## CITY OF LAKE ELMO WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

## RESOLUTION 97- 42

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO THE CONSOLIDATION STUDY PROCESS WITH THE TOWN OF BAYTOWN AS OUTLINED BY THE MINNESOTA BOARD OF GOVERNMENT INNOVATION AND COOPERATION

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elmo and the Town of Baytown have indicated an interest in exploring consolidation to prevent the urbanization of the two communities, both which have a strong desire to remain rural in character and to provide for non-sewered development; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.81 through 465.87 provides for the consolidation of municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Innovation and Cooperation empowers local government officials to improve the quality and efficiency of service delivery and provides incentives for innovation and cooperation through the development of plan to merge into a single unit of government.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake Elmo City Council commits the City to begin formal discussions with the Town of Baytown for consolidation of the City and the Town pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 465.81 through 465.87 AND the City commits to reaching an approved plan with the Town of Baytown for the approval of the Minnesota Board of Government Innovation and Cooperation.

Adopted by the Lake Elmo City Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1997.

Attest:

Mary Kueffner, City Clerk/Administrator