

The regular meeting of the Delta Junction City Council was held on September 2, 2003 in the conference room at City Hall in Delta Junction, Alaska. Mayor Gilbertson called the meeting to order at 5:07PM.

Council members present: Roy Gilbertson, Mary Leith-Dowling, Lou Heinbockel, Mark Weller

Council member excused: Susie Kemp (requested 8-1-03), Judy Dewar (9-2-03)

Henry Summers (detained at work)

City employees present: Dave Zimmerman, Pete Hallgren, Lamar Cotten, Dennis Dooley, Pat White

Additionally there were seven members from the community present.

### **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA ~ APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Leith-Dowling moved to approve the agenda as presented; Heinbockel seconded. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Leith-Dowling moved to approve minutes from the August 19, 2003 meeting as presented; Heinbockel 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**

**Al Edgren**, Delta Division of Forestry, presented Fire Chief Jim Eden-Kilgour with a \$5,000 check from the State of Alaska. The grant funds will be used for fire equipment and must be matched by city dollars to total \$10,000. Edgren explained Eden-Kilgour plans to buy various hoses to increase capability of the volunteer fire department.

**Julia Phillips**, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Co-Chairman, reported a grant application was requested from the office of Emergency Services Homeland Security. The preliminary report was received from Alaska Department of Emergency Services (ADES) and the Office of Homeland Security. They state the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) is recommending awarding \$340,000 to Deltana and Delta Junction. Phillips said if awarded the grant, the Delta Rescue Squad and both the Delta Junction and Deltana volunteer fire departments would use the funds to purchase radios and equipment.

Phillips reported she would be traveling to 3 different conferences in the next six weeks. She will represent LEPC in Fairbanks on September 23/25. At that time she will address the State Emergency Response Committee (SERC) regarding concerns that evolve around Missile Defense presence in our community. In October Phillips will attend a five-day conference in Anchorage. The Public Health & Hospital Advisory Committee will discuss bio-terrorism. Also in October the Office of Homeland Security will present *Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy Workshop*. Its purpose is to determine jurisdiction and vulnerability to terrorist weapons of mass destruction and what each jurisdiction needs in terms of planning, training exercises and equipment to respond to such an attack. Phillips stated there is considerable disagreement over whether or not Delta will ever realize any additional threats because of Ground Missile Defense (GMD) presence. Homeland Security will be assessing the situation in order to plan for future funding for equipment and training for response capabilities.

Hallgren reported there are many agencies in Delta that are staffed by volunteers. LEPC is under the umbrella of the city although it represents the entire area with emergency medical and fire services. Individual agencies cannot apply for grants and therefore they rely on the city government to act as their agent. The city is the lead agency for both Deltana and the City Fire Departments and the Delta Rescue Squad. There will be more work and responsibility in providing the accounting of the grants but it is for the good of the whole community. The current city staff can accommodate LEPC with bookkeeping expertise necessary to oversee the grant. Hallgren acknowledged Phillips and thanked her for her work with LEPC and Homeland Security.

Dooley stated the grant application required an extensive amount of time to prepare and the concentrated effort by the group of volunteers should be commended.

Ken Farrow, Alpha Omega Director, stated his agency has capability to produce passport photographs and fingerprints. The fee is \$10 each and proceeds are used to support senior programs. Farrow offered the information in light of the fact that the city is taking over the passport application process, as reported at the last Council meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter of Resignation from Councilman Henry Summers

Letter to Julia Phillips from T. Burgess, Division of Homeland Security Director

## **REPORTS**

**Planner** – Dennis Dooley reported ambulance specs are posted and specs for the Deltana fire trucks will be posted by the end of the week. Bids for both are due on November 10.

Dooley reported he is working on the Community Economic Development Survey (CEDS), a report required as a condition for the EDA grant. It will take another two weeks to complete.

