Special City Council Meeting September 7, 2010

The City Council met in special session at 6:00 PM at SE Career and Technology Center with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: Brandriet, Harris, Kuipers, Rosendahl, Sitzler and Forward. Oakes Enhancement Board Members present: Steve Dahlstrom, Gary Schnell, Dale Skjefte, and Kraig Steinhoff. Visitors present: Geoff Rath, Dorothea Rath, Casey Tompkins—Western Agency, Bill Geffre, Mike Kelly, Stacy Zimmer and Audrey O'Brien. Employees present: Gary Neuharth, Pat Nelson, and April Haring.

411 Main Avenue-Dangerous Building

Mayor Zimmer reviewed the information regarding the building at 411 Main Avenue that has been declared a dangerous building. Two estimates have been received for the demolition of the building and the construction of a common load wall between this building and Rath Optometry.

Casey Tompkins, Western Agency, stated he will contact Rath's insurance agency to request the claim from last winter be reopened to review the possibility of assistance to build the common load wall. He will gather information and report back to the Council as soon as possible.

Dr. Rath stated he would not be in favor of relocating and if the insurance will help pay for the construction and repair to his building, he will make further improvements.

The current options are either the City pays for the demolition/repair costs and assesses property or Bill Geffre pays for the costs. The Council agreed the building must be demolished this fall and a decision regarding payment and demolition will be made at the regular City Council meeting scheduled for September 13, 2010.

Geffre stated he believed the foundation of Dr. Rath's building is crumbling and if his building is removed, Rath's building will collapse. He asked to have this issue reviewed by the inspectors and contractors prior to demolition.

(minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)

Sitzler moved, Brandriet second to adjourn meeting at 6:27 PM

MAYOR