WILLMAR CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILLMAR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BUILDING WILLMAR, MINNESOTA

September 18, 2006 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Willmar City Council was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Lester Heitke. Members present on a roll call were Mayor Heitke, Council Members Doug Reese, Ron Christianson, Bruce DeBlieck, Denis Anderson, Cindy Swenson, Rick Fagerlie, Jim Dokken, and Steven Gardner; Present 9, Absent 0.

Also present were City Administrator Michael Schmit, City Attorney Richard Ronning, Police Captain David Wyffels, Fire Chief Marv Calvin, Public Works Director Mel Odens, Finance Director Steven Okins, Planning and Development Services Director Bruce Peterson, Community Education and Recreation Director Steve Brisendine, and City Clerk Kevin Halliday.

Council Member Dokken Commented on Lance Corporal Jesse Ortega of Willmar who recently was presented with a Purple Heart from the Navy. Thirty Marines were present at the ceremony honoring the injured soldier. This matter was for information only.

The Council requested the Planning Commission Minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Reese offered a motion adopting the Consent Agenda which included the following: City Council Minutes of September 5; Municipal Utilities Commission Minutes of September 11; Building Inspection Report for August; Housing Redevelopment Authority Minutes of August 8; Pioneerland Library Board Minutes of August 17; Airport Commission Minutes of August 29; and Senior Citizens Council Minutes of September 6, 2006. Council Member Fagerlie seconded the motion, which carried.

The Council discussed the Planning Commission relating to the First Baptist Church Conditional Use Permit. Ms. Sonja Westre, 409 11th Avenue SE, appeared to voice concerns with several items in the approved permit. Following discussion, the Planning Commission Minutes of September 13, 2006, were approved as presented and ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office upon motion by Council Member Dokken, seconded by Council Member Fagerlie, and carried.

At 7:14 p.m. Mayor Heitke opened a hearing to consider a Wal-Mart Environmental Assessment Worksheet. Planning and Development Director Peterson informed the Mayor and Council that all anticipated environmental issues have been addressed. Will Matzek, Olson Associates, representing Wal-Mart was present to answer any question. Following discussion, Resolution No. 1 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Anderson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Willmar City Council is the responsible governmental unit (RGU); and

WHEREAS, the environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) pertaining to the Wal-Mart Super Center project dated August, 2006, has been prepared and circulated to the appropriate public agencies and private citizens pursuant to Minnesota Rule 4410.1700; and

WHEREAS, based on the information contained in the EAW, planning and zoning records and files, comments received and responses, the Willmar City Council, as the RGU, has reviewed the Findings of Fact and Conclusion recommended by staff:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that: 1) The Findings of Fact and Conclusion recommended by staff shall be attached hereto and the same shall constitute the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of the City Council, and a negative declaration of need for an EIS shall be issued.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2006.

/s/ Lester Heitke	
MAYOR	

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

Mayor Heitke acknowledged that no one had signed up to address the City Council during its scheduled Open Forum.

The Finance Committee Report for September 11, 2006, was presented to the Mayor and Council by Council Member Anderson. There were two items for Council consideration.

<u>Item No. 1</u> The Committee reviewed a proposed resolution revising the interest rate charged for the 2006 Street Improvements. The reason given to reduce the rate from 7.00 to 5.85 percent was due to the favorable bids received on the bonds to finance the project. The Committee was recommending the Council introduce a resolution lowering the rate charged on the 2006 Street Assessments to 5.85 percent.

Resolution No. 2 was introduced by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Dokken, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

AMENDING ASSESSMENT ROLL

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Willmar, Minnesota duly adopted the assessment roll for the 2006 Street Improvement Project on June 5, 2006 totaling the sum of \$702,585.82, and

WHEREAS, the sale of the General Obligation Improvement Bonds was conducted on September 5, 2006 and the stated interest rate on the assessment notice should be reduced to the rate of 5.85 percent.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar, Minnesota, as follows:

- 1. Such assessment roll interest rate be amended to five and eighty-five hundredths percent (5.85%).
- 2. Such assessments shall be as follows:
 - A. The assessments shall be payable in equal annual installments extending

over a period of ten (10) years, the first of said installments to be payable with general taxes for the year 2007, collectible with such taxes during the year 2007.

