrestling Team, Coaches, and Parents of the participating individuals are commended for their successful season in 2007-08.
2. The City Administrator is authorized and directed to incorporate this Resolution in the City's official records and present a copy to the Windom Area School District as evidence of the admiration and gratitude of the City of Windom.

**Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Riordan, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Nasby, City Administrator



**MEMO**

TO: MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JIM KARTES, BUILDING & ZONING OFFICIAL

DATE: MARCH 14, 2008

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 130, 2<sup>ND</sup> SERIES – AMENDING CHAPTER 13

Earlier in 2007, the Planning Commission had asked to review City Code Chapter 13 (“Public Nuisance”). The Commissioners requested that the Building & Zoning Office: (1) Contact the League of Minnesota Cities to secure copies of public nuisance language used by other cities; (2) present proposed additional language to clarify existing sections of the chapter; and (3) present proposed language to address issues which have arisen since the adoption of Chapter 13.

In the Spring of 2007, our office received the information from the LMC and prepared proposed language for updating and amending Chapter 13. This information was presented to the Planning Commission. At its meeting in November, 2007, the Planning Commission completed its review and modification of the proposed changes.

After compiling the proposed changes into ordinance form, the proposed ordinance and copy of Chapter 13 were sent to Dan McDonald for his review. He has now contacted us with his suggested revisions and those have been incorporated into the proposed Ordinance No. 130, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series.

Previously Steve forwarded copies to you of the proposed ordinance, the existing Chapter 13, and the proposed revision of Chapter 13 with the changes highlighted.

For your convenience, attached is an additional copy of proposed Ordinance No. 130, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series.

The proposed dates for the two readings of this ordinance are March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Should you have any questions concerning the proposed ordinance, please contact me at the Building & Zoning Office in City Hall or by phone (831-6125).

I will also be present at the City Council Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you.

JK:mah

Attachment

ORDINANCE NO. 130, 2<sup>ND</sup> SERIES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINDOM, MINNESOTA, AMENDING  
CITY CODE CHAPTER 13

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINDOM ORDAINS:

WHEREAS, the City adopted Ordinance No. 118, 2<sup>ND</sup> Series on March 19, 2002, which Ordinance added "Chapter 13 Public Nuisance" to the City Code for the City of Windom; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of said Ordinance was April 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous updates to Chapter 13 which the Planning Commission has recommended to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Windom that Chapter 13 be amended as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WINDOM, MINNESOTA, HEREBY AMENDS THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF WINDOM BY:

1. DELETING SECTION 13.01 OF THE CITY CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION 13.01:

**"SECTION 13.01. General. A Public Nuisance is any thing, act, occupation, condition, use or property which:**

1. **Unreasonably annoys, injures, or endangers the health, safety, comfort, or repose of the public; or**
2. **In any way renders the public insecure in life or obstructs the free use of property; or**
3. **Greatly offends the public morals or is indecent; or**
4. **Is offensive to the senses; or**
5. **Unlawfully and substantially interferes with, obstructs, or tends to obstruct or render dangerous for passage any sidewalk, street, alley, highway, navigable body of water, or other public way."**

2. BY DELETING SECTION 13.02, SUBD. 2, F. IN ITS ENTIRETY AND INSERTING THE FOLLOWING IN LIEU THEREOF:

**"F. It is unlawful for any person to keep domestic fowl, such as ducks, geese, turkeys, or chickens, or predators, such as skunks, fox, or raccoon, or any animals classified as exotic, wild or dangerous, except by**

special permission of the City, and then only in accordance with all City, State, and Federal regulations.”

3. BY DELETING SECTION 13.02, SUBD. 4 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND INSERTING THE FOLLOWING IN LIEU THEREOF:

**“Subd. 4. Accumulations of decayed animal or vegetable matter, unwholesome food, manure, trash, rubbish, debris, rotting lumber, bedding, packing material, cardboard, plastic bags and containers, bottles, cans, scrap metal or any material in which flies, mosquitoes, disease carrying insects, rats or other vermin may breed.”**

4. BY RENUMBERING EXISTING SECTION 13.02, SUBD. 11, PARAGRAPHS NOS. 1. AND 2. TO BE SECTIONS 13.02, SUBD. 11, PARAGRAPHS A AND D, RESPECTIVELY.

5. BY ADDING A NEW PARAGRAPH B. TO SECTION 13.02, SUBD. 11 WHICH NEW PARAGRAPH SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

**“B. The storage of pipe, lumber, forms, steel, machinery, or similar materials shall not be allowed on residential property.”**

6. BY ADDING A NEW PARAGRAPH C. TO SECTION 13.02, SUBD. 11, ENTITLED “SOLID FUEL”, WHICH NEW PARAGRAPH SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

**“C. Solid Fuel. For the purpose of this Subdivision, “solid fuel” includes, but is not limited to, corn, shelled or unshelled, and wood pellets. Outdoor storage requirements for solid fuel shall be as follows:**

- (1) Storage container shall be painted and designed to blend in with the structure it serves or be screened from view of neighboring properties.**
- (2) The container shall be permanently attached to the ground.**
- (3) The container shall be of sturdy leak-proof construction with a leak-proof lid.**
- (4) Storage of grain shall not be allowed in Zoning Districts R-1, R-2, R-3, B-1, or B-3 except as provided in this section.”**

7. BY DELETING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 1 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND INSERTING THE FOLLOWING IN LIEU THEREOF:

**“Subd. 1. All trees, fences, hedges, signs, billboards, vehicles, recreational vehicles, items of personal property, or other obstructions which prevent persons driving vehicles on public streets, alleys or highways from obtaining a clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection or pedestrian crosswalk. All limbs of trees which project over a public sidewalk less than eight (8) feet above the surface thereon or 13 feet above the road surface of a public street.”**

8. BY RENUMBERING THE EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 3 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 4 AND RENUMBERING THE EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 4 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 6.

9. BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 3 AS FOLLOWS:

**“Subd. 3. Reflected glare or light from private exterior lighting exceeding 0.5 footcandles, as measured on the property line of the property where the lighting is located, when the property abuts any residential parcel and one footcandle when the property abuts any commercial or industrial parcel.”**

10. BY RENUMBERING THE EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 5 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 8.

11. BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 5 AS FOLLOWS:

**“Subd. 5 Any fence that is not constructed in a substantial workmanlike manner and of substantial material reasonably suitable for the purpose for which the fence is proposed to be used; any fence that has been constructed of improper materials for the district in which it is located, such as the use of barbed wire or electric fencing in a residential district or as a boundary fence; any fence that has not been maintained and is in a condition of disrepair or has become a danger to public safety, health or welfare.”**

12. BY RENUMBERING THE EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 6 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 9 AND RENUMBERING THE EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 7 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 10.

13. BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 7 AS FOLLOWS:

**“Subd. 7. All hanging signs, awnings and other similar structures over streets and sidewalks so situated as to endanger public safety, or not constructed and maintained as provided by ordinance.”**

14. BY RENUMBERING EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 8 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 11.

15. BY RENUMBERING EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 9 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 12.

16. BY DELETING THE RENUMBERED SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 9 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND INSERTING IN LIEU THEREOF THE FOLLOWING:

**“Subd. 9. All open and unguarded pits, wells, inground pools, excavations or unused basements freely accessible from any public street, alley or sidewalk.”**

17. BY DELETING THE RENUMBERED SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 10 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND INSERTING IN LIEU THEREOF THE FOLLOWING:

**“Subd. 10. Accumulations in the open of discarded or disused items including, but not limited to, machinery, household appliances, household furniture and flooring, any materials not designed for outdoor use, motor vehicle bodies or parts, tires, batteries, unused and/or discarded construction materials; accumulations of any materials in a manner conducive to the harboring of rats, mice, snakes, or vermin; or the rank growth of vegetation among the items so accumulated; or accumulations in a manner creating fire, health or safety hazards.”**

18. BY RENUMBERING EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 10 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 13.

19. BY RENUMBERING EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 11 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 14.

20. BY RENUMBERING EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 12 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 15.

21. BY RENUMBERING EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 13 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 16.

22. BY RENUMBERING EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 14 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 17.

23. BY RENUMBERING EXISTING SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 15 TO BE SECTION 13.04, SUBD. 18.

24. BY DELETING THE EXISTING SECTION 13.06, SUBD. 2 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND INSERTING IN LIEU THEREOF THE FOLLOWING:

**“Subd. 2. All vehicles on property within the City limits shall be currently licensed and in running order (operable condition) or properly licensed and stored as a collector vehicle. No person in charge or control of any property within the City, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall allow any partially dismantled, non-operating, wrecked, junked or discarded vehicle to remain on such property longer than 96 hours. No person shall leave any such vehicle on any property within the City for a longer time than 96 hours. Except, that this Section shall not apply to: (1) a vehicle in an enclosed building, or (2) a vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner when necessary to the operation of such business enterprise, provided that such vehicle is located on the premises for a period of not longer than one year; or (3) a vehicle which has been placed by the City in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner.”**

25. BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.06, SUBD. 3 AS FOLLOWS:

**“Subd. 3. Vehicles, trailers, and truck and/or van boxes are not approved accessory buildings as defined in Chapter 11 and shall not be used for storage of**

items that would typically be stored in an accessory building and also shall not be used for storage of garbage, trash, or junk items.”

26. BY DELETING THE EXISTING SECTION 13.09, SUBD. 1 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND INSERTING IN LIEU THEREOF THE FOLLOWING:

“Subd. 1. Notice to Abate Nuisance – Authorized City personnel shall give written notice to any person maintaining a nuisance, or improperly storing firewood or junked vehicles as set forth in this ordinance, to abate such practice forthwith or within a designated time. If the owner or occupant of the premises on which such practice shall be situated shall neglect or refuse to remove or correct the same for the space of 24 hours after such notice is given or within the time specified in the notice, the owner shall, upon conviction, be penalized in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and State Statutes, and be liable for the expense of removing such nuisance and the costs of prosecution.”

27. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 13, ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 118, 2<sup>ND</sup> SERIES ON MARCH 19, 2002, SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINDOM FURTHER ORDAINS:**

**This ordinance shall be published in the COTTONWOOD COUNTY CITIZEN and shall be effective immediately upon publication.**

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Windom, Minnesota, this 1st day of April, 2008.

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Tom Riordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Steven Nasby, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: March 18, 2008  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: April 1, 2008  
Adoption: April 1, 2008  
Published: April 9, 2008

## RESOLUTION #2008-

**INTRODUCED:**

**SECONDED:**

**VOTED:** Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

### A RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

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**WHEREAS**, the drainage structure referenced below may be eligible for replacement under State funding programs for the amount of the Construction Contract, not including project development, preliminary and construction engineering, removal of existing structure and approach roadway reconstruction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Windom desires to have Cottonwood County program this structure for replacement and to take all necessary steps on behalf of the City of Windom to develop the project to bring it to the point of letting a contract for the construction work; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing structure involved is 23 feet in span and is on the bridge inventory, Bridge No. 3960 and is located in the Northwest of Section 25; on Fourth Avenue; T 105 N, R 36 W;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Windom authorizes the County of Cottonwood to proceed with all work necessary to advance this replacement project to the point of advertising for bids, including all necessary project development and preliminary engineering work, and if a contract is awarded then also the construction engineering work, removal of the existing structure, and approach roadway reconstruction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all actual costs associated with this work shall be reimbursed to the County of Cottonwood upon submittal of a proper itemized billing of all costs when all required work is complete.

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2008.

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Tom Riordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Steven Nasby, City Administrator

# Mn/DOT BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT

Inspector: PONTIS

**BRIDGE 3960**

**MUN 76(4TH AVE) OVER PERKINS CREEK**

**INSP. DATE: 12-03-2007**

County: COTTONWOOD

Location: 0.4 MI S OF JCT TH 71

Length: 22.5 ft

City: WINDOM

Route: MUN 76 Ref. Pt.: 000+00.570

Deck Width:

Township:

Control Section: Maint. Area:

Rdwy. Area / Pct. Unsnd:

Section: 25 Township: 105N Range: 36W

Local Agency Bridge Nbr:

Paint Area / Pct. Unsnd:

Span Type: CONC BOX CULV

Culvert: W1010D / 42 ft

NBI Deck: N Super: N Sub: N Chan: 7 Culv: 4

Open, Posted, Closed: OPEN

Appraisal Ratings - Approach: 5 Waterway: 7

MN Scour Code: E-CULVERT

Def. Stat: S.D. Suff. Rate: 70.2

Required Bridge Signs - Load Posting: NOT REQUIRED

Traffic: NOT REQUIRED

Horizontal: OBJECT MARKERS

Vertical: NOT APPLICABLE

**STRUCTURE UNIT: 0**

ELEM NBR	ELEMENT NAME	ENV	INSP. DATE	QUANTITY	QTY CS 1	QTY CS 2	QTY CS 3	QTY CS 4	QTY CS 5	
334	METAL RAIL-COATED	2	12-03-2007	89 LF	0	89	0	0	0	
			12-09-2005	89 LF	0	89	0	0	0	
Notes: Substandard lite weight steel pipe rails and posts. Railings painted '95.										
241	CONCRETE CULVERT	2	12-03-2007	85 LF	0	36	49	0	N/A	
			12-09-2005	85 LF	0	52	33	0	N/A	
Notes: Top of S line is cracking '99-'07. Heavy spalling on center wall '05-'07.										
388	CULVERT HEADWALL	2	12-03-2007	2 EA	0	0	2	0	N/A	
			12-09-2005	2 EA	0	0	2	0	N/A	
Notes: heavy scaling on headwall and center web on west side. Also SW wing is cracking and has section loss near barrel, '03-'07.										
361	SCOUR	1	12-03-2007	1 EA	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	
			12-09-2005	1 EA	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	
Notes: < none >										
964	CRITICAL FINDING	2	12-03-2007	1 EA	1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
			12-09-2005	1 EA	1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Notes: Concrete culvert and headwall.										
981	SIGNING	2	12-03-2007	4 EA	4	0	0	0	0	
			12-09-2005	4 EA	4	0	0	0	0	
Notes: Four paddleboard delineators in place, '03-'07.										
987	ROADWAY OVER CULVERT	2	12-03-2007	1 EA	0	1	0	N/A	N/A	
			12-09-2005	1 EA	0	1	0	N/A	N/A	
Notes: < none >										

General Notes: Inspected 12/07 RDL.

Inspector's Signature

Reviewer's Signature / Date

CITY OF WINDOM  
FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Ranges: Fund: (A)  
 Dept Id: (A)  
 Program: (A)  
 Vendor #: (A)  
 Invoice #: (A)  
 Schedule Journal #: (r) 11438 - 11438  
 Bank #: (A)

Options: Print Ranges/Options: Y # of copies: 1  
 Page on Department: N

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
CITY OFFICE	MII LIFE	VEBA	194.30
CITY OFFICE	SELECTACCOUNT	FLEX SPENDING	87.84
	Total for Department 103		282.14*
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	MII LIFE	VEBA	145.72
	Total for Department 106		145.72*
CITY HALL	ELECTRIC FUND	MAINTENANCE	23.20
CITY HALL	SANDRA HERDER	CLEANING	316.80
CITY HALL	MELISSA PENAS	CLEANING	316.80
	Total for Department 115		656.80*
POLICE	MII LIFE	VEBA	1,372.76
	Total for Department 120		1,372.76*
FIRE DEPARTMENT	VOL, FIREMEN'S BENEF DUES		189.00
	Total for Department 125		189.00*
STREET	MII LIFE	VEBA	923.22
	Total for Department 140		923.22*
PARKS	MII LIFE	VEBA	182.23
	Total for Department 165		182.23*
	Total for Fund 01		3,751.87*
EQUIPMENT/F.A.	US BANK	ADM FEE	862.50
	Total for Department 170		862.50*
	Total for Fund 02		862.50*
LIBRARY	SANDRA HERDER	CLEANING	316.80
LIBRARY	MELISSA PENAS	CLEANING	316.80
	Total for Department 171		633.60*
	Total for Fund 03		633.60*
AIRPORT	RED ROCK RURAL WATER	WATER	22.00
AIRPORT	SO. CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER	COST	773.49
	Total for Department 174		795.49*

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FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Total for Fund 11			795.49*
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	ELECTRIC FUND	MAINTENANCE	74.55
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	MII LIFE	VEBA	376.53
Total for Department 177			451.08*
Total for Fund 14			451.08*
LIQUOR	BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS	MERCHANDISE	2,734.25
LIQUOR	GRIGGS COOPER	MERCHANDISE	6,122.80
LIQUOR	HAGEN DISTRIBUTING	MERCHANDISE	7,286.40
LIQUOR	JOHNSON BROS.	MERCHANDISE	882.04
LIQUOR	MII LIFE	VEBA	364.46
LIQUOR	PHILLIPS WINE & SPIR	MERCHANDISE	72.00
LIQUOR	QUALITY WINE SPIRITS	MERCHANDISE	5,843.63
LIQUOR	WINE MERCHANTS	MERCHANDISE	273.00
Total for Department 180			23,578.58*
Total for Fund 60			23,578.58*
WATER	ELECTRIC FUND	MAINTENANCE	13.26
WATER	MIDWEST DATA, INC	UTILITY BILL CONVERSION	1,061.87
WATER	MII LIFE	VEBA	549.72
WATER	MN DEPT OF HEALTH	REGISTRATION	75.00
WATER	WENCK ASSOCIATES, IN	LANDFILL	2,255.50
Total for Department 181			3,955.35*
Total for Fund 61			3,955.35*
ELECTRIC	MIDWEST DATA, INC	UTILITY BILL CONVERSION	1,061.87
ELECTRIC	MII LIFE	VEBA	1,029.43
ELECTRIC	BRAD BUSSA	CLEANING	184.60
ELECTRIC	DAVID DERICKSON	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	STEVE HARTBERG	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	BRUCE KINTZI	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	DONNA KNOLL	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	COREY MARICLE	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
ELECTRIC	MICHAEL SMITH	ENERGY REBATE	200.00
ELECTRIC	JEFF YONKER	ENERGY REBATE	100.00
Total for Department 182			3,075.90*
Total for Fund 62			3,075.90*
SEWER	MIDWEST DATA, INC	UTILITY BILL CONVERSION	1,061.87
SEWER	MII LIFE	VEBA	914.14
Total for Department 183			1,976.01*
Total for Fund 63			1,976.01*
ARENA	MII LIFE	VEBA	182.23

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FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Total for Department 184			182.23*
Total for Fund 64			182.23*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	MARK MARCY	SNOW REMOVAL	560.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	MII LIFE	VEBA	230.81
Total for Department 187			790.81*
Total for Fund 67			790.81*
RIVERBLUFF ESTATES	MARK MARCY	SNOW REMOVAL	190.00
Total for Department 166			190.00*
Total for Fund 68			190.00*
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MIDWEST DATA, INC	UTILITY BILL CONVERSION	3,185.62
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MII LIFE	VEBA	652.90
Total for Department 199			3,838.52*
Total for Fund 69			3,838.52*
Grand Total			44,081.94*

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ELECTIONS	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	.41
	Total for Department 102		.41*
CITY OFFICE	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	756.53
CITY OFFICE	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	211.89
CITY OFFICE	VET'S WHOA N'GO	SUPPLIES	1.00
	Total for Department 103		969.42*
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	21.08
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	81.29
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	46.27
	Total for Department 106		148.64*
CITY HALL	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	564.32
	Total for Department 115		564.32*
POLICE	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	.41
POLICE	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	103.70
POLICE	JEFFREY SHIRKEY	EXPENSE	8.40
POLICE	BRUCE TONINATO	EXPENSE	43.82
POLICE	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	160.76
	Total for Department 120		317.09*
FIRE DEPARTMENT	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	GAS	73.36
FIRE DEPARTMENT	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	9.13
FIRE DEPARTMENT	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	26.06
	Total for Department 125		108.55*
STREET	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	GAS	481.12
STREET	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	21.42
STREET	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	3,807.06
STREET	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	949.61
STREET	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	296.19
	Total for Department 140		5,555.40*
RECREATION	AL BALOUN	MAINTENANCE	47.70
	Total for Department 150		47.70*
PARKS	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	8.61
PARKS	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	39.39
	Total for Department 165		48.00*
	Total for Fund 01		7,759.53*
LIBRARY	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	338.90
LIBRARY	JOAN HUNTER	POSTAGE	41.12
	Total for Department 171		380.02*
	Total for Fund 03		380.02*
AIRPORT	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	22.14

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
		Total for Department 174	22.14*
		Total for Fund 11	22.14*
POOL	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	6.15
		Total for Department 175	6.15*
		Total for Fund 12	6.15*
AMBULANCE	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	62.73
AMBULANCE	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	23.11
AMBULANCE	JIM SKARPHOL	EXPENSE	174.58
AMBULANCE	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	1,600.46
		Total for Department 176	1,860.88*
		Total for Fund 13	1,860.88*
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	40.90
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	1,299.10
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	51.60
		Total for Department 177	1,391.60*
		Total for Fund 14	1,391.60*
LIQUOR	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	5.24
LIQUOR	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	216.81
		Total for Department 180	222.05*
		Total for Fund 60	222.05*
WATER	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	187.94
WATER	WDR - DEPUTY REGISTR	LICENSE	23.50
WATER	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	5,927.47
WATER	H P SUDS	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	314.58
WATER	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	345.08
		Total for Department 181	6,798.57*
		Total for Fund 61	6,798.57*
	ALICE VANDERMOON	REFUND - UTILITY PREPAYM	7.50
	CHAD DANNEMAN	REFUND - UTILITY PREPAYM	125.00
		Total for Department	132.50*
ELECTRIC	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	GAS	606.96
ELECTRIC	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	502.98
ELECTRIC	WDR - DEPUTY REGISTR	LICENSE	70.50
ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	266.35
ELECTRIC	H P SUDS	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	314.59
ELECTRIC	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	20.32
ELECTRIC	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	170.75

CITY OF WINDOM  
FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
ELECTRIC	BANK MIDWEST	NSF CHECK	213.68
ELECTRIC	ALICE VANDERMOON	REFUND -CREDIT STATEMENT	21.47
		Total for Department 182	2,187.60*
		Total for Fund 62	2,320.10*
SEWER	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	GAS	88.59
SEWER	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	215.57
SEWER	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	16,904.87
SEWER	H P SUDS	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	314.59
		Total for Department 183	17,523.62*
		Total for Fund 63	17,523.62*
ARENA	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	92.86
ARENA	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	7,110.14
		Total for Department 184	7,203.00*
		Total for Fund 64	7,203.00*
RIVERBLUFF TOWNHOMES	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	51.21
		Total for Department 186	51.21*
		Total for Fund 66	51.21*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	AARON BACKMAN	EXPENSE	156.97
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	316.08
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	COTTONWOOD CO TREASU	DEED TAX	33.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	246.67
		Total for Department 187	752.72*
		Total for Fund 67	752.72*
RIVERBLUFF ESTATES	UNITED PRAIRIE BANK	LOAN PAYMENT	626.71
		Total for Department 166	626.71*
		Total for Fund 68	626.71*
	MN 9-1-1 PROGRAM	911 SERVICE	766.50
		Total for Department	766.50*
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	CMRS - TMS	POSTAGE	445.82
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	ELECTRIC FUND	UTILITY BILLING	1,464.85
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	H P SUDS	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	943.74
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	QWEST COMMUNICATIONS	DIRECTORY LISTING	320.88
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	VET'S WHOA N'GO	GAS	72.38
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	VOYAGER FLEET SERVIC	GAS	113.01
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	WOODSTOCK TELEPHONE	SERVICE	186.67
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	KATRINA NIKITINA	REFUND - BAL OF UTILITY	10.83
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	NECA	SERVICE	150.00

CITY OF WINDOM  
FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
		Total for Department 199	3,708.18*
		Total for Fund 69	4,474.68*
	COLONIAL LIFE INSURA	INSURANCE	22.05
		Total for Department	22.05*
		Total for Fund 70	22.05*
		Grand Total	51,415.03*

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
MAYOR & COUNCIL	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	180.80
MAYOR & COUNCIL	MCDONALD & SCHRAMEL	LEGAL FEES	47.50
	Total for Department 101		228.30*
CITY OFFICE	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.82
CITY OFFICE	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	108.48
CITY OFFICE	ERICKSON OIL CO	GAS	48.79
CITY OFFICE	LEWIS FAMILY DRUG #5	SUPPLIES	4.69
CITY OFFICE	SUNSHINE FOODS	SUPPLIES	48.34
CITY OFFICE	HEARTLAND TECHNOLOGY	BILLING SYSTEM FIRE WALL	40.00
CITY OFFICE	LEAGUE OF MN CITIES	PUBLICATION	94.47
CITY OFFICE	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	5.78
	Total for Department 103		691.37*
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	17.88
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	HEARTLAND TECHNOLOGY	BILLING SYSTEM FIRE WALL	40.00
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	MCDONALD & SCHRAMEL	LEGAL FEES	66.50
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	5.78
	Total for Department 106		470.89*
LEGAL	MCDONALD & SCHRAMEL	LEGAL SUPPLIES	70.13
	Total for Department 110		70.13*
CITY HALL	COLE PAPER INC.	SUPPLIES	49.52
CITY HALL	AMERIGAS - WORTHINGT	WATER TREATMENT	23.38
CITY HALL	COTTONWOOD COUNTY SO	RECYCLING PICK UP	12.00
CITY HALL	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF	HAUL GARBAGE	79.09
CITY HALL	LAMPERTS YARDS, INC.	MAINTENANCE	253.41
CITY HALL	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	20.61
	Total for Department 115		438.01*
POLICE	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	COMPUTER REPAIR	150.93
POLICE	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
POLICE	GALLS	SUPPLIES	76.08
POLICE	WINDOM AUTO VALU	MAINTENANCE	4.89
POLICE	MCDONALD & SCHRAMEL	LEGAL FEES	4,332.00
POLICE	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	22.50
POLICE	MN CHIEF OF POLICE A	REGISTRATION	425.00
POLICE	DANA WALLACE	EXPENSE	8.40
POLICE	WINDOM TOWING CO	TIRES	154.42
	Total for Department 120		5,514.95*
FIRE DEPARTMENT	SUNSHINE FOODS	SUPPLIES	9.87
FIRE DEPARTMENT	HEIMAN FIRE EQUIP. C	MAINTENANCE	475.72
FIRE DEPARTMENT	WINDOM AUTO VALU	MAINTENANCE	4.89
FIRE DEPARTMENT	LUCAN COMMUNITY TV I	MAINTENANCE	206.05
FIRE DEPARTMENT	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	5.78
FIRE DEPARTMENT	RIVERSIDE LAUNDRY	SERVICE	27.96
FIRE DEPARTMENT	CRAIG WOLTER	EXPENSE	725.74
	Total for Department 125		1,456.01*