Dooley reported follow-up regarding ACS phone service. The Regulatory Commission will not take concerns. He stated complaints are accepted by “Rose” at ACS but must be from the individual who is denied service. Contact information is available at City Hall.

Dooley reported he reviewed the feasibility study from MACTEC for the landfill project. There are no issues that the City has not been briefed on.

Dooley reported the status of the GPS base station. Several sites have been rejected for various reasons. The most recent consideration is for it to be located at the airport.

Discussion followed regarding locations and conditions needed for the GPS base station.

**Airport** – Pete Hallgren said resurfacing of the airport should be finished today or tomorrow.

Gilbertson reported problems with vehicles and four-wheelers using the airstrip to access the new auto repair shop. One vehicle was high-centered. He asked that the businessman direct his customers to access his business by another route instead of across the airstrip taxiway.

Hallgren stated the other route was rebuilt last year and is in very good condition.

Edgren said vehicles have been stopped between the campgrounds and the local clinic. That road is not a legal access yet it exists and is used by four-wheelers, cross-country skiers and dog mushing.

**Cemetery** – Mary Leith-Dowling reported recent work done on the cemetery with the help from Alyeska equipment and Houston/NANA employees. She reported disinterment of a previous burial outside the cemetery lines and reburial in the correct spot is now complete.

**City Clerk** – Pat White reminded Council that the regularly scheduled meeting on October 7 would be postponed because of the municipal election on the same day. The first meeting in October will be Wednesday, October 8.

White reported one Declaration of Candidacy has been filed for one of the four seats on this year’s ballot. She reminded the public that the deadline for filing is 5:00PM, Friday, September 12.

**Department of Economic Development** – Pete Hallgren reported a letter was received from the State Fire Marshal and the feud over the fire alarm system has been settled. One of the problems is because three different state departments deal with permitting for new commercial buildings. Hallgren stated he spoke with Senator Therriault’s office about the need for statewide one-stop shopping. This will eliminate confusion in communicating between different departments.

Hallgren reported there were no bids received for the emergency TV repairs at the Donnelly site. Therefore, Tom Ferri has been hired to complete the work. The State has given verbal permission to use

force accounting of impact funds. A letter in writing will arrive shortly. Hallgren said an area, large enough for the man lift, would be leveled in front of each tower.

Discussion followed regarding ownership of the TV towers.

Hallgren said he is looking into having some antenna amplifiers put into the new system. He authorized buying them now and installing them next spring. All efforts are being made to complete emergency repairs now. The plan is to knock the towers down next summer, abandon the antennas and build all new at that time. All attempts are being made to improve television reception. Per the Rescue Squad radio communication problems, he reported the city will purchase equipment (permanent antennas and wiring) and Alascom will complete repairs on their tower, located in town, prior to winter. Normally the work would be put out for bid, but, because Alascom employees are the only ones allowed on the tower, they will do the work. Emergency funds will be used to purchase the equipment and MACTEC is locating the best prices. Any new repeaters and translators would be put out for bid next spring/summer.

Hallgren reported he met with Deputy Commissioner Bill Noll from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) on August 28. Delta is one of three areas in the State, which will be targeted for economic development. They asked for specific ways in which to be helpful. Hallgren identified several issues: DCED problems with local businesses and permitting, potential for a gas line, unhappiness with the Eddy Drop Zone (EDZ) issue, force accounting, borough study, potential commercial use of Allen Army Airfield, the new landfill, convoys and the need for passing lanes on the Richardson and how the railroad could benefit the situation. He said DCED is interested in Delta because there is opportunity in this area, "potential that can turn into reality". DCED would like to see it turn out successfully. They are currently handling the \$30,000 grant request for the Geographic Information System (GIS). It will provide "real" addresses, aerial photography and allow Enhanced 911. DCED is overseeing the borough grant and all of the federal impact funds.

Hallgren reported the former governor signed an executive order that outlaws the use of force accounting. The problem was taken to DCED and they are willing to facilitate our needs. Delta Junction is *the* road community that DCED wishes to focus on.

