

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 16, 2008

6:00 pm

1. **Call to Order:** The regular City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Randy Dressen at 6:00 pm at the ISD #15 District Offices.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Mayor Randy Dressen, Council members LeRoy Schaffer, Steve Kane and Ray Jones. Tim Brown was excused. Also present were Assistant City Engineer Jared Voge (Bolton & Menk, Inc.), City Attorney Scott Lepak (Barna, Guzy & Steffen), Assistant Public Works Director Eric Peterson, Police Chief Jeff Harapat, Assistant Fire Chief Brian McDonough, Finance Director Gayle Bauman, and City Clerk Barb Held
3. **Adopt Agenda:** MOTION BY KANE SECOND JONES TO ADOPT THE JUNE 16, 2008 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.
4. **Consent Agenda:** MOTION BY JONES SECOND KANE TO APPROVE THE JUNE 16, 2008, CITY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA A-E:
 - a. Approve the City Council Minutes – June 2, 2008.
 - b. Appoint Fire Fighter Applicants Mark Schroeder, Jeremy Mitzuk, Scott Knies and Jennifer Bomstad to the St. Francis Fire Department pending a successful background check and physical.
 - c. Approve the hiring of Lori Roberts as a Police Records Clerk for the St. Francis Police Department starting at Grade 5, Step 2.
 - d. Accept the Letter of Resignation of Public Works Operator Waylan Lundquist and the Separation Agreement.
 - f. Appoint the fire department officers that were completed by a formal hiring process: Assistant Chief Brian McDonough, Day Lieutenant Jennifer McDonough, Night Captain Daniel Thompson.
 - f. Approve the Payment of Claims for \$329,252.10. Motion carried 4-0.
5. **Petitions, Requests, Applications:**
 - a. **International Fire Relief Mission Presentation:** Mayor Dressen stated being they were not present move this item to 8c. Fire Department. Ron Gruening presented the St. Francis Fire Department a plaque for their donation of equipment to international fire departments overseas. Mr. Gruening specifically wanted to thank Brigit Kelley for all here help getting equipment not only from St. Francis Fire Department but surrounding departments too.
 - b. **Comprehensive Plan Update:** Stephen Gritman of Northwest Associated Consultants, (NAC) gave an summary of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan that started in the fall of 2006. The

Comprehensive Plan Update is a requirement of Metropolitan Council of communities in the seven county metro area. Met Council sets the planning parameters. Cities are required to update the land use, transportation, water, sewer, and surface water plans. Every ten years the Metropolitan Council asks cities to update the Comprehensive Plan. When the proposed Comprehensive Plan is approved by the City, we are authorized and directed to submit copies of the plan to all adjacent governmental units and affected school districts for review and comment. The proposed Comprehensive Plan is also send to the Metropolitan Council.

Rick Sonsteby, 4323-241st Avenue, stated he does not agree with the proposed zoning. Mr. Sonsteby asked where are our rights and again stated he does not agree with the plan. Mr. Sonsteby mentioned he also owned the junk yard on Hwy 47.

Heidi Blanchette, 4181-241st Avenue, stated we also are affected by the rezoning and are concerned about their property value. Ms. Blanchette said you have impacted us already. Another concern is the wetlands in the area. Mr. Grittmann said we did do an analysis of the wetlands. The wetlands are not impeding the land use and we are required to follow all the wetland guidelines. Ms. Blanchette asked if rezoned industrial/commercial and the moratorium goes off would there be new restrictions. She asked the council to consider the residents of the area when you make this change.

Dressen stated this is a difficult situation and emotions can get into the way. Schaffer said no plan is perfect and asked if we could shorten the moratorium. Mr. Grittmann stated that is strictly up to the council. The moratorium was put in place to give the City time to develop zoning tools. Lepak said the moratorium is currently in place.

MOTION BY SCHAFFER SECOND JONES TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2008-20 A RESOLUTION GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AND SEND THE PLAN TO ADJACENT GOVERNMENT UNITS AND AFFECTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT AND TO THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL FOR REVIEW. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Ordinances & Resolution:

a. None

7. Meeting Open to the Public: Wesley Christopherson, 23365 Variolite Street NW, my concern is the damage I'm having on my property as a result of a drainage ditch. It goes between 23365 and 23309 Variolite St. This was inspected on June 10, 2008 and it was at its proper level and the water was draining properly. A day later it was blocked and I was receiving water in the basement of my house. I'm receiving damage to my property and have been baling water for 4 days. I called Mr. Voge on the City Council on Friday the 13th and he said he would take care of my property. I still haven't received any relief. On Sunday I was calling around and I came up with a number for Rum River Management Organization, Randy Bettinger, Chairman. He sent a representative out and he stated he was from Burns Township and he could not do anything for my other than inspect the culvert in question. He found that the culvert at 23309 had a silk water barrier placed over the culvert entrance, it was converted in a 90° vertical position. He reported to Mr. Jones on the St. Francis Board his findings. My concern is damage I'm receiving

at this time. The culvert is still elevated 18 inches higher than normal at a 90° angle so that is only taking a small portion of the capability of the culvert. The water level at my culvert was 10 inches when inspectors from St. Francis were at my place on June 10, 2008. After they left the neighbors raised and plugged the culvert and the water when inspected June 15th was 32 inches deep, on the culvert 22 inches higher. And it is still at 31 inches after 6 to 8 hours of Mr. Voge's recommendation that the neighbors remove the blockage which was June 16th. I requested the culvert be lowered to a horizontal position which is the bottom of the ditch to get back relief at my house the water damage. Thank-you. Mr. Christopherson had photos if the Council wanted to see them. Lepak said he has had contact with Mr. Christopherson.

Jeff Sandoval, 5113 238th Avenue NW, first off I would like to thank City Staff for all the help we had during Pioneer Days at the Softball Tournament, everything went very well and a lot of compliments on how fun it was coming here and a lot good teams. I wanted to thank everyone as a Lions Member and as part of the community as well. The second thing, I don't want to keep beating a dead horse over things. Comments have been made and I have been approached over the tournament through this, my time being seen on the news and comments made about Mexicans that swam across the Rio Grande they didn't speak English, community things like that, we talk about the Comprehensive Plan trying to move forward inviting new people to move into this area with businesses. These kinds of things are very detrimental to us to do that. I have a lot of friends who are of Mexican heritage from Mexico that have said the same thing to me, why would I want to come up there? I have to try and beat this negative ness, I don't know how to do that, I understand we all have opinions but as City Officials, elected councilmembers we also give up some of our rights to opinions out in the public, we have to choose our words carefully, we have to understand that this is a term the we got 24/7. As a Councilmember you can't walk out the door and say well I'm done this hat is off. You have to take it with you wherever you go. Everything you say is (Inaudible) to someone judging what you say or how you say it. I understand suspicions, I understand if we see an activity going on that we have questions about, certainly we should call the police. But 4 or 5 men working on a roof doing a job doesn't make suspicion to me. And because they don't speak English I would not give them the right to say they don't belong here. We have a problem with the School (Inaudible) kids writing things on the wall. How do we hold our children to a higher level of understanding in tolerance if we as citizens can't look at our Councilmembers and have the same expectations that our Councilmembers or City Officials, people who work in the City, we have to be conscious of other people's feelings, backgrounds, belief's, whatever. We are a melting pot, that's what this country was built on was a melting pot. To say they don't belong here because they don't speak this language, we have a lot of people in all our communities that do not speak English. Would we like them to? Yes. Do they? No. It is a process, it's a learning process. They have come here for a better life, not come here to be ridiculed and comments made. I don't like it. I have never liked it and I will not stand for it, I will be as voicetruss about it as possible and I will make every effort to get out there. I don't care who it is that is saying it doesn't need to be, not when we are in position to use some terms of

foreclosures, why would you want to buy here, why would you want to stay here then if you can't be different, if you can't speak something different than the language that is suppose to be appropriate, then why would you want to stay here. I wouldn't want to be here for that reason either but I'm not going to run away I am going to fight for that injustice, I am going to fight for those things that need to be clarified and you can make whatever statements you want to make, you can say whatever you want to say, but you have to remember as elected City Officials, you represent us, you give up some rights to the private citizen sector. You have to be accountable for what you say and do no matter how you do it, no matter how you feel because everything you say has a reflection on this whole community. The other problem that I have is I'm tired of references going back. I thought we had issues that were resolved and done with. The 12% budget increase, Jeff Harapat's hiring, all the law suits. These are things that were buried months ago and they keep being brought out in information. The bottom line in this whole thing is and I'm going to take one word out of this, you're simple minded patriot! Wow, what a statement.

Trent Blake, 5341 241st Avenue NW, along with Jeff, I agree there has been many, many times there has been things left on everybody's doors. I bet you at least 6 times since election. Its when we were looking at hiring a chief, just every little thing that Mr. Schaffer has brought up and he keeps digging and digging and digging. His comments on the news, I find them offensive. Back during the meet the candidates meeting, the racial slur that he made during that. I know he doesn't remember but there was plenty of people here that heard him talk about excuse my language "about wetbacks" and unfortunately he was still elected. I personally would like to ask him to resign and do the City some justice because you know what? Businesses are not going to want to come here if our reputation is like this.

Schaffer asked the mayor if he can comment on that. Dressen said this is meeting open to the public, you'll have a chance.

James Harvey, 23349 Variolite Street NW, water issue. Mr. Harvey stated he lives north of Mr. Christopherson and he made the original complaint to the Anoka County Water Shed District about the water flowing through that area and how it was being constructed. Originally I thought it was Mr. Christopherson's work that had done that, then I found out later on after the Anoka County Water Shed did a report found out there had been a plastic culvert that was being turned up 90° on the property south of him. It has caused my permanent road to be under water for the last 16 months. I have some damage to the road because it has been under water for that long. I originally contacted the City and then I contacted the Water Shed District. Contacted again Mr. Christopherson and myself to try and work with everybody involved and nothing is getting done. I am here to support Mr. Christopherson and his damage claims and my damage claims to my property. This problem needs to be fixed or it's going to have to be settled in a civil suit. Lepak said he will talk to the owner as well.

Larry Anderson, 6345 Ambassador Blvd., I have three different issues I would like to talk about. We had the Planner here earlier regarding the Comprehensive Planning Committee and some of the ideas that are being proposed to the Met Council. Mr. Mayor that night I had a few things to say and I am going to repeat them at this time cause it happens to do with a lot of the details of that night. Some of the citizens up on 241st are concerned about their property values and I happen to be a realtor also they asked “well is our property worth more or less because of that” and that is not an easy answer, there is no answer that a person can give on any specific one. And yet after I sat down from talking, Mr. Councilman Schaffer stood up and at the microphone and says, when it becomes commercial its worth more. And I just think this is sad that we have somebody as he shared with me at other Council meetings, he really doesn’t have any real estate experience even though he still goes out to try to promote commercial businesses to come here, but for the concern of our citizens of knowing the value of their land if its more or less and as we shared it’s a tough thing when the City wants to designate and change the zoning of people’s property that is currently residential. But I think it is really disheartening when someone with no information about values sites as a Councilmember to say he feels its worth more. Secondly, I’ve just caught wind of a new letter that Councilman Schaffer has handed out this past week and it seems to show the Council as a family of people and that he didn’t report to the Council when he went to check out the Police estimates with Anoka County and how I just see disrespect for the Council rules, our code of conduct that you folks have adopted that should be complied with and yet the security as not only a resident but also a business owner in St. Francis, I appreciate (Inaudible) toyed with getting rid of our Police force just on his own without working with the Council. I think it’s really disrespectful of you. I try to be at all the Council meetings to follow with what’s going on here, I was at the Council meeting when we talked about allowing \$30,000 to be given or used for our raise in pay for our Firefighter’s and yet I’ve heard Councilman Schaffer say no I don’t want to give anymore money, no we want to cut, we want to keep where we are at and yet to encourage our Firefighter’s that are volunteers that make some money for doing it and yet to see the other side of his face tonight saying yes this Fire Department, this is great, yes this is great we don’t want to be self serving and yet I see how he is self serving on the other meetings and yet he turns around tonight and wants to have a little attention and say you are just wonderful, thank you so much and yet I see him talking out the other side of his mouth at other meetings. I just can’t understand how he would want to even be a Councilmember and not have information and or not talk, I would appreciate it if he would resign, I really feel they need to consider a recall if he does not resign.