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	200.00
	Total for Department 130		200.00*
ANIMALS	COTTONWOOD-SLAYTON V	VETERINARY SERVICE	187.74
	Total for Department 135		187.74*
STREET	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
STREET	COTTONWOOD COUNTY LA	GARBAGE	60.00
STREET	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF	HAUL GARBAGE	121.31
STREET	ERICKSON OIL CO	GAS	940.77
STREET	FOX BROTHERS	TRUCK	11.08
STREET	GEMPLER'S	MAINTENANCE	166.85
STREET	GRAINGER	MAINTENANCE	47.56
STREET	WINDOM AUTO VALU	MAINTENANCE	159.96
STREET	KRUEGER BODY SHOP	MAINTENANCE	172.00
STREET	LUCAN COMMUNITY TV I	MAINTENANCE	476.56
STREET	MCDONALD & SCHRAMEL	LEGAL FEES	19.00
STREET	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	5.78
STREET	M-R SIGNS CO., INC	MAINTENANCE	987.66
STREET	REED BUSINESS INFORM	AD	250.38
STREET	RUNNING'S SUPPLY	MAINTENANCE	249.17
STREET	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	569.78
STREET	TITAN MACHINERY	MAINTENANCE	90.37
STREET	WENCK ASSOCIATES, IN	SEAL COAT	1,410.00
STREET	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE	16.97
STREET	WINDOM READY MIX	MAINTENANCE	1,689.26
	Total for Department 140		7,785.19*
PARKS	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
PARKS	MESSER MACHINE & MFG	MAINTENANCE	120.61
PARKS	WENCK ASSOCIATES, IN	DAM PROJECT	2,498.66
	Total for Department 165		2,960.00*
	Total for Fund 01		20,002.59*
LIBRARY	AMAZON.COM	BOOKS	14.16
LIBRARY	BBC AUDIO	BOOKS	112.26
LIBRARY	CENTER POINT LARGE P	BOOKS	40.14
LIBRARY	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	AD	126.00
LIBRARY	COLE PAPER INC.	SUPPLIES	49.52
LIBRARY	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
LIBRARY	COTTONWOOD COUNTY SO	RECYCLING PICK UP	12.00
LIBRARY	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	141.57
LIBRARY	GALE	BOOKS	340.02
LIBRARY	INGRAM	BOOKS	1,698.74
LIBRARY	J & K WINDOWS	CLEANING	15.00
LIBRARY	MAXIMUM PC	SUBSCRIPTION	12.00
LIBRARY	MICROMARKETING	BOOKS & AUDIO	275.10
LIBRARY	RECORDED BOOKS, LLC	AUDIO CASSETTE	226.60
LIBRARY	READERS SERVICE	BOOKS	18.46

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
LIBRARY	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	233.78
LIBRARY	SEBCO BOOKS	BOOK	946.52
LIBRARY	THE NEW YORKER	SUBSCRIPTION	59.95
LIBRARY	TIME LIFE BOOK	BOOKS	45.90
LIBRARY	BOTTOM LINE	SUBSCRIPTION	39.00
LIBRARY	CONDE NAST TRAVELER	SUBSCRIPTION	21.97
LIBRARY	EARLY AMERICAN LIFE	SUBSCRIPTION	23.00
LIBRARY	ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANN	YEAR BOOK	57.90
LIBRARY	ICE CUBE PRESS	BOOK	14.71
LIBRARY	JACQUES LAMARCHE	BOOK	14.95
LIBRARY	MODEL AVIATION	SUBSCRIPTION	16.00
LIBRARY	WINDOM WOMEN'S INVES	SUBSCRIPTION	299.00
	Total for Department 171		5,194.98*
	Total for Fund 03		5,194.98*
AIRPORT	JAVENS ELECTRIC	MAINTENANCE	256.44
AIRPORT	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	2.33
	Total for Department 174		258.77*
	Total for Fund 11		258.77*
POOL	K.R. SCHOELER ENTERP	MAINTENANCE	2,054.09
	Total for Department 175		2,054.09*
	Total for Fund 12		2,054.09*
AMBULANCE	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
AMBULANCE	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PR	SUPPLIES	342.30
AMBULANCE	WINDOM AUTO VALU	MAINTENANCE	37.94
AMBULANCE	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	5.78
AMBULANCE	MN EMERGENCY MED SER	SUPPLIES	70.43
AMBULANCE	PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION	SERVICE	440.34
AMBULANCE	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	12.22
AMBULANCE	WINDOM AREA HOSPITAL	SERVICE	1,208.49
AMBULANCE	CHAD COOLEY	REFUND	10.00
AMBULANCE	MICHAEL W MCCUE	REFUND	239.49
	Total for Department 176		2,707.72*
	Total for Fund 13		2,707.72*
	LAMPERTS YARDS, INC.	MAINTENANCE	1,315.01
	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	206.83
	Total for Department		1,521.84*
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	A & B BUSINESS EQUIP	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	89.40
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	COLE PAPER INC.	SUPPLIES	112.17
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF	HAUL GARBAGE	52.65
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	36.19

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	WINDOM AUTO VALU	MAINTENANCE	20.01
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	KDOM RADIO	ADVERTISING	140.80
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	LIQUOR FUND - RIVER	MERCHANDISE	172.21
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION	SERVICE	11.24
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	9.57
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	STONER INDUSTRIAL, I	SERVICE	83.94
	Total for Department 177		1,068.91*
	Total for Fund 14		2,590.75*
LIQUOR	ENVIROMASTER, INC.	SERVICE	39.41
LIQUOR	BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS	MERCHANDISE	3,041.10
LIQUOR	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	113.40
LIQUOR	COCA-COLA BOTTLING C	MERCHANDISE	163.70
LIQUOR	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
LIQUOR	COUNTY WIDE DIRECTOR	ADVERTISING	173.00
LIQUOR	CULLIGAN	SERVICE	7.67
LIQUOR	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF	HAUL GARBAGE	44.46
LIQUOR	GDF ENTERPRISES, INC	MAINTENANCE	6.92
LIQUOR	HAGEN DISTRIBUTING	MERCHANDISE	3,813.15
LIQUOR	A H HERMEL CANDY & T	MERCHANDISE	940.15
LIQUOR	HOLINKA DISTR. CO.	MERCHANDISE	157.50
LIQUOR	PEPSIAMERICAS	MERCHANDISE	216.70
LIQUOR	PEICHEL LAWN IRRIGAT	LAWN SERVICE	125.00
LIQUOR	S&K LINES	FREIGHT	633.15
LIQUOR	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	-34.07
	Total for Department 180		9,781.97*
	Total for Fund 60		9,781.97*
WATER	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	150.00
WATER	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
WATER	COUNTY WIDE DIRECTOR	ADVERTISING	25.30
WATER	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	MAINTENANCE	177.50
WATER	WDR - DEPUTY REGISTR	LICENSE	15.00
WATER	HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	2,905.50
WATER	GOPHER STATE ONE CAL	LOCATE	2.53
WATER	HANSON WELL DRILLING	SERVICE	1,500.00
WATER	HENRY'S WATERWORKS,	MAINTENANCE	577.07
WATER	WINDOM AUTO VALU	MAINTENANCE	4.70
WATER	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	5.78
WATER	MIDWEST WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	42.76
WATER	MN VALLEY TESTING	TESTING	56.25
WATER	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	9.88
WATER	MAGIKIST	MAINTENANCE	38.56
	Total for Department 181		5,851.56*
	Total for Fund 61		5,851.56*
	BORDER STATES ELECTR	MAINTENANCE	-289.78

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	MAINTENANCE	736.98
	DIRECT ELECTRIC SUPP	INVENTORY	340.52
	MILLERBEND MFG. COMP	POLES - DISTRIBUTION	9,108.95
	RESCO	IINVENTORY	3,616.42
	WERNER ELECTRIC	MAINTENANCE	102.92
	MARGIE FOLEY	REFUND	.46
	SATURNINO TORRES	REFUND - UTILITY PREPAYM	61.52
	Total for Department		13,677.99*
ELECTRIC	ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLO	MAINTENANCE	140.00
ELECTRIC	AMERICAN TEST CENTER	TEST - INSPECTION	1,320.00
ELECTRIC	AMUNDSON DIG	SERVICE	35.00
ELECTRIC	AMERICAN PUBLIC POWE	DUES/DEED PROGRAM	2,557.22
ELECTRIC	BORDER STATES ELECTCR	MAINTENANCE	285.21
ELECTRIC	CENTRAL MINNESOTA MU	POWER COST	236,863.86
ELECTRIC	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
ELECTRIC	COUNTY WIDE DIRECTOR	ADVERTISING	50.60
ELECTRIC	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF	HAUL GARBAGE	78.72
ELECTRIC	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	MAINTENANCE	394.43
ELECTRIC	DHL EXPRESS	FREIGHT	7.92
ELECTRIC	WDR - DEPUTY REGISTR	LICENSE	45.00
ELECTRIC	DUECO, INC.	MAINTENANCE	136.61
ELECTRIC	GOPHER STATE ONE CAL	LOCATE	2.53
ELECTRIC	HIGLEY FORD	MAINTENANCE	144.51
ELECTRIC	WINDOM AUTO VALU	MAINTENANCE	7.87
ELECTRIC	KDOM RADIO	ADVERTISING	231.00
ELECTRIC	MCDONALD & SCHRAMEL	LEGAL FEES	66.50
ELECTRIC	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	5.78
ELECTRIC	MN DEPT OF COMMERCE	ASSESSMENT	740.64
ELECTRIC	MN DEPT OF LABOR & I	LICENSES	40.00
ELECTRIC	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTI	SUPPLIES	190.94
ELECTRIC	PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION	SERVICE	72.02
ELECTRIC	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	130.84
ELECTRIC	SO. CENTRAL ELECTRIC	FIND FAULT	781.21
ELECTRIC	STONER INDUSTRIAL, I	SERVICE	67.96
ELECTRIC	THE STAG CLOTHIERS	CLOTHING	171.00
ELECTRIC	DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	POWER COST	67,582.36
ELECTRIC	WINDOM AREA DEVELOPM	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	1,200.00
ELECTRIC	WINDOM AREA HOSPITAL	TESTNG	70.00
ELECTRIC	COUNTRY PRIDE SERVIC	MAINTENANCE	61.76
ELECTRIC	MARGIE FOLEY	REFUND	7.22
	Total for Department 182		313,829.44*
	Total for Fund 62		327,507.43*
SEWER	BORDER STATES ELECTCR	MAINTENANCE	27.03
SEWER	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
SEWER	COUNTY WIDE DIRECTOR	ADVERTISING	25.30
SEWER	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF	HAUL GARBAGE	79.09
SEWER	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	MAINTENANCE	177.50

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
SEWER	ERICKSON OIL CO	GAS	175.59
SEWER	GOPHER STATE ONE CAL	LOCATE	2.52
SEWER	WINDOM AUTO VALU	MAINTENANCE	89.77
SEWER	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	5.77
SEWER	MIDWEST WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	42.77
SEWER	MN VALLEY TESTING	TESTING	2,390.60
SEWER	RUNNING'S SUPPLY	MAINTENANCE	8.74
SEWER	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	886.59
SEWER	TOOLS PLUS IND	SUPPLIES	103.45
SEWER	VESSCO INC.	MAINTENANCE	944.86
SEWER	MARGIE FOLEY	REFUND	2.91
	Total for Department 183		5,303.22*
	Total for Fund 63		5,303.22*
ARENA	AMERIPRIDE LINEN CO	SERVICE	76.28
ARENA	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
ARENA	COTTONWOOD COUNTY AG	BUILDING RENT	4,150.00
ARENA	E-Z SHARP	SKATES	157.70
ARENA	FERRELLGAS	GAS	212.48
ARENA	HEARTLAND PAPER COMP	SUPPLIES	107.05
ARENA	A H HERMEL CANDY & T	MERCHANDISE	124.66
ARENA	KDOM RADIO	ADVERTISING	70.00
ARENA	LARSON SHARPENING SE	MAINTENANCE	319.00
ARENA	MANKATO MOBIL RADIO	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	5.77
ARENA	R & R SPECIALTIES	MAINTENANCE/SUPPLIES	602.59
ARENA	RUNNING'S SUPPLY	MAINTENANCE	12.88
ARENA	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	62.39
ARENA	STONER INDUSTRIAL, I	SERVICE	9.52
ARENA	WINDOM FIRE SAFETY	MAINTENANCE	99.00
	Total for Department 184		6,350.05*
	Total for Fund 64		6,350.05*
	BANK MIDWEST	SAVINGS FOR EDA PROPERTY	40,000.00
	Total for Department		40,000.00*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	CITIZEN PUBLISHING C	ADVERTISING	90.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	340.73
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	COUNTY WIDE DIRECTOR	ADVERTISING	50.60
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	DAN'S OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	17.87
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	HEARTLAND TECHNOLOGY	BILLING SYSTEM FIRE WALL	40.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	MCDONALD & SCHRAMEL	LEGAL FEES	85.50
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	MIDWEST CONSORTIUM	DUES	250.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	LAMAR	SIGN EXPENSE	675.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	3D STRATEGIES INC	MARKETING	3,500.00
	Total for Department 187		5,049.70*
	Total for Fund 67		45,049.70*

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	MARGIE FOLEY	REFUND	3.36
	Total for Department		3.36*
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	COLE PAPER INC.	SUPPLIES	112.18
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	INCODE CMS	COMP MAINT CONTRACT	1,022.19
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DATA CONNECTION	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE-META	13,600.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	COUNTY WIDE DIRECTOR	ADVERTISING	101.20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF	HAUL GARBAGE	71.96
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DISH NETWORK	SERVICE	6,800.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	E-911	MONTHLY 911 SERVICE	43.80
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	FIBER INSTRUMENT SAL	FIBER PADS FOR MAIN LINE	97.84
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	GOPHER STATE ONE CAL	LOCATE	7.57
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO	MAINTENANCE	851.55
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	HEARTLAND TECHNOLOGY	ISP PREPAY SUPPORT CONTR	1,500.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	KDOM RADIO	ADVERTISING	88.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MN DEPT OF COMMERCE	ASSESSMENT	99.25
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	NEW STAR SALES & SER	COPIER MAINTENANCE	30.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	NEUSTAR, INC.	SERVICE	415.67
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	CALIX	MAINTENANCE	212.13
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PDI COMMUNICATIONS,	MAINTENANCE	1,017.71
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	RUNNING'S SUPPLY	MAINTENANCE	59.06
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	SCHWALBACH HARDWARE	MAINTENANCE	53.48
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	STONER INDUSTRIAL, I	SERVICE	38.14
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	WINDOM BAKERY	EXPENSE	55.59
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	COUNTRY PRIDE SERVIC	MAINTENANCE	18.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	CONNECTION	1,957.20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	WINDOM QUICK PRINT	SUPPLIES	118.22
	Total for Department 199		28,370.74*
	Total for Fund 69		28,374.10*
	Grand Total		461,026.93*



Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

# CGMC in Brief

March 14, 2008

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## Governor Spares LGA Funding, Proposes Levy Limits

When Gov. Tim Pawlenty unveiled his plan to correct a \$938 billion budget shortfall late last week, he did not propose cutting Local Government Aid funding, but he did suggest imposing strict levy limits on cities with populations in excess of 2,500 people and all counties.

Under his proposed supplemental budget, a city's property tax levy would be capped at the previous year's levy plus the annual rate of household growth, plus the lesser of the consumer price index inflation and 3 percent.

Pawlenty's supplemental budget uses a combination of one-time funds, some revenue increases and spending cuts to offset the revenue shortfall. To raise revenue, the governor recommended closing a tax loophole for foreign operating corporations, but he also proposed spending much of the new revenue on reducing the sales tax by one-eighth of a percent in 2009. The rest of the revenue increases in his budget are offset by tax reductions in 2010-2011.

If accepted, his proposal would balance the General Fund budget for 2008-2009 but would leave a \$693 million deficit looming in 2010-2011.

The governor's budget has received a decidedly cool reception in both the House and Senate. **University of Minnesota President Bob Bruininks** said the governor's higher education cuts were unduly harsh. Others said it was time to invest in Minnesota.

The House and Senate DFL are expected to offer their budget-balancing proposals after the Easter recess.

## Senate Property Tax Division Recommends Adding \$90 Million To LGA

The Senate Property Tax Division embraced a \$90 million increase in LGA funding today as it completed work on its recommendations to the full Tax Committee.

**Sen. Rod Skoe, DFL-Clearbrook**, presented a report to the division that includes the CGMC-supported Unity Proposal, which extends aid to poorer suburbs in the Twin Cities, and the \$90 million increase in LGA funding. The report will now be submitted to the full Tax Committee where the CGMC will work to ensure that it is included in the Senate Omnibus Tax Bill.



## **Transit: The Legislature Giveth, The Governor Taketh Away**

Greater Minnesota's mass transit programs took a hit in the governor's supplemental budget proposal. Pawlenty recommended cutting \$1.7 million from the programs in 2009, and \$752,000 a year from the programs in 2010 and 2011. The programs are due to receive a \$56.7 million increase, however, through the Omnibus Transportation Finance Bill that was passed over the governor's veto earlier in the session.

The House Transportation Committee, meanwhile, is assembling the Omnibus Transportation Policy Bill, which will require the Minnesota Department of Transportation to develop a mass transit program for greater Minnesota. The program must be able to address at least 80 percent of the unmet transit needs by 2015 and at least 90 percent of unmet needs by 2025.

The bill requires MnDOT to produce an annual report on transit service in greater Minnesota. The report must include an overview of public transit, a summary of funding sources, a review of each transit program, data on the use of volunteers, financial information, and a status report on meeting unmet transit needs.

## **Governor's New Budget Has Less Money for SEED**

The governor's Strategic Entrepreneurial Economic Development Program also was scaled back in the supplemental budget he submitted to the Legislature. Pawlenty had proposed spending \$20 million on his SEED initiatives over the biennium. In his new budget proposal, he suggests earmarking \$12 million for his economic development program in 2008-09 and \$6 million on the program in 2010-11.

## **Annexation Change Stalls in House, Senate Committees**

**Sen. Kathy Sheran, DFL-Mankato**, made it clear Wednesday that she intends to bring a major annexation reform bill to the Legislature next year if a legislative task force is unable to come up with its own reforms.

Sheran, who is carrying a bill (SF 3131) to restrict the practice of paying townships for land annexations, told the State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee that the broad issues of land use must be resolved. The CGMC maintains that townships have been dragging their feet on annexation reform. **(Attached is the letter the CGMC sent to members of the House and Senate committees on local government.)**

The task force was organized by the Legislature two years ago to propose changes to the state's annexation law, but it has not been very active.

While the Senate committee on local government approved a technical change to the annexation law, it laid Sheran's bill over to the 2009 session. Committee members said the bill was too controversial to be decided in the remaining days of the legislative session.



February 15, 2008

TO: Township Boards, City Councils, and Local Assessors  
 SUBJECT: 2008 Local Boards of Appeal and Equalization

Below is the schedule of the dates and times for the 2008 Local Boards of Appeal and Equalization Meetings. If the date assigned to your board of equalization will not work for your district, please let me know immediately and we can reschedule it. Please make sure your board members are aware of the district's meeting date and are able to attend.

You will need to post three (3) notices of the meeting in three conspicuous locations at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting date (enclosed). Each notice should contain the meeting date, time, and location. Please make note of the date that you post these notices for the Board of Equalization record.

As in the past, my office will be taking care of the newspaper advertising for all of the districts. If you have any questions, contact my office.

Gale Bondhus  
 Cottonwood County Assessor

**Cottonwood County 2008 Local Boards of Appeal and Equalization**

Day	Date	Township/City	Time	Location/Assessor
Tuesday	April 15, 2008	Amboy Township	9:00-9:30 a.m.	Amboy Town Hall
Friday	April 18, 2008	Amo Township	10:30-11:00 a.m.	Storden Community Center
Wednesday	April 23, 2008	Ann Township	9:00-9:30 a.m.	Ann Town Hall
Wednesday	April 16, 2008	Carson Township	9:00-9:30 a.m.	JoAnn Nickel Home
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Tuesday	April 22, 2008	Great Bend Township	9:00-9:30 a.m.	Cottonwood County LEC
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Tuesday	June 17, 2008	County Equalization	9:00 a.m.	Cottonwood County Courthouse Commissioners Room



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**Subject:** CGMC - LGA and state budget deficit

**TO:** CGMC Members

**FROM:** Tim Flaherty

**DATE:** March 7, 2008

**RE:** Proposed LGA cuts – URGENT

The state is facing a budget deficit similar to the one it experienced in 2003, so cities must be prepared to defend LGA against possible cuts to the program. Attached are talking points to use in talking with your legislators and the media if that happens. The governor's proposal to balance the budget will be released today at 2:30 p.m.

Remember that during the 2003 budget crisis, cities offered to help by taking a **fair** share of the cuts. That did not happen. Cities took the brunt of the cuts, and those cuts have still not been restored. Despite promises of property tax relief, LGA is \$190 million less than 2003 when accounting for inflation. Other programs have received funding increases, but the LGA increase passed by the Legislature last year was vetoed by the governor.

Cities are the economic engines of the state, and LGA is the backbone of many of those cities. Cutting LGA was a failed policy in 2003 and it would fail again today. Further cuts to LGA will hurt, not help, our economy.

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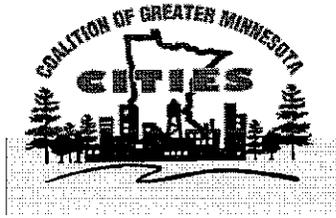
CGMC Mayors and City Managers/Administrators:

Even though it has been reported (on MPR) that the governor's proposal will not include cuts to LGA, it is **imperative that members meet with their media (radio and newspapers) and their legislators** to let them know that LGA cuts are not acceptable to cities.

Please use the attached talking points to tell your media and legislators that your city supports a \$90 million increase in LGA funding...even with a state budget deficit. Let them know that the program is important to your city and that an increase in funding is needed. Use the handouts from the previous email for more information.

Thanks--  
Tim

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## Local Government Aid (LGA) & State Budget Deficit

The Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities believes that cities across Minnesota have already made their contribution to balancing the state budget.

City services have been reduced and property taxes increased to offset the \$150 million in Local Government Aid cuts that were imposed to solve the 2003 budget crisis.

The state cannot continue to solve its spending problems on the backs of local property taxpayers.

### Talking Points

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**1. Cutting LGA is not acceptable!**

City taxpayers are already suffering from high property taxes and cuts in services. They need help—not more cuts.

**2. Even in a deficit the state should increase LGA by \$90 million.**

- Minnesota cities lost \$150 million in the last budget deficit and are still dealing with the impacts of the cuts.
- The state should pay for the increase in LGA by closing foreign operating corporation tax loopholes, similar to what the Legislature passed in 2007.

**3. The state should balance its budget by cutting its own spending or raising its own revenue.**

Local governments have already raised taxes and cut services. It is the state's turn to make the hard decisions.

**4. The cuts in 2003 and the continued disinvestment in local governments have led to a 70% increase in residential property taxes since 2002.**

The state has cut \$497 per person in state aid to local governments since 2003.<sup>1</sup>

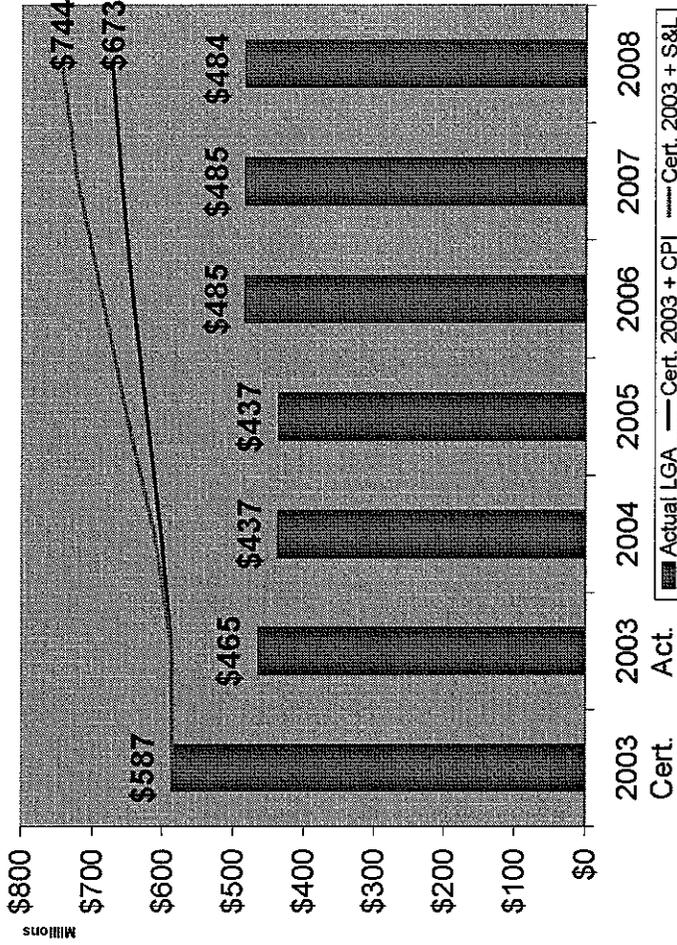
**5. Legislators promised property tax relief and they should deliver it.**

Legislators should be held accountable for their campaign promises.

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<sup>1</sup> Adjusted for inflation. Source: Minnesota 2020, Jeff Van Wyken

# Even in a Deficit Minnesota Needs at Least a \$90 Million Increase in Local Government Aid Funding



- If the LGA appropriation increased with inflation for state and local governments, the program would be funded with an additional \$260 million (green line).
- The LGA appropriation is \$190 million less than if it kept up with inflation for consumers (blue line).

**The Governor's veto in 2007 kept LGA funding flat.**

**Local governments and their taxpayers cannot afford another year without property tax relief.**

**The 2008 Legislature should increase LGA funding by at least \$90 million!**

LEGISLATURE

# Metro, outstate cities' groups back change in state aid plan

● The dollar amount of state aid to cities would be increased, and a distribution change would benefit cities with many jobs and modest property values.

By PAT DOYLE  
pdoyle@startribune.com

State aid to cities would increase by \$90 million under legislation that has won support from large and small communities as a way to reduce local property taxes on homeowners and businesses.

The biggest winners would be cities with more than 5,000 people that have a relatively high number of jobs but a low property tax base. Wealthier bedroom communities with

less employment could see a decrease in the aid that they expected for 2009.

State aid to cities has been a major issue in Minnesota since cutbacks in 2003 effectively shifted more of the expense of local government onto property taxpayers or prompted cities to cut services. There are 854 cities eligible to receive the state aid.

"We know this solution is not perfect," Louis Jambols, executive director of the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities said at a legislative hearing

Thursday. "But we think it's a very significant improvement."

The legislation sponsored by Sen. Rod Skoe, DFL-Clearbrook, seeks to restore cuts in local government aid while changing the method for distributing it. The \$90 million represents a 19-percent increase from what had been expected. In future years the aid would be increased by between 2.5 percent and 5 percent annually for inflation.

The Coalition for Greater Minnesota Cities said that even with a \$90 million increase, the

state aid would still be well below the amount distributed in 2003, adjusted for inflation.

### Filling a hole

DFLers have blamed Gov. Tim Pawlenty's pledge not to raise state taxes for increasing the burden on property taxpayers. Local governments across Minnesota lost state aid in the last legislative session when Pawlenty vetoed the 2007 tax bill, which included that money. He has advocated a cap on local property taxes as a way to provide relief to homeowners and businesses.

Jambols expressed concern that the aid could decline rather

than rise because of a projected \$935 million budget shortfall.

"We fear .. the governor's going to come out with projected cuts," he said. "When you've got a big hole in a budget to fill, the place that the hole fillers usually look to are the large pots of money. And [local government aid] is one of those."

Pawlenty spokesman Brian McClung declined to comment on the aid proposal.

While the major changes in Skoe's bill don't benefit all cities, they have the support of associations representing large and small cities, outstate and in the metro areas.

In determining how much

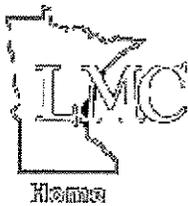
state aid cities should receive, the bill uses jobs and tax base as proxies for the needs and wealth of cities with more than 5,000 people. The intent is to reduce swings in aid from year to year. In the past, the state used traffic accidents as a proxy for need, but a sharp decline in accidents could result in a drop in aid.

Smaller cities would get aid based on their population, with payments increasing from \$6 to \$12 per person.

The bill is likely to be considered as part of a broader measure dealing with property taxes.

Pat Doyle • 651-1210

IN OTHER ACTION: The House passed its version of the bonding bill, while Pawlenty said that Senate and House bonding bills are too expensive. By



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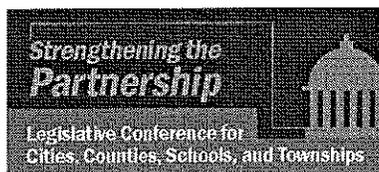
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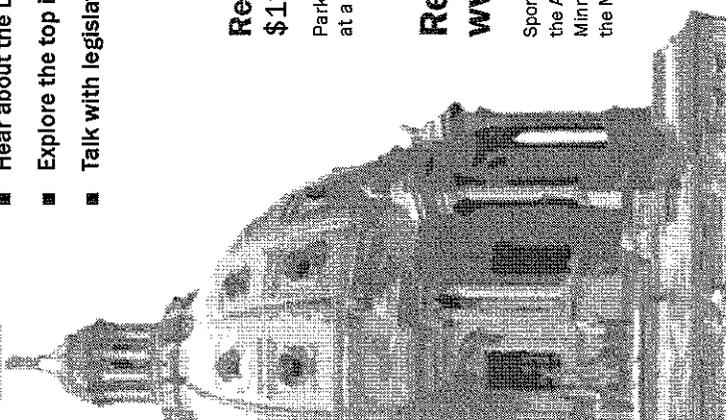
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5:30 p.m. Joint Legislative Reception for  
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*Great River Ballroom*

### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

- 7 a.m. Check in  
7:30 a.m. Hot Breakfast (for all four associations)  
*Minnesota Ballroom*

### 8 a.m. Welcome

**Legislative Leadership Panel**  
*Rep. Margaret Anderson Keliber; Sen. Larry Pogemiller;  
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Hear legislative leaders' insights on the top issues facing cities, counties, school districts, and townships during this legislative session.

### 9-10:15 a.m. The Realities of State-Local Relations: How to Deliver Your Message in a Difficult Economic Environment

*Peter Leatherman, Decision Resources, Ltd.; Rep. Dennis Ozment;  
Matt Smith, City of St. Paul Finance Director and Former  
Department of Revenue Commissioner; Kathy Tunheim,  
Public Relations Specialist*

Understand how political and economic realities shape legislative priorities at the Capitol, and learn how to deliver your message more effectively to successfully advocate the local government agenda.

### 10:15-10:45 a.m. Break

### 10:45-11:45 a.m. Breakout Sessions for Individual Associations

- 11:45 a.m.-  
12:15 p.m. Break

- 12:15-1:30 p.m. Lunch with Governor Pawlenty (invited)  
*Great River Ballroom*

- 1:30-5 p.m. Strengthening the Partnership at the Capitol  
Officials meet with Senators and Representatives at the Capitol (busing provided from Crowne Plaza to the Capitol).

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#### Questions?

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Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

# CGMC in Brief

March 6, 2008

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## Senate Property Tax Division Hears LGA Unity Proposal

Hutchinson Mayor Steve Cook, co-chair of the CGMC StateWide Action Team, joined St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and other metro area mayors today to testify in support of the Local Government Aid (LGA) Unity Proposal in the Senate Property Tax Division. Steve Peterson, the CGMC's senior policy analyst, explained the bill to the committee and answered technical questions about the proposal. The Star Tribune has an article about the proposal online at [www.startribune.com/politics/state/16338931.html](http://www.startribune.com/politics/state/16338931.html).

The Unity Proposal is a compromise that contains \$90 million in new LGA funding and formula changes that have been agreed to by the CGMC, League of Minnesota Cities, North Metro Mayors Association, Metro Cities, Minnesota Association of Small Cities, Minneapolis, and St. Paul. To see how cities are impacted, go to the CGMC website at [www.greatermncities.org/propertytax\\_lga/Advocacy\\_Docs/Unity\\_Proposal.pdf](http://www.greatermncities.org/propertytax_lga/Advocacy_Docs/Unity_Proposal.pdf).

## Senate and House Pass Tax Bill One

The Senate and House passed an omnibus tax bill (HF 3201) today. The legislation is a non-controversial tax bill that deals mainly with federal tax conformity and many smaller tax provisions. While there is no increase in LGA funding in the bill, it removed the taconite aid offset for all cities and includes the League of Minnesota Cities' volatility fix. The Legislature is expected to pass a second omnibus tax bill this session.

## Townships use Task Force to Stop CGMC Annexation Bills

The Annexation Task Force technical bill, HF 3357, carried by Rep. Paul Marquart, DFL-Dilworth, was heard Monday in the House Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee. The bill contains several technical and clarification changes to the state's annexation laws but does not address the underlying concerns that cities have regarding annexation and land use. The CGMC had hoped to receive hearings on two other bills – HF 3353 authored by Rep. Joe Atkins, DFL-Inver Grove Heights, and HF 3144 authored by Rep. Rick Hansen, DFL-South St. Paul – but the committee chair announced she would hear no other annexation bills this session. In a subsequent meeting with CGMC lobbyists, she said it was her understanding that the Senate would not hear the bills, either.

Townships argued that the city bills circumvented the Task Force process, but Sartell City Administrator Patti Gartland and Waconia City Administrator Susan Arnzt disagreed. They testified that there was no agreement to put a moratorium on other annexation bills and that the Task Force bill was limited to technical proposals from the Office of Administrative Hearings and a few technical changes offered by cities. The CGMC had tried to reach a compromise with the townships on the two city annexation bills, but it is clear that the townships are using the Task Force to delay action on any meaningful changes to the state's annexation law.



**Greater Minnesota Gets Shortchanged on Economic Development Bonding**

The Minnesota House of Representatives today passed the Capital Investment Bill, HF 380, carried by Rep. Alice Hausman, DFL-St. Paul. The bill provides nearly \$1 billion for capital projects throughout the state.

The CGMC has supported two economic development programs currently funded in the bill, the Redevelopment Grant Program and the Greater Minnesota Public Development Infrastructure Grant Program. Unfortunately, the House bill leaves hardly any money in either program to be applied for through a competitive application process.

Also of concern is the funding for the Bioscience Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant Program. Of the \$9.325 million in the House bill, \$8.225 million is allocated to individual projects in the metro area.

Here is a comparison of the governor’s economic development program requests and amounts funded in the Senate and House bonding bills for these important programs:

	<b>Governor</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>House</b>
<b>Greater MN Business Development Grant</b>	\$20 million	\$10 million	\$5 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2.5 million is available for competitive application</li> </ul>
<b>Redevelopment Grant</b>	\$20 million	\$10 million	\$5 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must be split 50/50 with metro area</li> <li>• only \$3.61 million available for competitive application</li> </ul>
<b>Bioscience Grant</b>	\$10 million	\$10 million	\$9.325 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all encumbered for individual projects</li> </ul>

**2008 Summer Conference – Hosted by Mankato, North Mankato, and New Ulm**

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- \$89 for standard king/double queen
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- \$199 for executive suites

The conference agenda and registration forms will be online at [www.greatermncities.org/calendar.html](http://www.greatermncities.org/calendar.html) closer to the conference.





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## **Governor's budget released—levy limits but no aid or credit cuts**

This afternoon, the governor released his recommendations on how to solve the state budget deficit. Rather unexpectedly, the governor did not include cuts to local government aid (LGA) or market value homestead credit (MVHC) within his recommendations but he did include strict levy limits for cities over 2,500 population. Since the forecast was released, we have speculated that there would be at least some cut to LGA or MVHC.

The levy limits are significantly different than historical limits. Past levy limits have been based on the sum of levy plus LGA. Under the governor's proposal, the levy limits are based solely on the city's levy. For cities that receive a significant amount of LGA, this calculation will provide less "growth" in levy authority.

Specifically, each city's levy authority is equal to its previous year's levy minus levies that qualify as "special levies" such as debt service. The remaining levy is then inflated by the percentage increase in households in the city and the lesser of the percent increase in the consumer price index or three percent. Cities would be able to levy "special levies" for 2009 above that limit.

Overall, his plan solves the state's projected \$935 million budget hole through three major actions: reducing state agency budgets by \$341 million, redirecting \$250 million from the Health Care Access Fund surplus, and tapping \$250 million of the state's \$653 million budget reserve.

His proposal does include a few modest increases in state revenues. The plan would raise \$102 million from the foreign operating corporation tax change that was in last year's vetoed tax bill. The plan also speeds up sales tax collections through a requirement that retailers remit a portion of their July sales tax in June—which books the revenue in the earlier fiscal year.