- B. To the first installment shall be added interest at the rate of five and eighty-five hundredths (5.85) percent per annum on the entire principal amount of the assessment from the date of the bond sale of September 5, 2006, until December 31, 2007. To each subsequent installment, when due there shall be added interest for one year at said rate on the unpaid principal amount of the assessment.
- C. The owner of any property so assessed may at any time prior to the certification of the assessment or the first installment thereof to the County Auditor (Treasurer), pay the whole of the principal amount of the assessment on such property with interest accrued to the date of payment to the City clerk-Treasurer, except that no interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid by October 31, 2006, and such property owner may at any time prior to November 15 of any year pay to the City Clerk-Treasurer the entire principal amount.
- 3. The City Clerk-Treasurer shall forthwith transmit a certified duplicate copy of this assessment to the County Auditor to be extended on the tax list of the County.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2006.

/s/ Lester Heitke	
MAYOR	

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

Item No. 2 Chairman Anderson announced that the major item on the Committee's Agenda was the Mayor's Proposed 2007 Budget and introduced Mayor Heitke. The Mayor presented his proposed revenues and expenditures. Notable highlights of the 2007 Budget included the following: salary increases for the Mayor, Mayor Pro-tempore and Council Members; addition of one Assessor/Appraiser position; increases in the Airport Department due to the construction of the new facility; increases at the Civic Center to reflect the City's takeover of the Blue Line Center Building (primarily capital outlay); 3 percent increases for the Library and Cultural Diversity programs; appropriations for Downtown development; the second of a five-year contribution to the Humane Society for a new facility; and items mentioned but not funded included water quality issues, railroad crossings and street upgrades.

Mayor Heitke stated that the proposed 2007 Budget totaled \$19,535,707 of which the General Operating Budget totals \$11,717,494. The City's 2006 property tax levy is \$2,335,677, and the 2007 proposed levy is \$2,606,995. The \$271,318 increase is intended to capture new property valuation generated in 2006. Essentially, after receiving the final numbers from the County Auditor, it is expected that the City's tax capacity rate will equal that of 2006 or lower.

Mayor Heitke concluded his remarks by thanking Staff for its assistance in formulating the Budget and invited Council Members to meet regularly between now and early December with Administration and him to review and/or revise the proposed revenues and expenditures. Chairman Anderson thanked Mayor Heitke for his presentation.

Staff briefly reviewed with the Committee the proposed schedule for Truth-in-Taxation hearings as follows: Truth-in-Taxation hearing is set for the December 4 Council meeting with December 18, 2006, set for a continuation hearing if needed.

Council Member Anderson offered a motion to introduce an Ordinance Amending the Salaries

Paid to the Mayor and City Council and set a public hearing for October 2, 2006. Council Member Gardner seconding the motion, which carried.

The Finance Committee Report for September 11, 2006, was approved as presented and ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office upon motion by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Fagerlie, and carried.

The Public Works/Safety Committee Report for September 13, 2006, was presented to the Mayor and Council by Council Member Reese. There were 10 items for Council consideration.

Item No. 1 The Committee considered a request from the Eagles Landing Association Board of Directors to have a block party in their neighborhood. The request involves blocking off part of Eagle Ridge Drive West on September 23, 2006. The Committee was recommending the Council approve of the street closure as requested. Council Member Reese moved to approve the recommendation of the Public Works/Safety Committee with Council Member Christianson seconding the motion, which carried.

Item No. 2 Staff informed the Committee that a resolution officially clarifying the name of the new airport needs to be submitted to the State of Minnesota and FAA. The Committee reviewed the recommendation of the Airport Commission to retain the name of the Airport as it is now (Willmar Municipal Airport-John L. Rice Field). Several concerned individuals spoke before the Committee supporting retaining its current name. The Committee was recommending the Council officially name the new airport "Willmar Municipal Airport-John L. Rice Field.

Resolution No. 3 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

BE IT RESOLVED by the Willmar City Council that the official name for the new Airport will be "Willmar Municipal Airport – John L. Rice Field."

Dated this 18th day of September, 2006.

	_/s/ Lester Heitke
	MAYOR
/s/ Kevin Halliday	
Attest: CITY CLERK	

<u>Item No. 3</u> The Committee was informed by Staff that the City has received a grant agreement from the State of Minnesota which authorizes the State office to receive and process Federal payments on behalf of the City. The grant agreement covers the costs for the construction of the concrete apron at the Airport.

The Committee was recommending the Council accept State of Minnesota Agreement No. 90150 as presented and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City. Resolution No. 4 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT

It is resolved by the City of Willmar as follows:

- 1. That the state of Minnesota Agreement No. 90150, "Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement," for State Project No, 3401-59 at the Willmar Municipal Airport is accepted.
- 2. That the Mayor and City Administrator are authorized to execute this Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the City of Willmar.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2006.

	/s/ Lester Heitke
	MAYOR
/s/ Kevin Halliday	
Attest: CITY CLERK	

Item No. 4 The Committee reviewed correspondence from the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) concerning participation in a Stormwater Coalition to support cities in implementation with MS4 permit issues and continuing to have an effective voice with the MPCA. The City is asked to participate with the fee being based on population range which for the City would be \$690.

The Committee was recommending the Council approve the City's participation in the League of Minnesota Cities' Minnesota Cities Stormwater Coalition as outlined in the letter of understanding and authorize the City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City. Council Member Reese moved to approve the recommendation of the Public Works/Safety Committee with Council Member Christianson seconding the motion, which carried.

Item No. 5 The Committee reviewed Project No. 0603 Water View Business Park. Bolton and Menk, consulting engineering for the design of the underground utilities in Water View Business Park, is requesting an amendment to their professional services agreement. As the project progressed, there were many questions that arose and options to be considered for the multiple portions of the project that involved a much larger scale than just the actual development. Based upon this information, they are requesting an additional \$9,500.00 to cover the extra services to be billed on an hourly basis.

The Committee was recommending the Council approve the amendment to the original contract in a not to exceed figure of \$9,500.00. Resolution No. 5 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas the City of Willmar desires to amend Bolton and Menk's professional engineering services agreement for design of the underground utilities in Water View Business Park for the City of Willmar; and

Whereas an amendment to the original contract has been prepared for the additional design work requested by the City for sanitary sewer and street grade line at a not to exceed amount of \$9,500.00.

Now therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Willmar that said contract amendment be approved and that the Mayor and City Administrator be authorized to execute the same.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2006.

/s/	Lester Heitke	
MAY	OR	

/s/ Kevin Halliday

Attest: CITY CLERK

Staff presented to the Committee a proposal for construction engineering services for the Water View Business Park Utility Improvement from Bolton and Menk in the amount of \$95,800.00. The proposal provides construction staking, full-time construction observation, and construction administration services for the project. The proposal is based upon a 20-22 week construction schedule and would be billed on an hourly basis.

The Committee was recommending the Council approve the proposal as presented and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City. Resolution No. 6 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas the City of Willmar desires to retain a firm to provide construction engineering services for the Water View Business Park Utility Improvement Project; and

Whereas a proposal has been made by, and an agreement prepared to retain, the firm of Bolton & Menk, Inc. of Willmar, Minnesota in a not to exceed amount of \$95,800.00 for said services;

Now therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Willmar that said agreement be approved and that the Mayor and City Administrator be authorized to execute the same.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2006.

<u>/s/ Lester Heitke</u> MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

Staff informed the Committee that due to the approval of the design services amendment, the contract for construction inspection services and the actual contract bid amount, the budget for the project needs to be adjusted accordingly. Following discussion, the Committee was recommending the Council approve the revised budget as presented. Resolution No. 7 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

SUPPLIES: RECEIVABLES:

Office Supplies Small Tools	\$ 500.00 500.00	Property Owners: \$1,088,800.00 WWTP 249,000.00
Motor Fuels & Lubricants	1,000.00	City (2005 Budget Trans) 28,100.00
Postage	500.00	City (CIF- Storm) 144,000.00
Mtce. Of Other Improvements	1,000.00	City (Developer's Agree.) 40,000.00
General Supplies	1,000.00	Other (Duininck Bros.) 28,100.00
Total:	\$ 4,500.00	Total: \$1,578,000.00
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Mtce. Of Other Improve.	1,323,100.00	City (2005 Budget Trans) 28,100.00
Other Services	<u>37,700.00</u>	Other (Duininck Bros.) <u>28,100.00</u>
Total:	\$1,361,800.00	Total: \$1,578,800.00
OTHER CHARGES:		GRAND TOTAL: \$1,578,800.00
Insurance & Bonds	\$ 1,000.00	
Prof. Services (B&M and Barr)	200,700.00	
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GRAND TOTAL:	\$1,578,000.00	
General Supplies Total: OTHER SERVICES: Printing & Publishing Mtce. Of Other Improve. Other Services Total: OTHER CHARGES: Insurance & Bonds Prof. Services (B&M and Barr) Other Charges Total:	1,000.00 \$ 4,500.00 \$ 1,000.00 1,323,100.00 37,700.00 \$1,361,800.00 \$ 1,000.00 200,700.00 10,000.00 \$ 211,700.00	Other (Duininck Bros.) Total: \$1,578,000.00 FINANCING: Bonds City (2005 Budget Trans) Other (Duininck Bros.) Total: \$28,100.00 28,100.00 28,100.00 \$1,578,800.00

Dated this 18th day of September, 2006.

<u>/s/ Lester Heitke</u> MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

Item No. 6 The Committee reviewed an overview on the NIMS training completed by Staff and the Mayor and Council. Fire Chief Calvin advised the Committee that the City Administrator would be signing a certification memo to be sent to Minnesota Homeland Security Emergency Management stating the City of Willmar is compliant with all NIMS mandates. This matter was for information only.

<u>Item No. 7</u> Fire Chief Calvin presented information to the Committee regarding a fire protection agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The agreement would allow the City of Willmar to be reimbursed for expenses incurred while firefighters respond to fires on lands owned by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service upon authorization by the Fire Chief.

The Committee was recommending the Council allow the City Administrator to sign a fire protection agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide fire protection within our primary response area and other areas as authorized by the Fire Chief. Resolution No. 8 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Willmar to support staff's submittal of a Fire Protection Agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to allow for the reimbursement of expenses incurred while providing wild land fire prevention and suppression to areas within the

Litchfield Wetland Management District land boundaries.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2006.

/s/ Lester Heitke
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

<u>Item No. 8</u> Fire Chief Calvin presented to the Committee a request to apply for and accept the 2006 Rural Fire Assistance Grant in the amount of \$19,857. The local share amounts to 10 percent of this figure, \$1,986. The funds would be used to purchase wild land firefighting-related gear and training to certify firefighters with a red card. It is requested that the 2006 Fire Department budget be adjusted accordingly to allow for these purchases.

The Committee was recommending the Council allow the Fire Chief to apply for, accept and expend funds through the 2006 Rural Fire Assistance Grant as requested. Resolution No. 9 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Willmar to support staff's submittal of a grant application to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Rural Fire Assistance Grant requesting financial support for the purchase of wild land firefighting equipment and training and adjusting the budget accordingly.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2006.

<u>/s/ Lester Heitke</u>
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

Item No. 9 The Committee was informed by Staff that it is time to begin the process of construction of the t-hangars at the new Airport. The hangars will be City-owned and leased to private plane owners. Money is included in the State bonding bill and Staff is in the process of receiving funding. Request for proposals for design and construction have been obtained from two consulting firms. It is staff's recommendation to enter into an agreement with the firm of Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) in the amount of \$44,200 to perform such services.