Roger Hjelmning, 23612 Tamarack St., I don’t know why you are all picking on Ray. (LeRoy) This is the 911 day; we have already gone through the towers falling down if they ask if someone is an illegal alien I don’t find anything wrong with that. Isn’t this the day we are suppose to protect our boarders what part of illegal doesn’t anyone understand. If I’m a bank robber I’m illegal, isn’t that correct Mr. Mayor. Mr. Hjelmning, stated oh I can rob banks? Mayor Randy Dressen stated he would not comment on that. Common sense, since when does it hurt for a citizen to loose his rights

because he is a Councilmember? This is just wrong. Schaffer said in the background “have some balls Randy (inaudible)”. To ask a question, if you have 30 people running around that you’ve never seen before and none of them speak English to ask the question, I don’t see anything wrong, he wasn’t out persecuting them, he simply asked a question. Since when, does asking a question involve all these people thinking that he is totally wrong. I don’t understand it. Mayor Dressen said, I think you are confused because I have not said any comment regarding Mr. Schaffer. No, I know you haven’t, I just asked you the question do you understand the part of illegal. When people don’t belong here they walk across deserts to get here. I’m sorry. Mayor Dressen stated I don’t enforce the immigration laws. Mr. Hjelmning said that’s the problem nobody does so to ask the question, I hope your taping this for the news, to ask the question if someone is illegal is that bad? What part of illegal doesn’t anyone in this country understand? Thank-you.

Ron Benkler, 4509 232nd Court NW, first off I would like a little bit of audience participation. Who, else here has served their country, other than myself. A few residents indicated they had and Mr. Benkler asked them to stand up and quote what oath gentleman you took and ladies at the time, Lepak as a point of order he needs to address the Council. Mayor Dressen stated to Mr. Benkler to address the Council not the audience. Mr. Benkler stated that men and women behind him (audience) took an oath and that oath was to protect and serve, to defend the Constitution of the United States against all (Inaudible) foreign and domestic. If somebody breaks into one of your homes, what are you going to do, what would be your first response? Most American citizens would tell you if they have a gun available they would shoot. That would be their first response. Now that home is a private dwelling such as mine at 4509 232nd Court NW, I’m going to (Inaudible) if somebody breaks into my home first thing I’m going to do is shoot, I’ll ask questions after the fact. But my home exists in a larger home that is St. Francis, that home exists in an even larger home which is the State of Minnesota and that home exists in a larger home which is the United States of America. We have an obligation to our home. Now what Mr. Schaffer did by calling and making a report and asking that some people be investigated as this other gentleman so actively put, what is it that we don’t understand about illegal? What would have happened if the folks down at the training center for pilots and the police and those people involved had notified the media that one of their trainee’s may be a terrorist, where would we all be today? Do we know what an illegal is going to do? Do you know what a criminal is going to do if they break into your home? As this gentleman so actively put it what is it we don’t understand about illegal? Now I don’t know whom notified the media about the police report, the request that Mr. Schaffer made, but they didn’t do any of us in service at all, in fact they put us in harms way, and whom ever that individual or individuals were and are they should be asked to resign and if they don’t resign and when they are found out they should be fired with extreme prejudice, because I don’t know whether they are Mexicans, Arabs, or whatever, if they are asked to present their credentials and validate their presence here in the United States its simple matter, they either have a card, they’re either a citizen, or they don’t belong and we have a problem. And I would expect actually that the citizenry of this community and the Council support Mr. Schaffer for his having