Hallgren reported he and Cotten met with Senator Wilken to discuss the borough study, which is in final draft form. Part of the mission in meeting with Wilken was to stress if a borough is considered, it must be a Delta borough, not a model borough boundary that includes Tok and Mentasta. Wilken is non-committal and wonders why Delta is excluding Tok and Mentasta.

Discussion continued on past borough history.

Cotten said Wilken is preparing a packet to send to large communities that are inside boroughs. He is looking for support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 12 (SCR12), which in effect forces us to become organized. He will share correspondence between himself and the governor on the issue. Cotten explained that according to the Constitution, the (5-person) Local Boundary Commission (LBC) decides any and all boundaries. The LBC can accept a proposal, modify it or reject it.

Hallgren stated the governor's position is that he does not like to force communities into boroughs but he does favor organized areas.

Cotten said Wilkens' resolution couldn't be vetoed. He requests that LBC review and report back to him. If they do not reject his findings, then those areas would be advanced into becoming a borough at election time. The governor cannot intervene.

Cotten reported he has finished a regional government study for the Delta area. The study is based upon current and future property values, assumptions on a gas line, gold mining plus population increases. He is looking at various available grants. We were turned down for the Rasmussen grant, which was needed for the new library, because of the LMI (lower to middle income) restriction. Delta is considered to have too many wealthy residents. The IMI must be at least 51%. Cotten said he is presently researching a grant to close the existing landfill. He said he feels grants require a long planning strategy. As an example the

recreation center should be built in phases. The preliminary work (permitting and feasibility) must to be completed to show action and effort.

Cotten reported follow-up with the Deputy Commissioner of Revenue regarding gas development. If a gas line were to be developed Delta could benefit from PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) instead of a property tax.

Hallgren said this community, under statute, could appoint a person to the Advisory Committee. He offered to serve. Hallgren said PILT for the Delta area indicates a gas line has a future. PILT may not be as much as what could be collected under property taxes.

Hallgren said any municipality, which is impacted with the gas line and the inability to tax it will have a seat on the advisory board. The PILT currently received from the State is not based on size of our community and the number of residents in it. Eagle and Delta are the only two organized cities in the southeast Fairbanks census area. That equates to \$400,000+ income.

**School Liaison** – Lou Heinbockel reported the opening of the Ft. Greely School has been a very smooth and very simple process. There has been a military observer on site every day.

**Hockey Rink** – Pete Hallgren reported the hockey rink resides inside the flood plain and therefore, because the ordinance requires permits for construction inside the flood zone, more work must be done.

Weller said it should be no problem for the hockey rink since it is flooded every winter.

**Library** – Mary Leith-Dowling reported the public library would change to winter hours (Tuesday-Thursday 10-6, Friday-Saturday 10-4) as of September 22. The library will be closed on Mondays, as normal, but will stay open on Sundays from 1-5:00PM.

Leith-Dowling reported the library staff has requested first aide training. Because of a recent incident with a young boy and a broken finger, the staff is concerned with not being able to provide adequate help if faced with a more threatening situation. Local EMT II, Connie Ott, has agreed to offer medical training.

**Public Works** – Lou Heinbockel stated two equipment operators have assisted Dave Boadwine throughout the summer months. One voluntarily quit due to hunting season. Heinbockel asked if a replacement would be hired.

Hallgren stated it would not be necessary. Boadwine is finishing the airport runway resurfacing and also looking into the taxiway on the airport lots. Two of the newly purchased lots have been cleared and owners are interested in the taxiway being completed. The electricity was paid last spring and the power poles need to be installed. GVEA indicated the electricity would be installed by fall.

Heinbockel stated Chad Morris has been operating the brush hog along city streets and has done an outstanding job.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **o Library and Fire Station**

Hallgren explained if two buildings are to be built by next summer, authorization must be granted no later than October 1. MACTEC is not in a position to design and bid both projects in the same time frame. He said most of the potential options have been exhausted and decisions must be made. A draft update on the landfill feasibility study has been prepared. It basically says three cells will be built minus an incinerator.

Richard Bonwell, MACTEC engineer, reported an addendum was needed for the solid waste plan. The initial plan was created in the spring of 2001. Changes were needed because of regulation changes in the past two years. The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) needed assurance that the plan is current. The draft environmental document will be made public and go through its review period. Meanwhile, the landfill application will be submitted to DCED. Hopefully it will all come together 30 to 40 days from now. He said at that time a decision must be made.

Hallgren said much of the indecisiveness is from lack of money to complete all the projected projects. He said the correct amount was initially asked for the projects. Because costs have increased in the past year,

it has caused funding to be about \$5 million short of being able to build everything including the recreation center. Hallgren suggested moving toward progress and at the same time discuss with MD the \$5 million shortfall. He said MD realizes the cost increase and that there is not enough to cover construction costs.

Bonwell explained a cost estimator's goal and how much building will be built versus how much funds are needed to complete it. He said the building size and funds cannot both be "fixed" at the same time. The variable is the number of square feet in which to build.

Hallgren stated the design is very good for the library building. Cutting the size will not save money. It is overpriced but he recommended going ahead with the design, taking it past the 35% design. There are problems with the soil. Alternatives to the location of the building have been looked at.

Heinbockel reported the initial 7,200 square feet for the new library was to cost \$1.3 million dollars. The leftover was to make something functional out of a non-functioning building, the rec center (hockey rink). Currently we have a functioning fire hall, a functioning library and a functioning rescue squad building. "Granted none of them are ideal," but we do not have a functioning multi-purpose facility and will not have one until we have water, sewer and restrooms. He said he is reluctant to spend money on new facilities that we presently have.

Discussion followed regarding spending from the fire department, the number of volunteer firefighters and prioritizing spending.

Gilbertson asked about the size of the fire station.

Bonwell stated the base building is 72 X 80' plus another 10' for the electrical room. In total it is approximately 7,000 feet with the additional EMS bay. \$2.5 million covers both the fire station and the rescue bay. He provided cost estimates. The fire station (\$2,220,000) and the EMS bay (\$138,000) total \$2,350,000. The 20,000-gallon water tank that is buried will take \$135,000 out of the project cost, if it is usable.

Gilbertson asked if the cost would be reduced if the city provided the prep work.

Hallgren said prep work is estimated to cost \$118,000 but it would cost only \$50,000 if the city completed the work.

Heinbockel, referring to the airport runway-resurfacing project, stated that bids were too high and the city opted to do the project by force account, using city employees to complete the work. He asked the status of the work on the airstrip and if we exceeded the cost of the project.

Zimmerman reported \$24,000 was spent for engineering through June. Approximately \$55,000 plus \$39,000 was spent for gravel in July and August. However, part of the gravel was used on city streets. \$12,000 was spent for equipment rental and \$16,000 for labor wages in July and August. He will provide a cost report at the next Council meeting.

Hallgren said bids were about \$125,000, with the engineering fees.

Heinbockel said it might have been cheaper to re-bid the work. Equipment would have been factored in and we would not have needed to provide our own. He said he is unsure if there is a savings by completing the work in-house.

Hallgren said it is cheaper doing the work ourselves. The only savings is because of not having to pay Davis-Bacon wages whereas a contractor would be required to pay at that rate. Rental cost for equipment is the other concern.

Heinbockel said Davis-Bacon wages are assumed to be fair and are considered prevailing wages. We circumvent the intent of the law by paying half of the prevailing wage. If that were considered, it would not have been more feasible to use force accounting. Heinbockel said he has been a conservative Republican his whole life until it comes to "screwing the working man." If the common man is making \$30 an hour, we are messing him over by paying only \$15. He said he also disagrees with paying those wages as a means of saving money on running the new landfill.

Hallgren stated those wages would be for permanent employees. They would have full retirement and medical benefits. That is equal to prevailing wage for the light work the job entails.

Heinbockel said to make sure part-timers are not hired to replace a full-time position just so benefits do not need to be provided. Public employees are entitled to benefits.

Hallgren stated money for the landfill is for the landfill. If a landfill is not built, funds to build it will not be given. \$3.2 million is allotted for a Fire Hall/Rescue Squad. If neither is built, the money is not provided. It was thought that any spare money would be used on the recreation center.

Heinbockel said there would be no spare money. We need to ask for \$5 million more but if we can't better manage what we have, we don't deserve more money.

Hallgren said \$3 million is specified for the Library/City Hall/Rec Center. Renovating the meeting rooms at City Hall will cost less than \$100,000. The estimate on the rec center is over \$6 million.

Gilbertson stated others share Heinbockel's frustration. Everything has failed because not enough money is directed in the right place to make construction happen. The city is not getting what it deserves. But we've got to do something in order to move forward.

Dooley said there is a 20% inflation factor whenever a budget is prepared in 2000 and the projects are not completed until 2004.

Hallgren said it is worse this year. Also there is so much work you can't get bidders. An example is that no one stepped up for the TV repairs.

Gilbertson said we would fail miserably if we do not do something on the rec center. We must find a way to reserve at least \$3 million for that building.

Leith-Dowling said there are no guarantees if estimates are accurate.

Weller said basic amenities, water and bathrooms and heat, are needed at the rink.

Dooley reported \$15 million has been spent in Wasilla and they have yet to open their new rink.

Hallgren recommended authorizing MACTEC to advance forward. He said to be prepared to pay \$2.5 million. Currently there is enough money for the Library/City Hall (including the \$1.8 that is expected to arrive in March '04). This would allow \$1.2 million to go toward the rec center next year, paying for the water and bathrooms. If bids are higher than expected, turn them down. If they are lower, accept it and put the extra toward the recreation center.

Heinbockel added it would also give back the square footage to the new library.

**Heinbockel moved** to follow Hallgren's recommendation to move on with the fire hall plan; Leith-Dowling seconded.

**Motion passed** unanimously on a roll call vote.

Cotten asked about the bid process, "What are you losing to wait on the fire hall if construction costs are too high right now?"

Hallgren said, "You lose the ability to move money from the fire addition funds to the rec center or any other project. There are no guarantees that the bidding climate will be better in a year."

Hallgren reported he met with MACTEC to discuss the parameters of the library, as requested during the August 19 meeting. There will indeed be more square footage if the "big box" (barn) is built instead of concentrating on inside amenities. It will allow more flexibility. Certain costs (site preparation, engineering, etc.) will exist no matter what size the building is. Hallgren quoted \$1.2 million will produce a 4,000 square foot building. \$1.5 million will build 5,000 square feet. Cutting out 1,000 square feet saves only \$280,000 to \$300,000.

Leith-Dowling said adding on at a later date will be an option.

Heinbockel said you're saying it will cost \$300 per square foot of building. He asked what school construction is per square foot.

Discussion followed regarding estimates and the process of determining costs.

Gilbertson said school jobs in Anchorage were bid at \$125 and \$162 per square foot. The local Delta School was priced at \$225 per square foot.

Bonwell asked if the \$225 is the construction bid. The construction alone is a bit over \$850,000 for the building, equaling approximately \$200 per square foot.

Hallgren reported there is a \$150,000 savings if there are no complications and the 15% (of \$1.2 million) contingency is not spent. That savings can be moved over to the recreation center.

Discussion followed regarding removal of existing soil and laying the foundation for the area between the Community Center and the City Park.

Dooley will speak with the contractor to find details about the construction of City Hall.

Bonwell discussed construction options for the new library facility. It will be situated and built so that it can be expanded if necessary in the future. It will be a frame building, not metal with maintenance free siding. The base cost with contingency will total \$1.2 million and produce a 4,000 square foot building.

Leith-Dowling said the library board wants more footage than 4,000 square feet.

Heinbockel said if 1,000 square feet could be added at a reasonable fee it needs to be looked into, even if it is added on at a later date.

Bonwell said 48 X 100 produces 4,800 square feet.

Leith-Dowling said that is acceptable but she would like a better floor plan.

Bonwell reported the 35% design for the Fire Station is complete and they will now do the full drawings. He said at least one sheet with a floor plan for the library must be completed. He would then bring a better-cost estimate at that point.

**Weller moved** to approve 15% conceptual drawings of the 48 X 100 foot library facility to include cost estimates; Leith-Dowling seconded.

**Motion passed** unanimously on a roll call vote.

Hallgren asked if it is necessary to discuss the new library site.

Bonwell said he explored the area behind the existing City Hall facility. A decision needs made regarding which side of the road the new library is to be located on. There is room for the building on either side. Bonwell stated he would like to drill test holes as part of the conceptual report.

Hallgren said a title search is in progress. A map will show the size of the site, which is a little over 2 acres.

Gilbertson suggested across the street because it is closer to gravel.

Leith-Dowling said she was not concerned with the exact location except that it need not be close to the road.

Bonwell said he would draw conceptual plans relative to the parking area.

Dooley said the library would generate a lot of traffic from juveniles. The library will be near the park and the Community Center. The use of the present parking lot indicates what it will be once the library expands.

Bonwell asked for a proposal for the library design. He verbally proposed that MACTEC and Jantz Associates prepare the library design for 15% of the cost estimate. He will produce a site plan, a floor plan of the building and a cost estimation by September 16 with the plan to finalize on October 8.

**Leith-Dowling moved** to approve Bonwell's quote, not to exceed \$15,000, for a preliminary report of the new library; Weller seconded.

**Motion passed** unanimously on a roll call vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Draft Lease Agreement for Landfill Operation**

Hallgren reported the draft lease agreement has a few changes. The landfill closure date is planned for fall 2004. He said any unspent money that was to be used for equipment repair will roll over and be used to close the landfill.

**Heinbockel moved** to authorize Hallgren to finalize the landfill agreement with Delta Sanitation as presented but also with the change for rental fees to be increased from \$4,500 to \$6,000 per year; Leith-Dowling seconded.

Hallgren said the money would be put toward the landfill closure.

Zimmerman said Delta Sanitation has already paid \$2,250 toward this year's lease.

**Motion passed** unanimously on a roll call vote.

o **Purchase Orders**

PO#08160 to Airport Equipment Rentals, Inc. in the amount of \$6,500.00 for equipment used on airport

PO#08161 to ASFA-AFCA in the amount of \$510.00 for fire training seminar (Kilgour and Bear)

PO#08162 to Audio Editions in the amount of \$613.22 for library materials

PO#08163 to Baker & Taylor Books in the amount of \$2,326.40 for library children books

PO#08164 to Delta Fuel Company in the amount of \$614.72 for Aug '03 heating fuel

PO#08165 to Delta-Greely School District in the amount of \$8,042.25 for payment of Social Service grant award (Recreation Coordinator)

PO#08166 to Delta Lawn Care in the amount of \$3,622.50 for Aug '03 lawn care service

PO#08167 to Delta Sanitation, Inc. in the amount of \$2,100.00 for dozer rental used at landfill

PO#08168 to Guess & Rudd in the amount of \$20,742.85 for Eddy Drop Zone research

PO#08169 to Interior Building Supplies, Inc. in the amount of \$703.30 for supplies used at the hockey rink, fire department, park and airfield

PO#08170 to Kurt's Construction in the amount of \$38,187.50 for gravel used on city streets and the airport runway

PO#08171 to Lamar Cotten in the amount of \$6,405.96 for Aug '03 consulting planner services