The Committee was recommending the Council accept the proposal of SEH and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City. Resolution 10 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO 10

Whereas the City of Willmar desires to retain a consultant to provide professional engineering services for construction of the t-hangars at the new airport for the City of Willmar; and

Whereas a proposal has been made by, and an agreement prepared to retain, the firm of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. of St. Paul, Minnesota in a not to exceed amount of \$44,200.00 for said services:

Now therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Willmar that said agreement be approved and that the City Administrator be authorized to execute the same.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2006.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2006.

<u>/s/ Lester Heitke</u> MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

The Committee reviewed a preliminary budget in the amount of \$750,000 for the 15-unit t-hangar construction and brought before the committee for review. It is estimated each hangar unit will cost approximately \$50,000 to construct. The Committee was recommending the Council approve the budget for the construction of the t-hangars as presented. Resolution No. 11 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

PRELIMINARY T-HANGAR BUDGET

SUPPLIES Office Supplies Motor Fuels & Lubricants Postage Mcte of Other Improve	\$500.00 500.00 500.00 1,000.00	RECEIVABLES State (State Bonding) City TOTAL	\$300,000.00 <u>450,000.00</u> \$750,000.00
General Supplies	<u>500.00</u>	FINANCING	# 000 000 00
TOTAL	\$3,000.00	State City	\$300,000.00 450,000.00
OTHER SERVICES		TOTAL	\$750,000.00
Printing & Publishing	\$1,000.00	101712	Ψ7.00,000.00
Mtce. of Other Impr.	650,000.00	GRAND TOTAL	\$750,000.00
Other Services	30,000.00		
TOTAL	\$681,000.00		
OTHER CHARGES Prof. Serv. (SEH) Adm. OH (Transfer) TOTAL	\$50,000.00 <u>16,000.00</u> \$66,000.00		
GRAND TOTAL	\$750,000.00		

/s/ Lester Heitke
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

<u>Item No. 10</u> The Committee reviewed the August Monthly Report Summary for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation Project prepared by Donohue and Associates. The report was for review only and no action was taken.

Public Works Director informed the Committee that bids will be opened on September 18, 2006 for the 2006 Street Lighting Project. A tabulation of bids will be presented at the City Council meeting for consideration. This matter was for information only.

The Committee reviewed a revised budget for the Airport Apron Expansion Project reflecting the actual costs to date. The Committee was recommending the Council approve the revised budget as presented. Resolution No. 12 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

APRON EXPANSION BUDGET

SUPPLIES		RECEIVABLES	
24 Mtce. of Equipment	\$500.00	Federal (Design NE*)	\$29,000.00
TOTAL	\$500.00	City (PIR/LOST/GRANT)	39,166.00
		Federal (Construction NE*)	61,703.00
OTHER SERVICES		TOTAL	\$129,869.00
31* Printing & Publishing	\$1,150.00		
36* Mtce. of Other Impr.	99,219.00	FINANCING	
TOTAL	\$100,369.00	Federal	\$90,703.00
		City	<u>39,166.00</u>
OTHER CHARGES		TOTAL	\$129,869.00
46* Prof. Serv.	\$29,000.00		
TOTAL	\$29,000.00	GRAND TOTAL	\$129,869.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$129,869.00		

Dated this 18th day of September, 2006.

/s/ Lester Heitke
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

The Public Works/Safety Committee Report for September 13, 2006, was approved as presented and ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office upon motion by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, and carried.

The Community Development Committee Report for September 14, 2006, was presented to the Mayor and Council by Council Member DeBlieck. There were five items for Council consideration.

<u>Item No. 1</u> Steve Renquist and Kathy Schwantes from the joint EDC were present to

discuss with the Committee an opportunity to develop a 16-bed mental health facility for lease to the State. The EDC plans to construct the facility for lease to the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Part of the WRTC closure process included a commitment by the State to maintain mental health beds in Willmar. They will only lease the facility; they will not build. The proposal is that the EDC sell revenue bonds to develop the facility. Lease payments would be structured to cover interest and principal on the bonds.