stopped and asked a valid question. Now this is still a country of freedom of speech. Mr. Schaffer made some comments as I understand it that may or may not have been offensive to some, to some. It is still a land where we have freedom of speech. And it is about time we got over our personal sensitivities about some issues and got to the crutch of what the problems are here. Twelve million plus illegal are in this country and no one is doing a damn thing about it. Mr. Schaffer took a moment of his time and asked a valid question, and what occurs from that, we wind up on the front page of the newspaper looking like a bunch of fools. You know who the fool is? We the community in the eyes of the rest of the world, because they know they can do whatever they damn well please because when they are questioned it's the person questioning them that is held accountable. What is our problem here ladies and gentleman. I have heard some people ask that Mr. Schaffer resign. Well, I don't understand why. We are all entitled to our own personal opinions, we are all entitled to our own approach to the matter. And this is a forum by which we should all be able to come together and discuss those differences and we can at least agree to disagree. We are American citizens, and this is still the United States of America it's not (Inaudible). And I would hope that each and every person that saw something peculiar saw something strange or were uncomfortable, would have the good sense to pick up the phone and dial 911 for themselves and for their neighbor. And not then turn around and if the person reporting this be terminated, censored, removed or resigned. I don't have any problem proving who I am or what I am. In fact, I know a lot of people who are recent immigrants in this country and they are pissed off, to put it bluntly, that we aren't withholding their rights for the efforts they made to gain lawful entry to this country. They are insulted and they are enflamed. And it seems to me that what Mr. Schaffer did was through his own way whether we agree or disagree, set a bench mark. He said enough is enough and if you have read the constitution and understood the concept of government our federal government has a greater right and their right is and their only mandate is to protect and defend in real terms and it's not happening, and we are all dearly paying for it. Taxes, through the undermining of our educational system, and I challenge anybody here to walk into a hospital requiring medical attention as an American citizen and virtually not have to put up your first born or mortgage your home to receive it. But if you are foreign and you are illegal you get everything free. Mayor Dressen stated the time limit is over, everyone only gets 5 minutes to speak. Mr. Benkler went on to say that he would like to ask everybody here to step back and pause in a deep breath and reconsider really what is at stake here and what is going on. Whomever it was that called the news media before there was an investigation included and the validation of verification as to the authenticity of the credentials of these individuals that Mr. Schaffer brought question to, that individual or individuals are the ones who should be held accountable and on the firing line here and nobody else. Thank you.

Melissa Jabas, 23242 Flora St., Ms. Jabas apologizes she has laryngitis and didn't plan to speak but is just horrified at hearing everything that has been said tonight so she felt she had to. I did serve my country by the way and I did not serve it so that I could chase people out who are trying to get to the American dream, however, the entire point of this

problem in my opinion is his behavior to a reporter coming to his home was so horrifying, he was crazed. And I think the behavior of a Councilman that way is a really big mark on us as the City and as a Council and whether or not you agree with him about whether he should have called on people he thought were illegal or not, he used phrases and terminology that were discriminatory that were offensive and he behaved like a maniac. That is the problem! If anybody else does see that, I don't quite understand, this is not to pontificate about whether we should allow illegal aliens or call about them, its about the behavior of a Councilman which is appalling, over, and over, and over, his behavior is an embarrassment to the City and he is going to chase people out and chase businesses out and that is the issue. Thank you.

Gerald Lee, 23415 Inca St., all I wanted to say was, I watched the news cast for about 3 days myself and I mean as a City Councilmember when you are representing the City here, I don't care what the issue was I'm not here to make a big racial thing but your comment should have been no comment. That would have kicked it out, he was not prepared to talk to the media nothing should have been said. Our concern should be the writing on the school walls. Kids should be our concern, I'm as far as defending our country, domestic and foreign, but as far as working on a roof that don't seem to be a threat and instead of addressing those guys he should have found out who they were working for instead of attacking them because you don't know if they were illegal or not because a lot of Americans can't speak English. I don't like it either, I'm not for the illegal either but there is a lot of people that are here legally that can't speak English. So you can't attack everyone that doesn't speak English, whether they are working on the roof or walking down the street, whatever. That is all I wanted to say. Schaffer tried to comment on Mr. Lee's statement. Dressen said Mr. Schaffer. Schaffer said Jerry am I from white Harlem and am I a bigot? Dressen said Mr. Schaffer! Schaffer said that's all I wanted to say. Mr. Lee back in the audience said, I can answer that, I don't know if you are a bigot or not, it is not for me to judge you. I am not here to make this a racial issue; I'm just saying the concern should be with the writing on the wall in the school and stuff with the school. I have nothing against you.