Other highlights include:

- Statewide sales tax cut of 1/8 percent (which actually reduces state revenues by \$77 million)
- No reductions in funding for K-12 education
- Funding for the Strategic Entrepreneurial Economic Development (SEED) program, designed to push more business development in Greater Minnesota (saves \$3 million with tax cuts, and spends \$12 million)
- Reductions to most state agencies of four percent
- No new taxes

A more detailed account will be provided in next week's *Cities Bulletin*, but a link to the governor's proposal is available at the Department of Finance's website of <http://www.finance.state.mn.us>. During his comments, the governor relayed that this would be introduced as legislation. In fact, a number of committees are slated to hear his recommendations next week. The Democrats in the House and Senate will come out with their own version in the days and weeks ahead.

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## City-sponsored LGA bill up in Senate committee

On Thursday morning, a group of city officials were on hand for the presentation of SF 3234, authored by Sen. Rod Skoe (DFL-Clearbrook) before the Senate Property Tax Division. Speaking for the bill were Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman (League of Minnesota Cities board member), Apple Valley Council Member Tom Goodwin (President of the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities), Hutchinson Mayor Steve Cook (Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities), and Maple Grove Mayor Mark Steffenson (President of North Metro Mayors Association). Steve Peterson, analyst with the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities explained the formula changes in the bill. Gary Carlson (League of Minnesota Cities), Louis Jambois (Metro Cities), Bill Barnhart (North Metro Mayors), and Dave Engstrom (Minnesota Association of Small Cities) were also on hand to answer questions for the committee.

The LGA unity proposal is a short-term LGA reform bill that begins to address several problematic elements of the current LGA system and requests \$90 million for the LGA appropriation. The reform ideas in the proposal emerged from the work of the League's LGA Formula Working Group that has been meeting regularly for a year now with representatives from all the city organizations. The legislation is consistent with the League's Improving Fiscal Futures policies on LGA funding and reform (FF-3 and FF-4).

The main formula change includes replacing the current law regional center aid base with one related to the number of jobs in a city. The number of jobs per capita within each city

would serve as a proxy for regional center overburden for cities with populations of more than 5,000. The current small city aid base would be increased from \$6 per capita to \$12 per capita.

The bill creates a local effort offset that reduces this aid base for cities with strong tax bases. For every city with an aid base of more than 2,500 population, the bill sets a minimum per capita need of \$290. Additionally, the bill would reduce annually volatility for individual cities and eliminate the taconite aid offset. Finally, the bill includes a legislative study of LGA with the goal of ultimately securing more comprehensive, long-term reform.

As the chief author, Senator Skoe raised a concern with the ongoing difficulties being faced by smaller cities and he subsequently offered an amendment that would acknowledge population decline in small cities. City representatives offered to work on the issue with Senator Skoe. The bill was laid over for consideration in the division's property tax article, which was the expected action from the committee.

The House companion bill, HF 3756 by Rep. Paul Marquart (DFL-Dilworth) was introduced this week as well, and will be heard sometime in the next few weeks.

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## Street improvement district bill tabled

Intense opposition from key business stakeholders brought the League-initiated municipal street improvement district legislation to an early halt on Wednesday. The House Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee tabled the bill after representatives of various business groups testified against the bill and distributed a document stating, among other things, that cities would use the tool as “an end-run around requirements imposed on cities under the special assessments laws designed to protect property tax payers.” Members of the committee, including House Property Tax Relief and Local Sales Tax Division Chair Paul Marquart (DFL-Dilworth), raised concerns that the bill could undermine efforts to provide property tax relief.

The groups opposing the bill are:

- Minnesota Grocers Association
- Minnesota Multi-Housing Association
- Minnesota Petroleum Marketers Association
- Minnesota Retailers Association
- Minnesota Trucking Association
- Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association
- Minnesota Business Partnership
- Minnesota Beverage Association
- Builders Association of Minnesota
- Builders Association of the Twin Cities
- National Association of Industrial and Office Properties
- Greater Minneapolis Building Owners and Managers Association
- Minnesota Association of Realtors
- Minnesota Shopping Center Association
- Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

The bill, HF 3248, authored by Rep. Bev Scalze (DFL-Little Canada), was introduced as a measure that could provide an alternative to special assessments. City officials have long held that special assessments are onerous for property owners, particularly for struggling businesses and low-income residents.

HF 3248 would authorize cities to collect fees from property owners within a district to fund municipal street maintenance and upgrades. Before establishing a street improvement district, the municipality would be required to adopt a street improvement plan that identifies and estimates the costs of proposed maintenance and upgrades for the following five years. Fees would then be apportioned to all parcels located in the street improvement district on a uniform basis within each classification of real estate. Fees collected could only be spent within the district and on projects identified in the street improvement plan. The city could collect municipal street improvement fees in a district for up to twenty years.

The League believes this authority would provide a funding mechanism that is both affordable and fair to property owners. It requires a relationship between who pays fees and where projects occur, but stops short of the benefit test that sometimes makes special assessments vulnerable to legal challenges. It also does not prohibit cities from collecting fees from tax exempt properties within a district.

Shoreview Public Works Director and City Engineer Mark Maloney testified the bill would allow cities to spread the cost of projects over more properties and over a longer period of time. He also stressed that one advantage of the



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tool is its transparency; fees collected within a street improvement district would be collected and used for a specific purpose. This tool would also allow cities to perform maintenance and reconstruction on schedule. Timely maintenance is essential to preserving streets and thereby protecting taxpayer investments.

Bloomington Councilmember Steve Elkins testified that the tool could help advance economic development projects and allow cities to accommodate infrastructure demands driven by private developers.

The hearing was particularly disappointing because the League and the City Engineers Association had listened to concerns raised by business community and worked with the bill's author to craft amendments that would narrow the scope of the bill. Specifically, the amendments would prohibit the use of special assessments for projects funded with street improvement fees, disallow one parcel from being located in more than one street improvement district, and require the city to consider the general benefit to each class of property when establishing the fee schedule.

Nevertheless, the opponents of the bill testified that cities currently have adequate tools to fund street maintenance and upgrades, and that the recently enacted transportation bill, HF 2800 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston), provides enough new money for local roads. The League distributed information pointing out that municipal state aid is limited to cities over 5,000 population—143 of Minnesota's 854 cities--and cannot be applied to more than twenty percent of their streets. Dave Engstrom, representing the Minnesota Association of Small Cities, reminded the committee that cities under 5,000 population will not receive

direct funding from the increases in the gas tax and tab fees.

The Senate companion, SF 2937, is being carried by Sen. Rick Olseen (DFL-Harris). It is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight. Under the joint rules of the Legislature, if the bill does not pass out of a policy committee in either body by the end of next week, it will not be allowed to advance this session.

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## **Omnibus tax bill moves quickly to governor**

On Wednesday morning, the Senate Tax Committee considered HF 3201, the first omnibus tax bill that was approved on Monday on the House floor. The committee quickly processed the bill, including several amendments that substantially modified the bill. On Thursday, the bill was approved on the Senate floor on a 63-2 vote and sent to the House where the House voted 132-1 to concur with the Senate amendments. The bill is now on its way to the governor.

The amendments adopted in the Senate Tax Committee stripped the bill of a provision that drew the criticism of the governor and at least a threat of a veto. That provision would have increased the classification rate on certain public utility property to offset a new valuation rule adopted by the Department of Revenue in the wake of a lawsuit about the process to value utility property. The utility class rate change was supported by the Coalition of Utility Cities and the League of Minnesota Cities. During



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testimony, Department of Revenue Commissioner Ward Einess indicated that the governor was considering a temporary transition aid for the public utility host cities to offset the loss of public utility tax capacity. The details of that aid program may be released later today with the governor's supplemental budget.

In addition to the deletion of the public utility class rate change, the Senate amendment removed local sales tax provisions for Clearwater, Proctor, North Mankato, Winona and Cook County, however, the sales tax provisions for Duluth and Bemidji were not removed by the amendment. In addition, the amendment eliminated a proposal that would have prohibited local units of government from advertising, promoting, expending funds or holding a referendum to support imposing a local sales tax. That prohibition would have been in place from June 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010.

Counties were also affected by the amendment. The counties of Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Dakota and St. Louis lost their proposed mortgage and registry deed tax provisions or their authority extensions. These counties would have used the mortgage and registry deed tax for environmental cleanup.

The House and Senate expedited the bill due to several income tax conformity provisions that are needed for 2007 tax filings. Although many tax filers have already completed their tax returns, many of the individuals that would take advantage of the federal conformity provisions do not file until the April 15 deadline.

The bill still includes changes in TIF law that allow a later start of increment, the LGA

volatility fix proposed by the League, an authorization to create trusts to fund "Other Post Employment Benefits," an authorization to hold joint public truth-in-taxation hearings in counties outside the metropolitan area, border city enterprise zone allocations, and a number of city-specific TIF authorizations. The bill would shift voter-approved general obligation (G.O.) debt levies from market value to net tax capacity and also includes authorizations for cities to issue grant anticipation (GARVEE) bonds and use revenue recapture authority for debts to a city.

With most, if not all of the major concerns of the governor addressed, it appears that the governor will sign the bill.

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## **Firefighter final offer total package repeal bill heard**

This afternoon, the Senate State and Local Government Oversight Committee will consider a bill that will repeal the default "final offer/total package" (FOTP) arbitration requirement for firefighters. The bill, SF 2948 is authored by Sen. Dan Larson (DFL-Richfield).

Approximately five years ago, the Minnesota Professional Firefighters Association sought to make final offer/total package arbitration the default for firefighter contract negotiations. At that time, the League was concerned about the legislation, mostly due to the fact that the method had not yet been tested very often in the public sector in Minnesota.



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Now, the firefighters are trying to repeal the law they once supported. Apparently, in at least one instance, a union offer contained a provision that was not legal under Minnesota law and as a result, the entire offer of the union was rejected in favor of the city's offer.

We have heard from several cities that FOTP has resulted in more effective contract negotiations between cities and their firefighter unions. We have also heard that interest arbitrations among firefighter groups are substantially down because of this legislation. The League will testify in opposition to the bill.

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## **MDH weighs in on smoky bar-- 'theater nights'**

On Thursday the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) released a statement that they had sought legal advice and that "theater nights" that were being held in bars did not fall within the theatrical production exemption of the Freedom to Breathe Act. A number of bars around the state were staging theater nights, based on the exception in the smoking ban law passed last session that allows for tobacco use as part of a stage production. This was affecting a number of cities, as this organized endeavor has built up momentum across the state.

*Questions? Contact John Stieger at MDH, at 651.201.4998.*

## **City notice of utility disconnections**

Since 2006, the League has received increasing reports from cities citing a surge in the number of mortgage foreclosures. Foreclosed properties have wide-reaching effects on communities. Cities with vacant foreclosed properties often experience increase costs due to the many side effects of foreclosures. The League has heard that utility disconnection and water pipe bursts are a major concern for most cities.

With the surge of foreclosed and vacant homes in the last couple of years, many cities have expressed the desire to get service disconnection information from utility companies during cold weather months. Cities could then use the information and determine if the property is vacant and if so shut off water to the home before the pipes freeze and possibly burst.

After hearing from their local communities, Sen. Leo Foley (DFL-Coon Rapids) and Rep. Mike Nelson (DFL-Brooklyn Park) introduced SF 2775/ HF 3229 which would require utility companies to inform municipalities when service is disconnected due to nonpayment.

After the introduction of the bills, League staff convened three stakeholder meetings with representatives from the utility industry, Department of Commerce, Public Utilities Commission, cities and elected officials to reach a compromise reporting of disconnection information. The main concern we heard from utility companies related to customer privacy and once the information is shared with cities whether the information would become public if given to cities. To address these concerns it was agreed that the information provided to



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cities regarding disconnections would be treated as private data.

SF 2775 was heard in the Senate Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications on Thursday. A delete all amendment was offered encompassing changes to the bill that were agreed to by all stakeholders. The amendment states that during the cold weather months, utility companies that disconnect a customer's gas or electric service due to nonpayment must provide cities a notice and a residential address if requested by cities in writing. The information would be made available on October 15 and November 1. If a city wishes to receive daily updates after November 1 then they must request the information in writing. This bill was amended and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

As we see more and more homeowners walk away from their homes due to foreclosures, this bill will help cities identify potential hazards and assist cities in their efforts to keep communities safe.

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## **Board of residential construction proposed**

In 2007, the legislature enacted a new law consolidating the state's code enforcement and licensing functions in the Department of Labor and Industry. The new law also created three independent boards to regulate plumbing, electrical work and high pressure piping. Concerns were raised that the creation of these boards was just the beginning.

On Wednesday, Rep. Larry Hosch (DFL-St. Joseph) introduced a bill creating the Board of Residential Construction, HF 3828, giving the board rule making authority to among other things, adopt state residential codes and code amendments, regulate the licensure or registration of residential building contractors and determine fees for licenses and certifications.

The board would consist of 19 members, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and 18 others appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate. The 18 members would consist of 11 representatives from the industry, a fire marshal and a fire chief, two public members and two building officials. All proposed code amendments and proposed rules and rules amendments receiving two-thirds majority vote would be included in the next rulemaking proceeding.

The League supports a coordinated code development process, creation of boards fragment the code development process. Replacing a consolidated state code development process with boards who work independently of one another will make it difficult for local inspectors to administer and enforce state construction codes.

A Senate companion, SF 3627, will be introduced by Sen. Kathy Saltzman (DFL-Woodbury) on Monday. At this time no committee hearings are scheduled to take up these bills. The League will continue to monitor these bills as they work their way through the process.

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## First deadline ahead—March 14

The first committee deadline is next Friday, March 14, and the schedules for both the House and Senate policy committees are jam packed. What this deadline means, is that a policy bill will need to have passed through all its policy committees in one body (the House or Senate) to be considered still viable. If you are working with your legislator on a bill, now would be a good time to check in on it's status. With all that said, almost anything can show up as an amendment—policy or otherwise, for an omnibus bill later. The second deadline is March 19 the third is March 28. As always, call or email IGR staff if you have questions. For the most up-to-date schedules, go to [www.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.leg.state.mn.us)

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## \*Correction to statewide building code article in Friday Fax\*

Please note that the article in the February 29, 2008 *Friday Fax* regarding a bill proposing to make the building code apply statewide, [HF3574/SF3291](#), inaccurately described that the bill would require statewide enforcement of the code. Enforcement is required only if the municipality has already opted into building code enforcement or if they choose to do so in future.

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## Town hall meetings

Town hall meetings are a great chance to meet with your legislators and tell your city story. Upcoming meetings in a city near you include:

Mar 8 in **Rochester** (Dunn Brothers Coffee, 120 Elton Hills Drive NW, 8:30-9:30 am) with Rep Kim Norton

Mar 12 in **St. Paul** (Macalester College, Weyerhaeuser Memorial Chapel, 7pm) with Sen. Richard Cohen and Rep. Erin Murphy

Mar 15 in **Hastings** (City Hall, 101 4th Street, from 9am) with Sen. Katie Sieben and Rep. Denny McNamara

Mar 15 in **St. Paul** (Hillcrest Community Center, 1978 Ford Parkway, 10am) with Rep. Michael Paymar

Mar 15 in **New Brighton** (Freedom Park Neighborhood Center, 2121 14th Street NW, 10am) with Rep. Kate Knuth

Mar 15 in **Cottage Grove** (Park Grove Library Meeting Room, 7900 Hemingway Ave S, 11:00am) with Sen. Katie Sieben, Rep Karla Bigham and Rep. Denny McNamara

Mar 15 in **Afton** (Afton House Restaurant, 1pm) with Rep. Denny McNamara

Check your local newspaper or radio station for additional dates. To receive e-mail notice of upcoming town hall meetings near you, subscribe online at <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/maillist/maillist.asp> and <http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/schedule/listserv.htm>



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## State budget heads further south

On Thursday, the Minnesota Department of Finance released the semi-annual state budget forecast to an anxious group of legislators, lobbyists and reporters. As expected, the report indicates that the state's budget deficit is now expected to grow to \$935 million for the balance of the 2008-2009 biennium, which ends on June 30, 2009. Just last November, the forecast indicated that the state was facing a \$373 million budget deficit, although at the end of the 2007 session, the state leaders thought they had a \$294 million surplus. In less than a year, the slowdown in the economy has reversed the state budget status by more than \$1.2 billion.

The expected downturn in state revenues is based upon the projections of economic activity prepared by the state's economic consulting firm, Global Insight. Last November, Global Insight was forecasting an economic slowdown but not an actual recession. Under the new forecast, the economy is now predicted to face a short, mild recession for the first two quarters of 2008.

The Department of Finance forecast indicates that the economic downturn is due to the slumping jobs market, the downturn in the residential housing market, increased foreclosures and higher than expected energy prices. The forecast also indicates that problems in the financial sector of the economy have led to additional tightening of the credit markets and this tightening has compounded the economic slowdown. The Global Insight forecast of a recession is moderated somewhat by reductions in interest rates due to actions of the Federal Reserve and the recent

Congressional passage of the federal economic stimulus package.

For the longer term, the forecast predicts a lingering state deficit of \$1.1 billion for the 2010-2011 biennium. This projection is based on current law revenues and expenditures under the Global Insight long-term economic forecast. Although revenues are assumed to grow with economic activity each year, expenditures do not include the effects of inflation, which is estimated to run at approximately 1.9 percent annually. When inflation is added to the major categories of state expenditures, the deficit could grow by another \$1.04 billion to more than \$2 billion for the 2010-2011 biennium. This longer-term deficit does not require an immediate state response. These figures are used for planning purposes.

The governor will now propose a supplemental state budget that will have to address the \$935 million shortfall for the 2008-2009 biennium. This proposal will likely be released next week. The Legislature will then have an opportunity to craft its own budgetary response. To balance the budget, policymakers can employ a variety of mechanisms, including revenue increases, expenditure reductions, a drawdown of the state's \$653 million rainy day fund or other reserves or a number of accounting maneuvers. One thing is clear, achieving consensus on a solution to the deficit in the current environment will be difficult at best—and don't be surprised to see proposals to address the deficit through state aid cuts to cities.

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## **Street improvement district bill hearing scheduled**

A League-initiated bill that would allow cities to establish street improvement districts will receive its first hearing next week in the House Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs Committee. The bill, HF 3248, is authored by Rep. Bev Scalze (DFL-Little Canada), and will be heard on Wednesday, March 5, at 12:30 p.m. in the basement hearing room of the State Office Building.

The bill would authorize cities to collect fees from property owners within a district to fund municipal street maintenance, construction, reconstruction and facility upgrades. Before establishing a street improvement district, the municipality would be required to adopt a street improvement plan that identifies and estimates the costs of proposed construction, reconstruction, facility upgrades and maintenance for the following five years. Fees would then be apportioned to all parcels located in the street improvement district on a uniform basis within each classification of real estate. Fees collected could only be spent within the district and on projects identified in the street improvement plan. The city could collect municipal street improvement fees in a district for up to 20 years.

The League has consistently heard from city officials that existing funding mechanisms for municipally owned streets are inadequate. Special assessments can be onerous to property owners and are difficult to implement for some cities; and, special assessments are not always useful for funding collector streets and other streets that do not abut private property. Property tax dollars, another commonly used source, are generally not dedicated and are

sometimes diverted to more pressing needs such as public safety, water quality and cost participation in state and county highway projects. Finally, municipal state aid (MSA) is limited to cities over 5,000 population --143 of 854 cities in Minnesota--and cannot be applied to more than 20% of an MSA city's lane miles. Existing MSA is not keeping up with the needs of the MSA system.

The street improvement district authority bill is enabling legislation. No city would be required to create a municipal street improvement district. It is modeled after Minn. Stat. 435.44, which allows cities to establish sidewalk improvement districts.

The League believes this authority would provide an alternative funding mechanism that is both affordable and fair to property owners. It requires a relationship between who pays fees and where projects occur, but stops short of the benefit test that sometimes makes special assessments vulnerable to legal challenges. It also does not prohibit cities from collecting fees from tax exempt properties within a district.

This tool would also allow cities to perform maintenance and reconstruction on schedule. Timely maintenance is essential to preserving streets and thereby protecting taxpayer investments. Finally, street improvement fees would allow property owners to fund expensive projects by paying relatively small fees over time. The tool could be used to mitigate or eliminate the need for special assessments.

The League is encouraging members to contact legislators who serve on the House Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs



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Committee and urge them to vote for HF 3248.  
Members are:

<u>Debra Hilstrom</u> (DFL-Brooklyn Center)	296-3709
<u>Ken Tschumper</u> (DFL-La Crescent)	296-9278
<u>Morrie Lanning</u> (R-Moorhead)	296-5515
<u>Michael Beard</u> (R-Shakopee)	296-8872
<u>Mark Buesgens</u> (R-Jordan)	296-5185
<u>Willie Dominguez</u> (DFL-Minneapolis)	296-8659
<u>Alice Hausman</u> (DFL-St. Paul)	296-3824
<u>Mary Liz Holberg</u> (R-Lakeville)	296-6926
<u>Larry Howes</u> (R-Walker)	296-2451
<u>Lyle Koenen</u> (DFL-Clara City)	296-4346
<u>Ann Lenczewski</u> (DFL-Bloomington)	296-4218
<u>Paul Marquart</u> (DFL-Dilworth)	296-6829
<u>Mark Olson</u> (R-Big Lake)	296-4237
<u>Rev. Scalze</u> (DFL-Little Canada)	296-7153
<u>Loren Solberg</u> (DFL-Grand Rapids)	296-2365

The League is anticipating opposition from some of the same entities that opposed the street utility initiative led by the League in recent years. Specifically, representatives of the Minnesota Auto Dealers Association, the Minnesota Trucking Association and the Builders Association of Minnesota have stated their organizations will work against the bill in

spite of the fact that the League has addressed many of their concerns.

If the bill passes next Wednesday, it is expected to make additional stops in the House Taxes Committee and the House Transportation and Transit Policy Subcommittee.

The Senate companion, SF 2937, is being carried by Sen. Rick Olseen (DFL-Harris). It is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight.

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## March 4 meeting bill is now law

A bill sponsored by the League of Minnesota Cities, which clarifies that local units of government may hold meetings on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, is now law.

The League received word just after 10 a.m. today that the governor has signed this bill into law. It is now legal to hold council or other city meetings on March 4, 2008. A notice to affected cities went out via email this morning.

The new law permits cities to hold meetings on March 4, 2008. The bill does not correct the underlying problem with the fact that the political parties are not bound to comply with the state statute setting the date for precinct caucuses while cities and other local units of government are barred from holding meetings or events on the date that the statute sets for major political party precinct caucuses.

We had hoped that the bill would have been signed into law earlier but the legislative



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process has many checks and balances. For example, the bill only had to be considered by one Senate committee but under the House committee structure, the bill was routed through two committees. Each committee hearing and the required intermediate floor actions can extend the process by several days. In addition, just to get the bill to the governor yesterday, we had to convince two-thirds of the members of the House to suspend the Constitutional requirement that a bill be laid over for a day between the second and third readings.

In the end, the bill, SF 2428 authored by Sen. Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope) and Rep. Ken Tschumper (DFL-La Crescent), passed unanimously in both the House and Senate.

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## **Future of administrative fines legislation unclear**

Bills that would clarify whether local units of government have authority to issue their own traffic tickets for low-level offenses were stalled in key House and Senate committees this week.

The Senate Judiciary Committee heard SF 155 (Foley, DFL-Coon Rapids). Ironically, the bill was introduced in 2007 as a measure to prohibit the practice. Last session, against the author's objections, the Senate Transportation Committee amended the bill to explicitly give local law enforcement agencies limited authority to use administrative fines for moving violations such as speeding under 10 miles per hour above the limit. In this week's Judiciary

Committee hearing, Sen. Leo Foley attempted to amend his bill back into its original form, and the amendment failed. Sen. Foley then tabled his bill.

In the House, the Public Safety and Civil Justice Committee heard HF 847 (Hosch, DFL-St. Joseph), a bill that would authorize administrative fines for minor traffic offenses. After brief discussion, a motion to pass the bill to the Public Safety Finance Division without recommendation failed.

The bills attempt to address a dispute that has existed since 2003 when former State Auditor Patricia Anderson and some legislators criticized cities for using administrative fines for low-level speeding violations. Both former Auditor Anderson and former Attorney General Mike Hatch issued statements essentially stating cities do not have authority to use administrative penalties to enforce state traffic laws.

The League's position acknowledges ambiguity in the law and requests that the Legislature give cities some limited authority to use administrative fines for traffic enforcement.

The issue is rooted in legislative actions that have increased state surcharges—the amount over and above the fine—on misdemeanor violations in order to bail out the state's general fund. In 2003, the Legislature increased the surcharge on certain offenses, including petty misdemeanors from \$35 to \$60. Then, in 2005, the Legislature increased the surcharge on the same category of violations from \$60 to \$72. The surcharge is deposited into the state's general fund. The measure brings the cost of a traffic ticket to a minimum of about \$120, with just \$13 to \$20 going back to the jurisdiction



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that issues the violation. City officials have been increasingly alarmed at the financial impact the surcharge has on residents. At the same time, resentment has grown over the lopsided distribution of the revenues collected for statutory violations enforced at the local level.

Cities that use administrative fines for traffic enforcement cite a lack of clarity in the existing law and say the practice makes sense from both fiscal and public safety perspectives. They say the surcharges imposed by the state make the cost of statutory violations excessive for residents and that the cost of prosecuting statutory violations is excessive for taxpayers. Many are limiting the use of administrative fines to first offenses and to what some would describe as less serious offenses such as driving fewer than 10 miles per hour above the speed limit. Law enforcement officials say most of these offenses would otherwise result in warnings.

No further hearings on this issue have been scheduled.

