

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that MetroPlains Properties, Inc. has requested that the City forgive the \$1,00,000.00 loan issued to them in September of 1998, which would mature in July 2018 for the redevelopment of the Hotel Burlington. He stated that the forgiveness of the loan would allow the City to refinance the underlying 1998 General Obligation Bonds to obtain lower debt service payments. He stated that December 1, 2008 was the targeted date for tenants to move back into the Burlington Apartments. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street stated that he had heard that the Burlington Apartments were

not paying tenants back their deposits to those tenants that found other housing. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - AYES)

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Thomas Seconded By: Scott

2. Resolution of Support and Financial Commitment for the Main Street Program in Burlington

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that the proposed Resolution provides for support and financial commitment for the Main Street Program in Burlington. He stated that Burlington has been a Main Street community for the past 22 years and recommended renewal of the Resolution and agreement. Steve Frevert of Downtown Partner, Inc. stated that it has been a fruitful 22 year partnership. Council Member Davidson questioned how the Main Street Program was funded. Steve Frevert stated that the City gives \$15,000.00, sponsorships for special events and through the SSMID tax. Council Member Scott stated that he had requested the removal of the Resolution as he wanted to encourage Council to read the agreement. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional

was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - AYES)

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Scott

Seconded By: Davidson

3. Resolution Rejecting All Bids for the Ongoing Sealcoat Reclamation Project

DISCUSSION: Council Member Scott stated that he had requested the removal of the Resolution

Rejecting All Bids for the Ongoing Sealcoat Reclamation Project so that the public could have an explanation as to why we were rejecting the bids. The City

Manager stated that the bid that the City received was for \$13.10 per square yard verses \$8.25 per square yard that was budgeted. He stated that bids would be taken again in April 2009 in hopes to attract more bidders for the project. Alan Larson of 2319 Charette Lane stated that he was in the program to pay 100% of the cost and hoped that the bids would come in low. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - AYES)

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Scott

Seconded By: Davidson

4. Resolution to Award Bid for the Sale of Timber on Otter Island

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that in January 2007 the City Council authorized Geode Forestry, Inc. to solicit the sale of timber on Otter Island. He stated that five bids were received on November 5, 2008 with the highest bidder being Hammes Bros. Sawmill of Ollie, IA in the amount of \$601,000.00. He

recommended to the City Council that they award bid to Hammes Bros. Sawmill for the sale of timber on Otter Island. Those who spoke against the sale of timber on Otter Island were as follows: John Belger of 504 Edgewater Beach Road, Matt Diewold, Mark Sereda of 712 Remick Street, Adam Aney of 1320 North 7th Street and Nancy Harmon of 409 East Mt. Pleasant Street, West Burlington. Many of those who spoke against the timber sale leased land for cabins on Otter Island and were concerned with the remaining tree tops being left in the river and on the island which would make it difficult to hunt, concern for trees being removed close to their cabins and concern for wildlife and concern for future tree growth. Todd Batey of Batey Ltd. of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa stated that he submitted an alternative bid as he had only five to six days to bid on the timber. Bob Petrzelka of Geode Forestry, Inc. stated that he received Batey Ltd.'s bid five to six days prior to receiving bids from other firms. He also

stated that he went into forestry because he has a love for the woods and he would never do anything to someone's property that he wouldn't do to his own property. He stated his willingness to work with cabin owners that were concerned that trees would be cut too close to their cabins. David Riley of 1308 North 6th Street stated that he had hired Hammes Bros. Sawmill to do a timber sale and also Crystal Lake Boat Club and they both were happy with their work and cleanup of the area. Council Member Scott thanked Matt Diewold for taking him out to Otter Island. He stated that the City Council made the decision two years ago to log the island when they hired Geode Forestry, Inc. to

do the timber sale. He further reminded those leasing the island that they would not have a lease on the island if the City did not own the island. He suggested that part of the monies for the sale of timber on Otter Island could be used for planting trees on Otter Island. Council Member Davidson stated that

the City Council should see if it would be feasible to plant trees on Otter Island. Council Member Thomas stated that he regretted voting in favor of logging the island when the Council hired Geode Forestry, Inc. He stated that he did not investigate enough and he wanted to apologize to his constituents for

not asking enough questions back then as he is concerned about conservation of the island. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 3 - AYES SCOTT, DAVIDSON AND ELL ADOPTED
1- NAY THOMAS)

Introduced By: Scott Seconded By: Thomas
5. Resolution Creating a Pride of the Community Award for Those Citizens That Go Above and Beyond in Maintaining Their Homes and Yards

DISCUSSION: The City Manager stated that it was one of the goals of the City Council to cleanup the community. He stated that the Development Director would

review the program that he was proposing for Burlington. The Development Director stated that he was recommending the creation of a Pride of the Community Award for those citizens that go above and beyond in maintaining their

homes and yards. He stated that the program would consist of nominations by residents and then the Plan Commission would review the list by areas and would choose one home per area for each month from May to September to receive an award. He stated that the winning homeowner would display an attractive sign in

their front yard showcasing their home as a Pride of the Community and they would be invited to attend a City Council meeting where they would be recognized

by the Mayor and the City Council where they would receive a certificate and a framed picture of their home. Mayor Ell questioned how many areas there would be. The Development Director stated that it would probably be broken up into five zones. Council Member Scott stated that he liked the program. He stated that the late Bill Mertens had suggested a similar program many years ago. Council Member Davidson stated that he also liked the program. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - â AYESâ)

ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: None.

Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.

Approved: December 1, 2008

Kathleen P. Salisbury, MMC
City Clerk

William L. Ell
Mayor

(See tapes on file in the office of the City Clerk for complete discussion and documentation.)

ITEM I. Consent Agenda

FINANCES AND MISCELLANEOUS

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Payroll and City Claims

BEER, LIQUOR, WINE AND CIGARETTES

REPORTS AND BONDS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign State of Iowa REAP Grant Award Agreement for Flint River Trail

2. Resolution Approving Final Acceptance, Final Payment and Release of Retention

Monies for the 2008 HMA Resurfacing Project

3. Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the State of Iowa and Southeast Iowa Regional Planning for STP Funds for Improvements Along Mt. Pleasant Street Between Roosevelt Avenue and Osborn Street on Behalf of the City

of Burlington

4. Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Roadside Beautification of Primary Corridors DOT/DNR Fund

5. Resolution Approving Private Redevelopment Agreement with Dresser Rand