Dressen said Mr. Schaffer you wanted to respond.

Schaffer: yes on several levels here and that. To police chief Jeff I don't know how to say your last name. I apologize. Jeff its reasonable to suspect your department has reason to be fair it might have been a reporter Johnny on the spot and whatever ah I think what you told me today, if it is true, that you have been defending me for the last two days, I commend that because it shows me a fair man. Any discomfort that I may have shown you to use it as a comparison to my own problems I want to say this, I personally publicly apologize to you sir because you are not there are different ways of being a bigot and you are not a bigot. It's not personal. I don't think you would have defended me you have principals that god only knows you should hate my guts. But you don't and I appreciate that. I want to say something else to this young man right here (inaudible) lady she's a democrat, ah democrat activist very much into politics and whatever and that

and she has this status symbol of impropriety and whatever and I don't put much credence in titles and whatever. I'm a man that puts his pants on one leg at a time. Sometimes I screw up and I say son of a biscuit. (Inaudible) I catch myself I might have slipped up and said a few bad words god bless America you know ah this young man and all his I think he is sincere I don't think he really believes that I am an embarrassment but I ask him this country depends upon critics. Democracy is not easy the alternative sucks, what do you want dictatorship? That sucks. And he went over to Iraq – did you go over to Iraq sir? All right, go to Iraq, he defended my right for freedom of speech to criticize openly in a public forum and he is expecting of himself when he was over there honor, duty, country and above all not the perception he is a coward he could break, everybody will forgive him for that everyone has a point where he can't take it anymore. He expect me to be a coward not to quit to resign to as general f. s. scone said to the German officer "nuts" and that is what I tell this young man "nuts." I've got more pride than that; my heritage has got more pride than that. I have fought for the common man all my life. And I have helped (inaudible) B. Johnson north Minneapolis because I know what it is to be different, I'll tell you one little story I don't remember very much about it, first grade I took on a whole first grade, I lost. But I (inaudible) way back then a nun a nun, I was wrong, maybe being naïve and immature that was just (inaudible) much homework. I was sobbing, a very emotional man, if that embarrasses you that it just too bad I feel it right from here. It embarrasses (inaudible) I'm sorry, (inaudible) patriot that really gives a rats so forth. Now the thing is in that, I lost my train of thought; we need to speak out for god's sake one man said to me I'm ashamed to live in St. Francis. You know what, I am not ashamed to live in St. Francis I am proud to be in St. Francis but am I perfect? No. That's why we protest. That's why we protested about Vietnam. The trouble is a lot of people didn't honor those servicemen. I didn't care. Their duty is to defend, if the president says go, fine. The will of the politicians get away with it. We let them get away with bad laws. We get away with laws that are inferior like in the case of the immigration laws. That is the bigger picture. I have gotten phone calls all the way from California, Colorado, South Carolina, I might be in the minority here I don't know but maybe I am not the majority, let me rephrase that, but I am not the majority but I am certainly in a very big minority unless we have an election this young man wants (inaudible) recall, let's have a recall. If this young man will get off his duff and whatever and go out and get that recall petition I will give him \$100 for being an American. I will give him a \$100 - now that's a personal sacrifice. \$50/\$100 a thousand, to me that's a lot of money to show him my sincerity. Be an American, go out there and fight for what you believe in. We had nobody running against this mayor. That's what I am ashamed of. Nobody ran against him. (Inaudible) care? Do you think he is perfect? You (inaudible) and the other young man that whose running against council you have nothing to say but praise and I asked you what are you running for? You know what I answered and that you know what I answered, I'm as mad as heck and that's why. The apathy and the indifference and ignorance is pathetic – it's appalling. I know what council men mentioned, I won't mention his name, you can figure it out but (inaudible) said I spent \$25 for my campaign, I wouldn't be proud of that, I would be ashamed. This brother of mine comes from north Minneapolis and I am choked up seeing him there cause I see I

see in him the deprivation and the indifference the apathy and ignorance of our society and its problems. Seeing him there speaking up for me, not as strong as I like but nevertheless he is here, thank you brother, I (inaudible) believe me. I'm for Latinos too as I have caucused with them trying to form labor unions down in the south. I give money, on (inaudible), I send money down to them, but you know why? You gotta take care of your own first. These illegal aliens and that, lets take care of our own first, we can't afford it anymore even an employer had to say Roy, Roy you know what, I know you got problems, I know you got 6 kids at home I really hate to let you go, I really do but you know what, you are screwing up, you are screwing up (inaudible) I just can't carry you anymore. I can't afford to carry you anymore. For god's sake we (inaudible) these latinos for years. My heart bleeds for them. You think I don't care? And you want to condemn me for caring? For prosecuting my constitutional rights to free speech? God what is this country coming to and that? I think I have said enough on that (inaudible). For all you people that are feel ashamed of me by god be ashamed of me. I really don't give a dang, because I gotta be myself. That's what I always felt. I've always felt an individual. I am proud to be an individual. And I will fight for anybody injustice for anybody that's persecuted because they are different. By golly what do you call it if I'm a pain in your side, if I'm different so be it. Let's have more tolerance all the way around.

Let's accept, Mayor Dressen, I tell you what; he got a hold of Michelle Bachmann. And he's a country club (inaudible) type. Perfect suited, let him go to it, you know what, because that's his strength. That's what he can do well. He can butter up and get a little (inaudible) to St. Francis more to him. Tell you one other thing he can put on his resume if he runs for office, the smartest thing he ever did was bring in professionals, he brought in Matt Hylan or somebody like him, he knew (inaudible) somebody because none of us are real professionals, we have a smattering of this and that. This guy is, that's all he does, Matt Hylan. He's not here tonight. Ok, that's the smartest thing Randy ever did and I praised the enemy, why? Because I believe in fairness, I believe in when a man does a thing right, let's praise him. Because when its not Schaffer's idea, its not a bad idea. It might be a good idea. I even praised Tim. I praise Tim Brown, probably I suspect, hates my guts, I don't know, media, I don't know. All right, hey, I'm a human being, I detect body language. I detect language and the way it's said. All right, enough said, I will tell you what if you want to get rid of me, you can go out and recall me. But have me quit and be a coward? No I will not do it. There is no way I will do it. If you want to censure me, for being an American, a true American, I believe I have had some very wonderful comments made about me and I don't deserve them I am just a I'd say a simple patriot. why do I say a simple patriot, I only have a high school education you know, but like Lincoln I try to do my best, I try growing up on what I could be and what I could learn what I couldn't and why I took on and why I did those things in school, I was wrong but because I was inspired by all these nice sayings in our history books, give me liberty or give me death, sorry I have only life to give for my country, well I am sorry that I only have one political life to give for my country. I am sorry I can't (inaudible) you are way above me. Way above me, god bless you and you go after me if you want

to. I know \$100 means nothing to you. But I want people to that I will do that. If I get the recall I will shake your hand I will give you a plaque. That's it.

8. **Reports of Consultants & Staff Members:**

a. **Engineer:** No report.

b. **Attorney:** No report.

c. **Staff: Fire Dept:** No report.

Public Works: No report.

Liquor Store: No report.

Police Dept: No report.

City Administrator Report:

9. **Reports from Council Members:** Schaffer said I have been busy so I haven't been able to get out to get businesses.

10. **Report from Mayor:** Dressen thanked everyone for working together during Pioneer Days. Dressen also wanted to thank the Lions Club and Jaycees. Dressen said he didn't here anything but positive comments in which Kane and Jones agreed.

11. **Old Business:** None

12. **New Business:** Legal was asked to look into Mr. Schaffer's actions.

13. **Adjournment:** The Regular City Council meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.