



August 2, 2001
City Council Workshop with School Board
Delta/Greely School District Office 5:00pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The work shop meeting was called to order by President Mike Schultz with School Board members Doris Fales, Rich Mauer, Dick Anderson, Dan Green, and Michelle Trainor present. Also present were Dan Beck and Totsie Pursey. City Council members present were Mayor Roy Gilbertson, Mary Leith-Dowling, Mark Weller, Nat Good and Lou Heinbockel. Susan Kemp was excused.

Al Edgren, Division of Forestry; Lamar Cotten, State of Alaska; Nancy Webb, Hegarty and Associates; Sherry Smith, Hockey Assoc.; Tana Wood and Kim and Rick Johnson were in the audience. Pete Hallgren attended telephonically.

DISCUSSION OF NORTH CLEARWATER ROAD VACATION

Dan Beck explained the history of the project to vacate North Clearwater Road up to the present. Recently, stakes were put in the ground depicting the road and right of way. It was Saarloos's understanding that Beck asked for the minimum amount of impact to the Golden Valley easement, when actually he wanted the minimum amount of impact to the Hockey Rink Parking lot. The road will be closer to the power lines than the stakes indicate. They are set 60' apart to include the easement, but the actual roadway will be 40'.

Heinbockel said he has no problem with the project as long as the school keeps the kids out of the back of the school.

The School District requests the City and District draft a Memorandum of Agreement to proceed with the project before more funds are expended.

Mayor Gilbertson asked if the School District is going to pay for the construction of the road and maintain it.

Dick Anderson wanted to clarify if the District was asking for money to build the road and maintain it from the City.

President Schultz said they had volunteers and ideas on how to get the road built, but the maintenance would be the City's responsibility.

Mayor Gilbertson said in past conversations with the District, they talked about obtaining the land to the north of the rink for addition parking and to construct a building for the Zamboni.

Dan Green said the District would be willing to work with the City on the project and their needs.

President Schultz said they have to consider where the plowed snow would go now, since the road will be where it has been previously dumped.

The road will leave enough space in the parking lot for only three rows of cars.

Weller said the City will have to hold public hearings before North Clearwater can be vacated and the new road built.

Good said the City is responsible for the traffic on its streets and ensuring there is a safe and efficient flow.

Michelle Trainor stated that she is in the senior parking lot several times a week and sees the problem not being the through traffic, but the traffic in the parking lot itself.

President Schultz said the District recently had a safety audit done and it reflected the hazard of children crossing North Clearwater to go to classes.

Good asked that since now there is a new school in the works that will house all the class rooms and there won't be roads to cross, should we see what happens with that before we go too much further?

Mayor Gilbertson said he would like to see a clear map of the proposed parking and road route showing where there will be room for the buses and adequate parking. There are the legalities of the vacation that also needs to be addressed and followed.

The District has previously agreed to deed the 20.844 acres to the City that adjoins the Hockey Rink and he wanted to establish that it was still part of the plan.

President Schultz and Dan Beck confirmed that it was.

Weller thought there should be a plan in place before the Memorandum of Agreement is drafted, so everything can be addressed in it.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Al Edgren said the State will need to be petitioned for the land use within the Golden Valley Electric Association right-of-way as they have granted the use to Golden Valley for the power lines. The land is all owned by the State.

He said whoever has jurisdiction over the road will be the party that needs to petition the State.

The letter of non-objection from Golden Valley will need to be obtained before the State will look at the project.

Dan Beck said there has been a verbal agreement from Golden Valley for non-objection to the project on the right-of-way.

Edgren said he received a letter from Dan Beck stating it was ok to issue wood cutting permits. He asked if it was ok to proceed with issuing them now.

Everyone agreed to go ahead with the permitting.

Ellis said when you are looking at the land for the parking and Zamboni storage you might keep in mind room for a leach field and septage area for when a well and bathrooms are installed, as the land the City owns now is not adequate.

Mayor Gilbertson introduced Nancy Webb, Hegarty & Associates and Lamar Cotten, State of Alaska. Hegarty & Associates have been hired to work on a community impact project for the City, which will be submitted to the Federal Government. This will state the needs of the community when NMD is established at Fort Greely.

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Webb explained to the District what their reports will entail and wanted to clarify with the District their plans and needs for a school. She asked if the plan is to not reopen Fort Greely School and just use the school in town. She wants her information to be as accurate and concise as possible and agree with the District and their future plans.

Dick Anderson said Fort Greely School may be used in the future.

The School Board members and the Administration has not decided if a new school will be their request to the State.

Dan Beck clarified he has not addressed the new school ideas with the Board in its entirety. There is a work session planned and the planning board is invited.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela R. Ellis

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator