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**City Council Minutes**  
**June 17, 2003 ~ 5:00PM**

**Regular Meeting**  
**City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska**  
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The regular meeting of the Delta Junction City Council was held on June 17, 2003 in the conference room at City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska. Mayor Gilbertson called the meeting to order at 5:47pm.

- Council members present: Roy Gilbertson, Lou Heinbockel, Judy Dewar
Henry Summers arrived at 5:30pm
- Council member excused: Mary Leith-Dowling (requested 5-28-03 + 6-17-03), Susie Kemp (6-2-03)
Mark Weller (requested 6-10-03 + 6-17-03)
- City employees present: Dave Zimmerman, Pete Hallgren, Lamar Cotten, Dennis Dooley, Pat White

Additionally there were 6 members from the community and one out-of-town guest speaker present.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA ~ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gilbertson reported four add-ons to New Business:

- Request to Waive Fees for Use of the Community Center by Delta Youth Court
- Additional Purchase Orders (#07949 through 07954)
- Community Center Fire Alarm System
- MACTEC Engineering/Architect Work Order for Fire Hall

Heinbockel moved to approve the agenda as amended; Summers seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Heinbockel moved to approve minutes from June 3, 2003 as presented; Summers seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

COUNCIL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Gilbertson called for public and Council comments on non-agenda items with none being offered.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

Duane Bannock, Director of State Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) (269-5559/Anchorage), introduced himself and presented a brief history of recent events leading to plans to close the Delta DMV office. He said the State DMV budget was cut by \$500,000 several months ago. As the incoming director Bannock had to determine where the cuts would be absorbed. A plan, prepared by his predecessor, would eliminate 14 positions in the Anchorage bowl area. Eagle River is included as one of the four stations in Anchorage. Three of the four stations were to be eliminated. There are 34 DMV offices throughout the state. Each community has one with the exception of Anchorage, with four, and Juneau, with two. Bannock stated he

and his staff established a budget cut plan. First, they agreed to not fill open positions throughout the State. It saved \$100,000. Secondly, they ranked each office/community in order of transactions made annually based on full-time equivalency. The Nome office, which is only staffed halftime, was credited for 6,200 transactions instead of the 3,000 reported. Then they began eliminating offices, starting at the bottom of the list. Delta Junction was in the bottom portion of the list. Events within the past few weeks allowed "retooling" and a new plan to address the budget cut. Earlier this afternoon word was received from the governor's office that the Delta Junction office would not be closed. Details still need to be resolved. The decision came from the commissioner's office, Senator Gene Therriault and Governor Murkowski. Budget issues still exist and it may all change again one year from now.

Hallgren said he understood that the DMV office will remain open in Delta and he asked if the solutions being worked out would still allow services to be available in Delta.

Bannock confirmed. He said one of the visions is to grow DMV through technology. In a few months digital driver's licenses will be produced centrally. Tests, road exams and digital photographs will take place at one's closest DMV office. The actual license would be created in Anchorage and it would be mailed to the driver. Another consideration is to have full staffing 12 months out of the year in small communities, based on the total number and type of transactions.

Bannock said he must also offer a plan in which DMV services would be taken over by their cities and at the same time not be a financial hardship. Seventeen of the 34 DMV offices across the State operate under the system of commissioned agencies. A couple are stand-alone businesses but the majority are operated by local governments. He said there should be a way for communities to continue doing business but at a lesser expense to the State.

Dewar asked Cindy Gentz, manager of the local DMV office, if she notices an increase in business and if so, would it continue to increase with the influx of the population. She also asked if Delta would still be in jeopardy of losing the office if there is a substantial increase in business transactions.

Gentz stated there is an increase in business due to the population changes.

Bannock said he felt the formula is very fair throughout the state. It is based on the number of transactions per full time employees. Delta ranks in the middle of the six offices that needed to be cut.

Dewar asked if distance could be added to the formula so that there would be consideration in how far one has to travel to get to a centrally located office. It would be very important to areas such as Nome.

Discussion followed regarding the formula used and regional areas.

Heinbockel said vehicle owners are encouraged to save \$10 by sending license renewals through the mail. This reduces the volume of business transactions in DMV offices located in rural areas. If this system didn't exist rural offices would be able to generate more business.

Bannock stated he feels this process is an example of failure and he is attempting to change it.

Hallgren stated one must take a day off from work to drive 100 miles for their student to get his learner's permit or an ID card or a driving test. The youth must possibly miss a day from school. The length of time to deal with waiting is another consideration.

Discussion followed regarding revenue and examples of efforts made in other states on handling volume and ways to convenience customers.

REPORTS

Airport – Pete Hallgren reported surveyors must put in monuments before they can begin installing electrical poles. He also reported EDA funds cannot be used to cut trees that have overgrown in the bike path. The State permit has been received and funds to cover costs will come out of the general fund.

Dewar stated trees next to the cross runway create a downwind draft. It becomes a safety issue for pilots while landing.

Hallgren said he would look into it.

Department of Economic Development – Pete Hallgren stated Mill-Tan paving is completed. He said MACTEC would be marking old pavement to be sealed by the contractor. It was inspected and there is question if there is enough fines in the mix. MACTEC will meet with the contractor to discuss the matter.

Cotten reported on today's Roundtable meeting. He said 325 family units on base would house the families moving into the area. Would there be families moving into the Delta community? He said he is still unclear.

Dewar reported she was asked about housing being opened at Ft. Greely.

Hallgren stated Alaska Guardsmen want to move their families into the housing facilities. He said he would be able to get an answer tomorrow.

Cotten reported the contract for 14 additional (missile silo) holes was awarded to Johnston Construction Company. It will bring the total to 20 silos on the existing pad.

Cotten reported Fluor currently employs 350 and another additional 50 indirect employees. They plan to add on another 50 beds at the mancamp. It has a capacity for 400.

Cotten reported local realtor, Cleeta Barger, stated 15 new homes have been put on the market since last month with 12 being sold. Three contractors are in the area selling modular homes and plan to have units in place by August 15. The homes will be held to building code standards.

Hallgren said the 1,200 square foot homes would be valued at approximately \$100,000.

Cotten reported Dan Beck expects an increase of 200 students this coming fall.

Cotten stated projected expenditures and revenues are the topic of discussion at the Regional Government Options Study Committee meeting on June 18. One of the key issues is that the amount of money contributed to education is not based on the number of students that live in the area, nor is it based on income. It is based on property evaluations. One scenario entails an investment of \$250 million for the construction at the Pogo mining site. Taking a conservative approach and assuming that the property is valued at only \$200 million, along with \$108 million for non-oil and gas, and \$217 million for oil and gas properties this would mean roughly \$525 million of property. If the area created only a property tax, it would have to generate at least 4 mils (\$2 million) to produce the needed revenues to operate a borough. If there is no property tax and the area has high evaluations, Delta must still produce \$2 million dollars. The study group will look into other means of taxation. Because of the way it is structured (for property taxes), Delta would be limited and forced in the high bracket. According to a bill a couple of years ago, if an area did not tax property, its local contribution could be reduced by not including oil and gas properties.

Cotten reported there would be another meeting two weeks from tomorrow. They will be working toward a presentation for the Council about the findings of the study. It will include an 80 or 90 document along with an executive summary.

Hockey Rink – Lou Heinbockel reported he received a letter from Mike Tvenge, identifying items that need repaired at the hockey rink for the upcoming season. Heinbockel said he agreed with the list. He discussed some of the items (pour concrete approaches and extend sidewalks, replace broken plexi-glass, replace broken dasher boards). Heinbockel said the topic will be discussed in the budget tonight and he would propose more funding. He asked to accept Tvenge's requests and also to compensate him for his time and effort.

Dewar stated she felt item #7 (crush aluminum cans) should be removed from the list of projects. She said youth should be volunteering their time and should not be compensated by City funds to crush aluminum cans when the Hockey Association receives money for recycling.

White reported a couple of teenagers were crushing cans as a community service project.

Hallgren, addressing the major items (concrete and sidewalks), said he does not want to invest into the building if it is only temporary. He said he learned that there are a number of loads of concrete that are being rejected at the missile base. It would not take much from impact funds to have necessary forms built in preparation for this concrete. He will inquire for more details. Other items identified by Tvenge are

minor and have already been purchased. Presently the general fund or EDA impact funds are to build the new library. Not until next year will impact funds be available for the hockey rink. For now, the list of requested improvements can be accomplished by fall.

Landfill – Lou Heinbockel stated he feels the City should take over the landfill operation as a City function when it comes time to renew or re-issue the contract. He said the City could do a better job at maintaining the landfill than what has been done to date.

Hallgren said August 1 is the end date of the current landfill contract.

Heinbockel said the compactor/tractor is being repaired. He feels it may be caused by the age of the operators using City equipment.

Hallgren reported he has photos of the recent landfill fire. He said it appears the fire may not have been as bad if garbage was covered.

Library – Judy Dewar, reporting in absence of Mary Leith-Dowling, presented a report prepared by Library Director, Joyce McCombs. She stated the library website has been updated. 43 summer readers have registered for the summer reading program, which is sponsored by the Library Association and funded from the April Open House proceeds. There have been 18 patrons visit the library for the past two Sundays (Starting June 1 the library is open on Sundays from noon to 4:00pm). There were two days in the past week in which over 100 patrons visited the library. Tourists have been making donations to the library in appreciation for Internet access and they continue to express their astonishment that Alaska libraries offer this as a free service to visitors. Dewar reported that the E-rate paperwork for FY03 was filed today and over \$1,400 will be reimbursed to the City for library phone and long distance service. She also reported the library will be closed on Thursday, June 26 only because of staff scheduling conflicts.

Park – Judy Dewar reported she and Hallgren walked through the park, which resulted in a solution for the soccer field problem. The original goal posts, currently propped up against the building, could be put back. Hallgren suggested countersink holes to put the structures in during the fall soccer season and remove them for t-ball in the spring. Other suggestions for improvements were reported as followed:

There are unprotected rough ends left from an old Little League metal fence that need dug up and removed.

It will cost about \$500 for the Little League gate that is needed for the pitching machine.

Bob Morley has attempted to repair playground equipment but they are in definite need of replacement.

The Baseball and Softball Association need reminded to put away their drag equipment and metal posts.

Grass cuttings need hauled away, not disposed in wooded areas. She asked that it be put in writing.

Mounds of dirt throughout the park need to be leveled.

Two loads of gravel need spread on the pathways between the gate and the softball fields.

Brush needs cut. Ruts need filled in with dirt.

Possibly turn the horseshoe area into a sandbox.

Wood pillars on the Kiwanis gazebo are rotting along the bottom edges. As a safety issue the Kiwanis might be encouraged to make the repairs.

Bob Morley replaced the volleyball net.

A rototiller or brush cutter is needed to remove sharp pointed sticks in the woods.

The walking trail around the park is overgrown and needs repair. Dewar reported she received a grant application for *Damaged Trail Rehabilitation*. The deadline to apply is July 1.

Construct an atrium or gazebo in memory of Ron Beck either on the hill or near the corner by his home.

Anchor picnic tables on the hill.

Obtain park ownership.

Dewar distributed photos she received from Diane Ludwig. The photos were examples of signs designating age appropriate equipment. They were a simple design and possibly an answer to the metal ones that disappear after being posted.

Discussion followed about vandalism of signs, using cement picnic tables and spending the \$25,000 to improve the park.

Hallgren said it is not enough to include the half-court basketball court.

Dewar asked if forms could be built to hold rejected cement (discussed earlier in the meeting) even if it was purchased at a reduced rate.

Hallgren said the basketball court would require someone trained in pouring concrete. At least 4 feet of dirt would need to be dug up.

Dewar said instead of a gazebo the basketball court could be named in honor of Ron Beck. It would be more appropriate since he was always involved in the sport.

Gilbertson reported volunteers are ready to begin work by hauling gravel once the City equipment arrives.

Dewar asked if the posts should be ordered and ready.

Gilbertson said now is the time to get it done.

Discussion followed regarding concrete versus black top.

Gilbertson said concrete is initially more expensive but it lasts longer.

Heinbockel asked for consideration of needed repairs on Nistler Road.

Hallgren said subsurface conditions would be a problem.

Dooley asked if the zamboni room would benefit from the rejected cement at MD.

Hallgren agreed.

Gilbertson said seven years ago the opportunity was lost to black top at no cost. He said action is needed when an opportunity is presented.

Personnel – Pete Hallgren reported he authorized an increase in the part-time equipment operator position from \$15 to \$17.50.

Heinbockel said most operators make \$30 per hour.

Public Health & Safety – Henry Summers asked about the status of the fire trucks.

Hallgren reported it would be done by the end of next week.

Public Works – Lou Heinbockel asked to inquire about dust abatement on City streets.

Summers said tree oil is made in North Pole. It is all natural, organic, approved by EPA and is similar to putting oil on the ground. It is used by Alyeska. The oil needs 12 hours to set. Moisture from rain does not slick the surface. He said he would provide contact information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DREDC Recommendation for Social Service Funding

Dooley reported nothing has changed since the last Council meeting although the State has approved the entire list of recommendations made by DREDC. He reported contracts were drafted for all but three firms. There will be a meeting on Thursday, contingent on whether approved tonight, between the three agencies that will be using the as-needed funds before their contracts are written up. One contract was issued to the Delta Chamber of Commerce. They have an excellent work program lined out. Arrangements will be to present it at the meeting on Thursday.

Dooley reported the DGSD won the increase they asked (\$32,169) for the recreation coordinator position after they eliminated both the employee benefits and the overhead for the school district from their initial proposal. Dooley said he is unaware if there is a legal liability to charge \$2 per youth to participate in a program. If they wish to provide a good program they need to encourage participation. If funding is increased more than what has been already, it will have to come out of the as-needed funds which are designated for (drug, alcohol, violence and domestic) counseling

Heinbockel asked if the \$32,000 covers the recreation coordinator position for one year. Earlier it was approved to fund for a half-time position over a two-year period. He said he agreed with charging. Everyone pays to participate whether it is to involve your own child or in some form of volunteering.

Dooley confirmed that the funds awarded would be for a full-time position for one year. He said the principle issue with DREDC was to try to make the program a community-wide event. That is the reason it was first suggested to half-scale it.

Heinbockel moved to approve DREDC recommendations as presented to include the \$32,169 recreation coordinator proposal; Summers seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Manual

Summers, Council and LEPC representative, stated the City's emergency plan is in draft form but needs City Council approval. It still needs modification with some items to be deleted. He welcomed Council and the public to read it.

Summers moved to approve the draft EOP manual; Dewar seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2003-03, an Ordinance Providing for the Budget for FY04

Summers moved to open the public hearing and hold the second reading of Ordinance 2003-03, an Ordinance providing for the budget of FY04; Heinbockel seconded. Motion carried.

Hallgren reported the budget was since revised from what was passed two weeks ago on June 3. He said the changes are based on the governor's recent budget vetoes and increases. Legal fees were increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Hallgren said he expects additional legal work partly because of governor's veto of the prison loan and Eddy Drop Zone issue. The parks budget was increased from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Also \$3,000 was added for the hockey rink renovations. He said he added an additional \$1,500 for runway maintenance because EDA will not cover cutting of the danger trees. Hours and number of days have increased in which the library is open to the public. The signed contract for 911 services with the North Pole dispatch was considerably less than previously calculated. Employees will be given a 3% raise. Overall the budget is balanced right now. Income was previously underestimated and expenses were overestimated so that there was a surplus of \$35,000 remaining from this year's budget. Because of that a transfer from the permanent fund will not be needed. That \$35,000 will become part of the principal. Hallgren said he did not include the \$60,000 that was authorized to pave Mill-Tan. It will come from what the governor did not veto. He asked Council to make the decision on where that money should come from. He said a practical affect would be to put the current fiscal year in the hole by \$60,000 or take the money from undedicated reserves, which were voted on before the governor came through. Or use the \$35,000 from the permanent fund and \$25,000 from undedicated reserves. However, Hallgren stated he would recommend taking it all from undedicated reserves as authorized previously.

Hallgren said PILT money does not arrive until October.

Heinbockel said he would like to see more street work.

Hallgren said there would be more street work next summer.

Tana Wood, from the audience, stated she hopes there is planning because "we can not live like this forever."

Gilbertson said it is why the decision was made to leave funds in the permanent fund.

Hallgren said his plan, absent any changes of a borough, is that once the impact funds are gone, the City employees will be gone also. There will probably be enough income to keep the City Clerk, the Librarian and hopefully the Equipment Operator and the Finance Officer.

Heinbockel said operating a landfill might be a revenue source.

Hallgren said there are no costs in the budget for operating the current landfill. It is leased for \$4,000+/year. If the City were to take over operations it would cut the contractor's costs. It has been decided to run the new landfill. The costs of taking over the current landfill have not been considered and are not reflected in this year's budget. Hallgren said the permanent fund provides an endowment, a significant income to help operate the City.

Heinbockel, addressing Wood, said the City, taking over the current landfill operation, could provide a better service to the community than what has been provided. Maybe after 6 months it can be put out for bid.

Heinbockel moved to close the public hearing; Summers seconded. Motion carried.

Summers moved to adopt Ordinance 2003-03, an Ordinance providing for the budget of FY04; Dewar seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Sale of City Properties

- Lot 19 of Block 31 to accompany 2 lots previously approved at June 3 meeting
- Lots 13 & 14 of Block 12 and Lots 4, 5 & 6 of Block 5
- Lots 1 & 2 of Block 12

Hallgren explained the sale of two lots at the last meeting. It left one stranded single lot. However, the buyer agreed to purchase the extra lot if the City absorbed the title search fee.

Heinbockel moved to approve the sale of lots as presented by the City administration; Summers seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Hallgren said it has been a long time since properties were sold in Delta. Land available for sale has been identified and is 150% of the last appraised value.

Gilbertson said lots have not sold in about 25 years.

Fire Alarm System at Community Center

Hallgren explained that we were ordered to replace the fire alarm system after the State Fire Marshal visited the Senior Center in the Community Center. Grinnell's bid is the only one received. The work would be considered EDA maintenance.

Heinbockel moved to approve the purchase of the fire alarm system from SimplexGrinnell up to the amount of \$9,126; Summers seconded.

Summers asked to find out why photo detectors are needed.

Hallgren agreed to inquire and possibly reduce the total purchase cost if the photo detectors can be eliminated.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Community Center Fee Waiver Request from Delta Youth Court (DYC)

- June 27, 2003 – Youth Dance

Heinbockel moved to approve DYC using the Community Center anytime the facility is not scheduled by a paying organization; Summers seconded.

Dewar, reading from the budget, stated it cost \$14,465 to operate the Community Center and income was about \$6,000. She said at some point we need to consider the facility as a free building or everybody pays.

Hallgren said more money is made on the Community Center than what is made on the park.

Dewar said as money gets tighter and impact funds go away, we could possibly charge a smaller fee. She said if an organization is making any money they need to help pay their own way. Something from everyone will allow the Community Center to keep functioning.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Purchase Orders

PO#07935 to Airport Equipment Rentals, Inc. in the amount of \$862.00 for equipment used on Mill-Tan Road culvert preparation

PO#07936 to Alaska Farmers Coop in the amount of \$528.20 for (cemetery and ball fields) fertilizer

PO#07937 to ATT & Alascom in the amount of \$573.50 for June phone service

PO#07938 to Craig Taylor Equipment Company in the amount of \$933.12 for brush mower parts

PO#07939 to Delta Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,454.50 for bathroom repairs at the Visitor's Center

PO#07940 to Delta Fuel Company in the amount of \$986.15 for May fuel

PO#07941 to Delta Texaco in the amount of \$606.13 for May gasoline and oil

PO#07942 to Filla Construction in the amount of \$1,875.00 for ballpark fence repairs

PO#07943 to GVEA in the amount of \$741.21 for May electricity

PO#07944 to MACTEC Engineering and Consulting in the amount of \$898.74 for engineering of runway

PO#07945 to MACTEC Engineering and Consulting in the amount of \$7,366.72 for engineering of Mill-Tan paving

PO#07946 to MACTEC Engineering and Consulting in the amount of \$12,164.27 for repairs of TV repeater

PO#07947 to NC Machinery Company in the amount of \$568.91 for grader maintenance

PO#07949 to ACS in the amount of \$950.49 for June phone lines

PO#07950 to Delta Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$12,000.00 for partial payment of Social Service grant award

PO#07951 to Heiman Fire Equipment in the amount of \$722.80 for firefighting apparatus/equipment

PO#07952 to MACTEC Engineering and Consulting in the amount of \$42,862.12 for engineering at landfill

PO#07953 to Hutchings Chevrolet in the amount of \$5,500.00 for lease of Kenworth dump truck

PO#07954 to Delta Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$1,925.45 for contracted labor to install floor tile and bathroom fixtures at the Visitor's Center

Heinbockel asked about PO#07953. "Is it a monthly lease charge?"

Hallgren said the one-month lease, awaiting EDA approval of the purchase, allows work to be done between June 14 and July 14. The lease payment will be subtracted from the total price of the dump truck. He said the loader is to arrive within the next two weeks.

Heinbockel moved to approve all purchase orders as presented; Summers seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

MACTEC Engineering/Architect Work Order for Fire Hall

Hallgren reported Council members previewed the initial proposal. Since then there has been a change. There was question whether or not the heating oil tank had to be removed. MACTEC recommends abandoning them in place. That would cut out the \$17,759.38 it would cost to decommission the oil tanks. It still leaves approximately \$245,000 for facility design, construction and administrative services for the building. Hallgren said it is possible to get it out for bid and under construction before freeze-up. He requested if Council opted to not authorize signing this proposal if they would authorize the mayor to negotiate before signing one.

Gilbertson said he was concerned with paying \$225,000 for consulting fees to construct an \$800,000+ new fire department. He said it is a lot of money to spend just to decide to get something done. He said #9

(Project Advertising and Bidding/\$20,967.80) should be part of the scope of work. He said he has a problem with spending to have someone give direction. Additionally 25% is a very inflated cost.

Hallgren said #9 is normally done in-house. He said he does not feel we have neither the time nor the competence. He feels the consultants should handle the printing, preparing, advertising, the distribution of documents, answering questions, issuing addenda and dealing with any necessary pre-bid conference.

Discussion followed regarding the need for heavy advertising, distribution and possible overlapping of some task items.

Gilbertson asked about potential for an additional \$50,000 to cover the cost for #10/Construction Administration. He read from the proposal, "the City will provide an in-house person to perform construction administration and daily site inspections."

Discussion followed regarding understanding #10 as written and locating a qualified person.

Dooley said he is not qualified in roadwork. He has built several houses and enforced construction criteria for the City of Seward. It may take a significant amount of time from duties as the City Planner and at other times it may not pay to have an inspector at the construction site.

Gilbertson asked Hallgren to get clarification.

Hallgren recommended Council authorize to negotiate with MACTEC for no more than \$225,000 to include the clarifications and expansion of #10.

Heinbockel moved to approve the MACTEC work order for \$225,000 with task #10 included in the approved amount; Summers seconded.

Gilbertson stated he also wanted clarification on the advertising. He asked to negotiate and then contact Council members via phone for their vote.

Discussion followed about negotiating task #10.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dooley asked about submitting an application for the park grant, which was discussed in tonight's park report. He asked if it requires Council approval. The deadline of July 1 does not coincide with the next Council meeting.

Heinbockel said he would vote against another grant. The trail was built over a two-year period by youth at a cost of well over \$100,000. He said it was not worth the cost.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dewar apologized for not discussing the following topic under her park report. She said the landscape contractor reported the park could use an irrigation system. The grass can't last if it cannot be watered. Because dandelion seeds travel it will be hard to get rid of the weeds once another area of the park is infested. She asked that the City find a way to keep up maintenance throughout the summer by applying water, fertilizer and a heavy weed killer after the school baseball season ends.

Heinbockel said the medians downtown look bad also. He said he doubts the State will cover the cost of cutting them.

Discussion followed regarding past history and numerous volunteers.

Hallgren will look into using the City's riding lawn mower.

Gilbertson said he would like to discuss the post office with the sewer system in the middle of the parking lot. He said pictures need taken showing there is little parking area although it could be available in the back of the building. He said he believes the old building has asbestos that was imported from Canada in the 1980's. The sewer system needs to be removed or closed off, the parking lot needs expanded and possibly, a new post office needs constructed. Gilbertson said he would like a letter from the City

expressing our concerns. There is enough land available in Delta for a decent post office. One needs built in Delta before one is build at Ft. Greely. And it needs done before someone gets hurt.

Zimmerman asked about specific City land.

Summers said the perfect building is Diehl's, where it used to be located many years ago.

Discussion followed about past history of post offices.

ADJOURNMENT

Dewar moved to adjourn at 7:35pm; Heinbockel seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat White
City Clerk