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## **LGA bill introduced**

On Thursday, Sen. Rod Skoe (DFL-Clearbrook) introduced SF 3234, a short-term LGA reform bill that seeks to restore \$90 million in LGA funding and begin to address several of the problematic pieces of the current LGA system. Sen. Skoe is the chair of the Property Tax Division of the Senate Tax Committee. The bill is co-authored by Senators Mee Moua (DFL-Saint Paul), David Senjem (R-Rochester), Katie Sieben (DFL-Newport),

and Scott Dibble (DFL-Minneapolis). The bill could be up for a hearing in the Senate Property Tax division as early as next Thursday, March 6.

Over the past several years, there has been a growing discontent in the city community about the LGA formula. The League has been working with the Minnesota Association of Small Cities, Metro Cities, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, the North Metro Mayors Association, the Range Association of Municipalities and School Districts and the Municipal Legislative Commission, as well as the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul to identify weaknesses in the current formula and to ultimately develop a better system.

The group developed this proposal as an interim step to begin to address problems and to hopefully gain support for restoring the remaining 2003 cuts in the LGA appropriation. The bill includes a legislative study and process to identify a longer-term solution to the LGA issue.

We expect the House companion to be introduced soon by Rep. Paul Marquart (DFL-Dilworth), who chairs the Property Tax Relief Division in the House. At this point, other House authors on the bill include Reps. Frank Moe (DFL-Bemidji), Jim Davnie (DFL-Minneapolis), Sandra Peterson (DFL-New Hope), Lyle Koenen (DFL-Clara City), Debra Hilstrom (DFL-Brooklyn Center) and John Lesch (DFL-Saint Paul).

In short, the bill would:

- Replace the regional center aid with a new jobs-based aid for all cities over 5,000 population.



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- Double the small city aid base from \$6 to \$12 per person and create a local effort offset that reduces aid in cities with strong tax bases.
- Create a minimum need of \$290 per person for cities over 2,500.
- Remove the taconite aid offset.
- Add \$90 million to the LGA appropriation, “scalable” to other appropriation levels.
- Create a legislative/city process to identify a new LGA formula.

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## First omnibus tax bill moves along

The not-quite-non-controversial omnibus tax bill crept along this week as the Senate Tax Committee considered the Senate companion, SF 2935. The House version, HF 3201, will likely be debated on the floor on Monday, March 3—after having been postponed from the Thursday evening House floor session. The bill includes the bulk of the non-controversial pieces from last year’s omnibus tax bill, and is authored by House Tax Chair Ann Lenczewski (DFL-Bloomington) and Sen. Tax Chair Tom Bakk (DFL-Cook).

Perhaps the most contentious issue is the classification change for public utility property. Last year in his veto letter, the governor cited a similar provision supported by utility host cities and counties that would have increased the property tax classification rate for public utility and pipeline property to offset a new property valuation procedure that reduced the market value of these properties. League policies support this modification to state law.

There are indications, including public comments from the Commissioner of Revenue, that the governor might veto the bill over this provision and we expect there will be attempts to remove the utility class rate change on the House floor. During the Senate Tax Committee debate, Sen. Bakk expressed his desire that the host cities and utilities continue to seek a mutual solution.

In addition to the public utility class rate changes, the bill includes local sales tax adjustments or authorizations for Bemidji, Clearwater, North Mankato, Proctor and Winona; revenue recapture authority for debts to a city; changes in TIF law that allow a later start of increment; the LGA volatility fix, an authorization to create trusts to fund “Other Post Employment Benefits,” an authorization to hold joint public truth-in-taxation hearings in counties outside the metropolitan area; border city enterprise zone allocations; and many city-specific TIF authorizations. The bill also includes an authorization for cities to issue grant anticipation (GARVEE) bonds and would shift voter-approved G.O. debt levies from market value to net tax capacity.

Unfortunately, the bill also includes a temporary prohibition on local government advertising, promoting, expending funds or holding a referendum to support imposing a local sales tax. This prohibition would be in place from June 1, 2008, through December 31, 2010.

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## House foreclosure proposals

After a busy week by the Senate on housing foreclosure bills, the House introduced their own proposals to help Minnesota homeowners.

Rep. Joe Mullery (DFL-Minneapolis), who has worked on this issue over the interim, introduced the "Foreclosure Intervention Act," HF 3348, earlier this week. This bill is essentially an omnibus foreclosure bill consisting of bills brought forward by the Foreclosure Working Group and introduced in the Senate last week. The omnibus bill addresses issues ranging from pre-foreclosure remedies, tenants' rights, vacancies and local ordinances, data privacy and civil and criminal enforcement.

In addition to the omnibus bill, companions to the Senate bills were introduced as separate bills. The House Public Safety and Civil Justice Committee, which Rep. Mullery chairs, will hold a public hearing on Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at Folwell Park in North Minneapolis to hear the bills.

A bill putting a one year moratorium on foreclosure sales was introduced by Rep. Jim Daynie (DFL-Minneapolis). Titled the "Minnesota Subprime Foreclosure Deferment Act of 2008", HF 3612 would allow borrowers who obtained either a subprime loan or a loan with a negative amortization after January 1, 2001, and before August 1, 2007, to defer the foreclosure sale.

Borrowers would have to provide an affidavit to the lender stating that they are the borrower, that they reside at the current residence, the date the sale is scheduled and the type of loan. After receiving the deferment letter, lenders

would have to rescind the foreclosure sale, acknowledge the deferment and provide a new deferment payment amount. If a borrower fails to pay the new deferment amount, then the lender has the right to schedule a foreclosure sale.

And finally Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Minneapolis), chair of the Housing Policy and Finance Committee introduced HF 3600 declaring a housing emergency in the state of Minnesota. The bill would allow borrowers to ask for and allow courts to postpone foreclosure sales and extend redemption periods for loans.

HF 3348, HF 3612 and HF 3600 do not currently have senate companions and as of Friday's press time there are no committees scheduled to hear the bills.

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## Mandatory statewide building code proposed

A bill requiring statewide enforcement of the building code was introduced by Rep. Al Juhnke (DFL-Willmar) and Sen. Tom Bakk (DFL-Cook) earlier this week. The Builders Association of Minnesota, the main proponents of HF 3574/ SF 3291 have been pushing for statewide enforcement for the past several sessions.

Currently, all cities in the seven-county metropolitan area are required to, and many Greater Minnesota cities have adopted the state building code. The state's building code remains optional for cities under 2,500 population that are located in a non-



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metropolitan county where voters have approved an exemption from the state building code and have not adopted the code before January 1, 1977, do not have to enforce the state's building code.

The League has in the past expressed concerns expanding the building code statewide because of costs to cities due to expenses and overhead relating to staffing. The League's policy on statewide enforcement, SD-17 states that the adoption of an enforced state building code should remain a local option for municipalities under 2,500 population that are located in a non-metropolitan county... unless the state fully funds the costs of enforcement and inspection services necessary to enforce a statewide building code.

HF 3574/ SF 3291 make the building code apply statewide for all municipalities except those with a population under 2,500 that have not already adopted the code. Enforcement is required by a municipality only if they have already opted into building code enforcement or if they choose to do so in future.

To address the concerns raised by cities who do not have qualified inspectors, the bill would require the Department of Labor and Industry to send an inspector to the municipality to perform the inspection on a fee basis.

The bill would repeal provisions relating to referenda on state building code requirement in nonmetropolitan counties and local option for municipalities with a population under 2,500.

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## Legislative committee schedules

House and Senate committees have scheduled a full slate of hearings for next week. Committee schedules change on a regular basis. For the latest information on House and Senate committee agendas, please visit the legislative schedules at:

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/scheduleall.asp>

[http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/schedule/schedule.php?ls=85&cmte\\_id=&cmte\\_type=&type=upcoming](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/schedule/schedule.php?ls=85&cmte_id=&cmte_type=&type=upcoming)

## Town hall meetings

Town hall meetings are a great chance to meet with your legislators and tell your city story. Upcoming meetings in a city near you include:

Mar 1 in **St. Paul** (Hillcrest Community Center, 1978 Ford Parkway, 10am) with Rep. Michael Paymar

Mar 6 in **Minneapolis** (Tillie's Bean, 2803 East 38th Street, 7pm) with Sen Torres-Ray and Rep. Jim Davnie

Mar 8 in **Rochester** (Dunn Brothers Coffee, 120 Elton Hills Drive NW, 8:30-9:30 am) with Rep Kim Norton

Check your local newspaper or radio station for additional dates. To receive e-mail notice of upcoming town hall meetings near you, subscribe online at

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/maillist/maillinglist.asp> and

<http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/schedule/listserver.htm>

To keep informed on news from the House of Representatives, subscribe to the nonpartisan Session Weekly newsmagazine at

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Anytime disaster strikes, Americans tend to look to their elected officials for solutions. And elected officials tend to think in terms of legislation that cuts a broad swath through society to address a narrow issue.

Does anyone believe that the current legislative focus on bridge maintenance would be as broad or expensive if it did not fall on the heels of the I-35 bridge collapse? Or that legislators aren't lining up to support gas-tax increases because their constituents expect them to do something — anything — about the disaster?

True to form, the heart-wrenching school bus wreck near Cottonwood has legislators looking to do something for grieving Minnesotans. Even before the Highway Patrol finishes its investigation, lawmakers are cranking up the statute-making machinery. Proposals discussed so far range from mandatory seat belts in buses to a new \$2 million state office to inspect buses for safety. ...

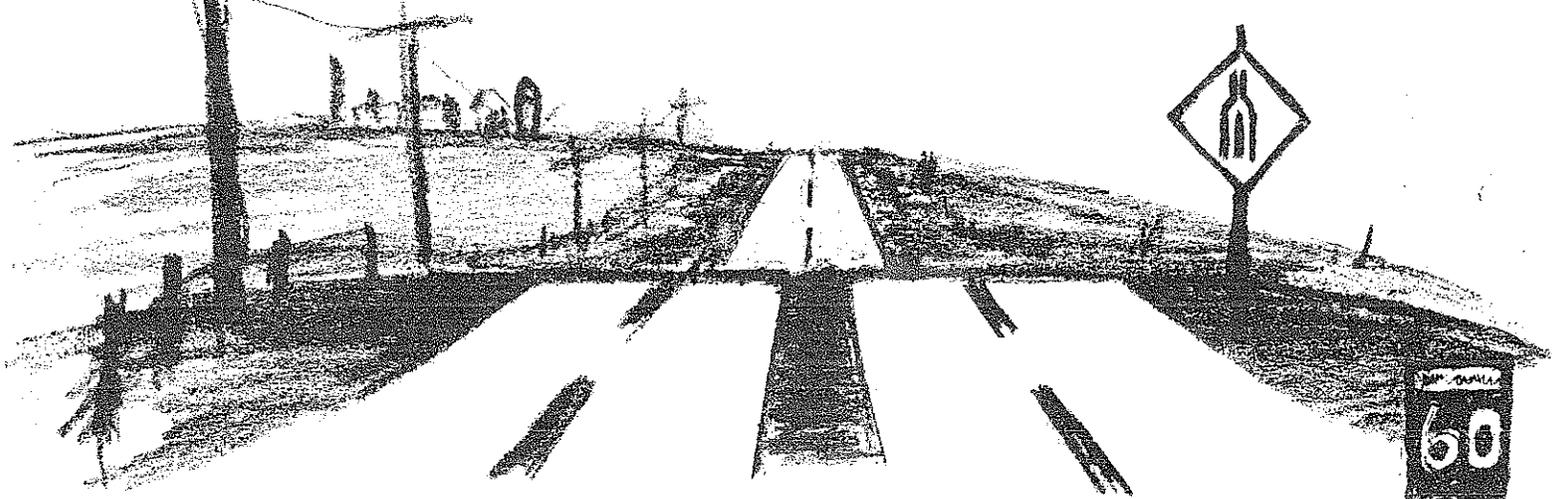
First reports make it look like the bus was hit by a van driver who was violating at least two traffic laws. What she was doing already is illegal.

People can do any number of things for the victims, their families and the community that was devastated by the loss of four young citizens. As humans and members of greater Minnesota, we owe the grieving community our heartfelt compassion, prayers and support. But we should not use it as a reason to pad the law books with new statutes.

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"He who is without a newspaper is cut off from his species."  
 -P.T. Barnum, 1880

*Council Member Messer requested  
 that this be included in Misc. Info.*



## Highway Sixty/*ACTION* Corporation

**TO:** HIGHWAY 60 CORPORATION MEMBERS & OTHER  
INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS & BUSINESSES

**FROM:** Dawn Teerink, Administrative Assistant

**DATE:** March 10, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Southwest Highway 60 Meeting

There will be a SW Highway 60 Corporation meeting on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. at the Travelodge in Worthington. A representative from the Minnesota Department of Transportation will be present to discuss the progress and future of Highway 60 and to talk about where we go from here.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce by calling 507-372-2919 or by email ([wcofc@frontiernet.net](mailto:wcofc@frontiernet.net)) by Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you!

*City Council  
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