A location at the southeast corner of the Willmar Avenue and the 22nd Street SW intersection has been determined to be the preferred site. The site is north of Bill Taunton Stadium on Cityowned park land, and currently is the site of a tennis court.

Following discussion, the Committee was recommending the Council pursue the transfer of the two-acre site to the EDC, and to refer the proposal to the Planning Commission and Community Education and Recreation Board. Council Member DeBlieck moved to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Committee with Council Member Christianson seconding the motion, which carried.

- Item No. 2 The Committee reviewed a preliminary drawing for the redevelopment of the old airport site directly north of Jennie-O Foods. Included in this proposal were changes to Highway 40 and Willmar Avenue and their future connections with the extended CSAH 5. The design for the street realignment and subdivision of property is being done to accommodate adjacent industrial property owners who have expressed an interest in acquiring additional property. This matter will come back to the Committee at a future date.
- <u>Item No. 3</u> The Committee discussed the Environmental Assessment Worksheet and required process for environmental review for the Wal-Mart Super Center project. This matter was had been taken care of through the public hearing and was for information only.
- <u>Item No. 4</u> Staff provided the Committee with updates on a variety of projects including airport hangar development, bank development, commercial development, the Water View Business Park project, and the new Landmark Business Park proposal. This matter was for information only.
- Item No. 5 Staff informed the Committee that the State had designated October 23-27, 2006, as Minnesota Manufacturers Week and was urging municipalities to officially proclaim the week. The Committee was recommending that the Mayor issue a proclamation for Minnesota Manufacturers Week. Council Member DeBlieck moved to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Committee with Council Member Dokken seconded the motion, which carried.

The Community Development Committee Report for September 14, 2006, was approved as presented and ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office upon motion by Council Member DeBlieck, seconded by Council Member Christianson, and carried.

Public Works Director Odens presented to the Mayor and Council a tabulation of bids for Project No. 0607 – 2007 Street Lighting Improvements. Following discussion, Resolution No. 13 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Minnesota, that the bid of Willmar Municipal Utilities of Willmar, Minnesota for Project No. 0607 is accepted, and be it further resolved that the Mayor and City Administrator of the City of Willmar are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the bidder for the terms and consideration of the contract in the amount of \$36,169.45.

Dated this 1	8 th day	of September,	2006
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	_/s/ Lester Heitke
	MAYOR
/s/ Kevin Halliday	
Attest: CITY CLERK	

The Mayor and Council considered a preliminary plat for Landmark Business Park. Planning and Development Services Director Peterson presented details of the proposed commercial plat consisting of 12 lots southeast of the Americian being developed by Chad Monson. The Planning Commission approved the preliminary plat with conditions that will be completed prior to final platting. Council Member Fagerlie moved to approve the preliminary plat for Landmark Business Park with Council Member DeBlieck seconding the motion, which carried.

The Mayor and Council considered an ordinance to rezone certain lands. Planning and Development Services Director Peterson presented details of the proposed rezoning of property by Chad Monson from R-4 (Medium Density Multiple Family Residential) to GB (General Business) for the purpose of commercial development. The Planning Commission has approved of the rezoning. Council Member DeBlieck offered a motion to introduce the Ordinance Amending Municipal Ordinance No. 1060, the Willmar Zoning Ordinance. Council Member Dokken seconded the motion, which carried.

The Mayor and Council considered a preliminary/final plat for James Addition. Planning and Development Services Director Peterson presented details of the one-lot plat on the corner of 6th Street and Willmar Avenue Southwest. The property is being replatted as it was previously part of two difference subdivisions and had some poorly described legals from the 1970s. This platting is cleaning up the legal description for the single family house move planned for the property. Council Member Fagerlie moved to approve the preliminary/final plat for James addition with Council Member Fagerlie seconding the motion, which carried.

Announcements for Council Committee meeting dates were as follows: Finance, September 25; Public Works/Safety, September 26; and Community Development, September 28, 2006.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. upon motion by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, and carried.

Attest:	MAYOR

SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL