

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 30, 2016**

CALLED TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Special City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Deiss at 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room located in the City Administrative Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Deiss, Council Members Wiese, Niles & Uselman. Council Member Kempf was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

City Administrator Brad Swenson, City Attorney Jeff Pederson & City Engineer Phil Martin.

LAND PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY & BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD

Brad Swenson reported that we need a piece of property along side of 4th St SE between Colfax and Dayton Ave SE to be able to widen that street as part of our SE Infrastructure Project and part of our newly designated Truck Route. The piece of property is 25 feet wide by the length of that block. The Railroad is willing to sell it for the price of \$15,000 plus a \$2,000 processing fee and they have a Real Estate Purchase Agreement with a lot of conditions in it, which Jeff Pederson reviewed with the Council and commented on and stated that a lot of conditions are normal conditions that a railroad would put on a piece of property when they sell it. There is probably nothing real concerning since this piece of property would be turned into a roadway and will never be sold or repurposed by the City for a long time so he felt it was ok to agree to the terms of the agreement. Jeff Pederson also stated that another option for the City would be eminent domain. We have already had the property appraised due to the Rail Project but that process would take 6 months to a year and we would probably end up paying a similar amount of money and felt that wasn't worth the effort. Basically Brad stated that he needed authority to sign the Purchase Agreement for \$17,000. The railroad is telling us they would close on the property on August 18, 2016 or sooner if it all works out. It would work out pretty well with our street project as far as getting that road widened and completed.

Motion by Niles, second by Wiese to authorize the signing of the purchase agreement as recommended.

Upon voting Mayor Deiss, declared the motion carried, all members voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Wiese, seconded by Uselman to adjourn the Special Closed City Council Meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Bradley A Swenson
City Administrator

George Deiss
Mayor