PO#08172 to MACTEC Engineering & Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$7,018.75 for radio communication engineering

PO#08173 to MACTEC Engineering & Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$4,232.81 for final Mill-Tan Road engineering

PO#08174 to MACTEC Engineering & Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$7,809.29 for airport runway resurfacing engineering

PO#08175 to Our Designs, Inc. in the amount of \$2,144.35 for fire department decals, patches, name tags and badges

PO#08176 to Willis Corroon in the amount of \$65,470.00 to renew annual multi-peril liability insurance policy

PO#08177 to W.S. Darley & Co. in the amount of \$772.20 for fire department gaskets and hose adapters

Hallgren recommended authorization of payment for purchase order 08167. He said the equipment was needed when the city's equipment was being repaired. The equipment could have had better maintenance or had the repairs done last winter, saving the rental cost. The money to pay this charge would come from the landfill equipment reserve account.

Zimmerman reported \$23,000 is left in this reserve.

**Weller moved** to approve purchase orders 08160 through 08177.

Discussion followed regarding purchase order 08175.

**Weller amended** his motion to approve purchase orders 08160 through 08177, excluding 08175, pending more information and discussion; Leith-Dowling seconded.

Heinbockel asked about the money spent on the airport insurance at the last meeting.

Zimmerman reported an invoice was sent to the Pilot's Association but he has received no response. Hallgren said general liability increased 100% last year and this year it increased another 10%.

**Motion passed** unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL COMMENT**

Gilbertson reported 35 ATCO units are being set up for a mancamp on property near Jarvis Avenue.

Cotten stated the topic was brought up at the Roundtable meeting because there is a need to expand. Those housed at MD are willing to lease space.

Discussion followed and Dooley agreed to investigate.

Heinbockel asked if action needed taken on Henry Summers' Council Seat resignation.

Hallgren stated Summers' resignation takes affect on Election Day.

Hallgren reported two bids were received for warm storage of city equipment. One bid was withdrawn earlier today. Mike Carnevale bid \$1,400 per month for storage in the old Colombo building. Any maintenance would be \$2,000/month. Heat and electricity would not be included. Carnevale identified another building that may be more suitable for city needs when he withdrew his bid. Hallgren said the other bidder was Tom Bowley who has a 24X40' with 2-10X12 overhead doors. Half the space is available. The charge would be \$7.50/day or \$225/month. The building is located on Clearwater Lake.

Leith-Dowling asked about the height of overhead doors.

Gilbertson said the loader would not fit into 12' doors but the other equipment would.

Hallgren said non-grant money would be used for warm storage. He does not have a budget line item for storage. One piece of equipment can be stored in the fire hall.

Heinbockel said it was not satisfactory to put equipment in amongst fire and ambulance vehicles.

Discussion followed regarding the bids presented.

Gilbertson suggested putting it back out for bid.

Hallgren asked if the 14' door is needed. The Fire Hall plan was approved and therefore, space will not be needed next winter.

Heinbockel said he has a problem with mixing city equipment with EMS and fire fighting services.

Zimmerman asked if one of the Deltana Fire Stations might have space.

Hallgren said we would do research further.

#### **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Edgren asked if Council wants a proposal of rink necessities. The Hockey Association is having a meeting on September 13.

Heinbockel asked for a list of priorities. He said, because everything cannot be completed, he'd like to see what must be done first.

Hallgren said there is no money available and it is not expected until March 2004. \$1.2 million minus 7.5% overhead may produce enough money to cover small projects that need to be done. PDC is working on the hockey rink design. They are waiting for March to be tasked with projects. It may be beneficial to do this by January.

Heinbockel said \$5,000 has already been committed for concrete work to finish off the concrete apron in front of the entrance doors. Volunteer efforts are needed to complete the work. The \$2,000 worth of concrete that the Hockey Association purchased has already been used.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Weller moved to adjourn at 7:46PM; Leith-Dowling seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Pat White, City Clerk