

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014
5:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Hess; Councilors Smolich, Cromley, Worshek

ABSENT: Councilor Lislegard

ALSO PRESENT: Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Wayne Thuringer, Public Works Director; Curt Antilla, ERJPB; Gary Cerkvenik & Justin Skalko, Silicon Energy

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Moved by Smolich and supported by Cromley to authorize the outfitting and purchase of equipment to outfit the Tandem Dump Truck from Towmaster Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$35,394.00. MOTION CARRIED

The Council discussed the proposed joining of Police Services between the City of Aurora and Hoyt Lakes.

Moved by Worshek and supported by Cromley to authorize sending a letter to Hoyt Lakes stating that we are interested in looking at creating a combined workforce but we want the same coverage as we currently have now, create a joint powers agreement for the services, and if the costs are reduced lower than the current contract amount. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was held on the Non-Union Employees Contract. It will be brought for approval to the next City Council Meeting.

Gary Cerkvenik and Justin Skalko discussed a proposal to place solar panels on City owned buildings. The State of Minnesota has made available a "Made in Minnesota" grant that allows governmental entities with Minnesota Power as a service provider to get a 0.27 cent per kWh credit for ten years. The grant is given by lottery, and the deadline is February 28, 2014. Additionally, there is a 30% annual tax credit from the Federal Government for solar panel energy. Because the City does not pay Federal Taxes, Silicon Energy would maintain ownership of the system in order to take the Federal credit to pay off the costs of the system. The 0.27 cent per kWh credit would also be given to Silicon Energy as part of payment of the system.

Moved by Smolich and supported by Cromley to authorize entering into a non-binding Letter of Intent to purchase a solar panel system for a city owned building, in order to apply for the Made in MN Grant with final costs to be presented prior to approval of final system. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Smolich and supported by Cromley to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer