

**Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Meeting Minutes from 4/12/06**

Mayor Gehrz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Mayor Gehrz, Council member Lindstrom, Harris, Talbot, and Kuettel, City Administrator Worthington, Parks and Public Works Director Hoag, Assistant City Administrator/Deputy Clerk Kreuser.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved with changes submitted by Mayor Gehrz.

**Consent Agenda:** The council had a brief discussion on the acceptance of bids. Administrator Worthington stated the lowest qualified bidder had to be accepted for projects sent to bid according to State law.

Council member Kuettel moved to approve the following five items on the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

1. General Disbursements through 4/6/06: \$121,691.94  
Payroll through 3/31/06: \$13,901.73
2. 2006 License Approval
3. Joint Cooperation Agreement with Ramsey County HRA
4. Award bid for Roselawn Ave Reconstruction
5. Award bid and order improvement for Contract C Improvements

Mayor Gehrz asked to add an item to the policy agenda. Consideration of a contract with the Aimee Gourlay of the Mediation Center for Dispute Resolution at Hamline University became policy item G2.

**Policy Agenda:**

1. Consideration of a contract for police services with the City of St. Anthony

Administrator Worthington began the item by giving an overview of the changes in the contract.

Council member Lindstrom asked about special cases, and wanted to know if the contract amount was set no matter what happened. Administrator Worthington replied that in special circumstances, the police department would likely approach the City to recover costs. She added that some money is built-in, but serious situations are not covered. Council member Harris added the contract does not leave Falcon Heights open to pay for anything.

Mayor Gehrz stated that the level of service is not changing, but the increase in cost is due to rising health and dental insurance premiums, along with salary increases. The Falcon Heights portion of the total police services (Lauderdale, St. Anthony, and Falcon Heights) is 22 percent, and there is a car in our borders 24-hours a day.

Council member Lindstrom asked about back-up coming to Falcon Heights if one of the on-duty officers had a court hearing, went downtown with a warrant arrest, etc. Administrator Worthington replied that another officer from Lauderdale or St. Anthony would come over.

Council member Talbot asked how often payments are made. Administrator Worthington replied the City is invoiced monthly by St. Anthony.

Mayor Gehrz then went on to explain the police coverage during the State Fair and the MSRA 50's event. She stated the Fair reimburses St. Anthony for policing during the Fair, etc., and in turn the

savings are passed along to Falcon Heights. She said the amounts were about 12-15,000 for the Fair and 3,000 for the MSRA event.

Council member Talbot asked about when the football stadium is built on the U campus and people park at the State Fair, how would Falcon Heights deal. Mayor Gehrz replied that in the impact study, the U said they would reimburse for any extra public safety fees incurred.

Council member Harris added that the budget numbers for St. Anthony supported the increase in fees, and Falcon Heights got to see, item-by-item, where the added funds were going.

Council member Talbot moved to approve the contract for police services with the City of St. Anthony. The motion unanimously was approved.

2. Consideration of a contract with the Aimee Gourlay of the Mediation Center for Dispute Resolution at Hamline University

Administrator Worthington gave an overview of the need for a mediator, and stated the importance of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party neutral. She added Ms. Gourlay is educated, experienced, and has worked with the City before on the solid waste collection topic.

Council member Kuettel moved to approve the contract with the Aimee Gourlay of the Mediation Center for Dispute Resolution at Hamline University. The motion passed unanimously.

**Information/Announcements:**

Council member Lindstrom applauded the Falcon Heights Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> graders for their work in recycling their organic materials and giving it to a hog farmer in the area. He also reported the Falcon Heights Food Drive collected over 1,500 pounds of food for the Keystone Food Shelf. He thanked the Lions, residents, and City Staff.

Council member Kuettel thanked those who sent cards or called while she was sick. She also stated the planning commission will be active in the drive-through study, along with council and staff.

Council member Talbot urged college students to apply for the Cable Commission scholarships and to apply for paid internships by going to [ctv15.org](http://ctv15.org).

Mayor Gehrz reported the Active Living Ramsey County group on walkable communities is meeting in Roseville on May 8 from 1-5 p.m., and in Lauderdale on May 9 from 1-5 p.m. She also added the Treasures of Falcon Heights tour on May 13 is looking for volunteers. Call City Hall to get on the list. Lastly, she said the farewell party for Heather Worthington will be held May 12 from 4-6 p.m.

Administrator Worthington reminded residents of the moratorium study to be held April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Gehrz at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Kreuser  
Assistant City Administrator/Deputy Clerk