

**MINUTES  
CITY OF COSMOS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 13, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 6:05 p.m. on December 13, 2012, at the Cosmos Fire Hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Mike McRoberts and Tom Rennecke.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Wade Haley

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Jeremy Anderson, Jody Fruetel, Ron Tusha, Jon Fruetel, Emily Schmeling, Tom McCarthy, and Cory Studemann.

**MOTION** by Rennecke, seconded by Anderson and carried to approve the meeting minutes from November 8<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**DETACHMENT** – Mayor Gieser reported that an agreement has not yet been reached with Randy and Judy Schiro regarding the detachment petition.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING** – Clerk Blackwell was directed to contact Dean Urdahl regarding his ongoing support of obtaining state funding for a municipal building.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to approve the 2013 Liquor License application from Moonshine Pub for an On-Sale and Off-Sale License. Gieser abstained from the motion.

**CUSTODIAN** – The council accepted the resignation from Judy Schiro as custodian at City Hall. The position will not be filled at this time.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Rennecke and carried to certify to the Meeker County Auditor a 2013 payable levy in the amount of \$264,380.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to adopt the proposed budget that includes the creation of a Building Fund.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Gieser and carried to increase Jeremy Anderson's hourly wage from \$10 to \$12. Anderson abstained from the motion.

**WEBSITE** – The council was informed that the website the Lions sponsored has been launched.

**POLICE** – Chief Schroeder reported that he is on work restrictions for two weeks due to a work related injury. The council approved part-time help to cover approximately 25 hours while Schroeder is out. The council approved the purchase of a new tazer on state bid for approximately \$1,200.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to increase the Cosmos Fire Relief Association annual retirement amount from \$850 to \$900.

FIRE – The council approve the purchase of a new water heater for the fire hall. The yellow pumper was recently sold on auction for \$5,877. The council approved hiring the following persons to the fire department: Dale Schultz, Chuck Tuman, Renee Tuman, James Hannah and Sarah Peterson.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve a two-year contract with Expert T Billing for ambulance billing services at a rate of \$25.25 per run.


MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Gieser and carried to approve the annual fire and ambulance wages.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve payment of the General Bills, check numbers 17860-17887.

UTILITY – Shut off notices will be given as needed.

JANUARY – The next meeting of the Cosmos City Council will be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 10, 2013, at city hall.

MOTION by McRoberts and seconded by Rennecke to adjourn the meeting.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
CITY OF COSMOS  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 6, 2012**

A special meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 6:00 p.m. on December 6, 2012, at City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Mike McRoberts, and Tom Rennecke.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Wade Haley

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Blackwell, Barry Glienke, Mark Klema, Alan Rice, and Brent Schroeder.

TH 4 PROJECT – Engineer Glienke and Mn/DOT Representative Rice reviewed with the council the agreement between the state and city for the TH 4 and CSAH 43 project.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to adopt Resolution 2012-14 entering into Mn/DOT Agreement No. 02552 with the State of Minnesota for the TH 4 and CSAH 43 project.

EDA – Mayor Gieser appointed the following people to serve on the Cosmos EDA Board of Commissioners: Rich Gieser, Kathy Blackwell, Jody Fruetel, Terry Anderson, Adam Lietzau, Jennifer Studemann, and Mark Dallmann.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve Mayor Gieser's appointments to the Cosmos EDA Board of Commissioners.

MOTION by Rennecke and seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting.

  
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Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
CITY OF COSMOS  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

A special meeting was held following a public hearing on the TH 4 and CSAH 43 Street and Utility Improvements at the ACGC School Building.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Mike McRoberts, and Tom Rennecke.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Wade Haley


ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Blackwell, Barry Glienke, Jeremy Anderson and Jody Fruetel.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by McRoberts to adopt Resolution 2012-12 Ordering the Improvement and Preparation of Plans for the TH 4 and CSAH 43 project.

MOTION by Gieser, seconded by Anderson and carried to adopt Resolution 2012-13 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the TH 4 and CSAH 43 project.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried as the legally constituted canvassing board to hereby certify the number of votes received by each office voted on at the State General Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 as follows; for the office of Mayor: Rich Gieser received 174 votes, Dale Jackson received 54 votes and there were 2 write in votes cast. For the office of City Council: Jody Fruetel received 164 votes, Ron Tusha received 102 votes, Dale Schultz received 87 votes and there were 4 write in votes cast. Total number of persons voting was 237.

MOTION by McRoberts and seconded by Rennecke to adjourn the meeting.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
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PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

A public hearing on the TH 4 and CSAH 43 Street and Utility Improvements was opened by Mayor Gieser at 7:00 p.m. at the ACGC School Building.

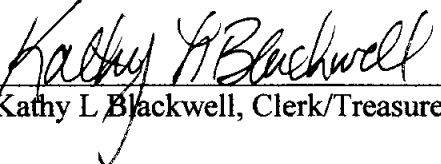
COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Mike McRoberts, and Tom Rennecke.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Wade Haley

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Blackwell, Barry Glienke, Jeremy Anderson and several property owners.

TH 4 PROJECT – Engineer Glienke gave a summary of the proposed improvements and answered questions.

Mayor Gieser closed the hearing at 7:20 p.m.

  
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Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
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REGULAR MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 7:00 p.m. on November 8, 2012, at City Hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Mike McRoberts, and Tom Rennecke.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Wade Haley

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Barry Glienke, Jody Fruetel, Dale Thomas, Brent Schroeder and Jon Fruetel.

**TH 4 PROJECT** – Engineer Glienke reported that the public input meetings went well. The assessment hearing is scheduled for 11/15/12.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to adopt Resolution 2012-11 applying to PFA for a loan from the drinking water revolving fund.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to authorize the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to enter into negotiations through the City Attorney with the attorney for Randy and Judy Schiro to try and obtain a settlement agreement and establish a rural service district.

**MOTION** by Rennecke, seconded by Anderson and carried to approve the 2013 Liquor License applications from the Cosmos Legion for an Off-Sale, On-Sale and Sunday Intoxicating license and from Schmidty's Cosmos for a 3.2 Off-Sale license. Gieser abstained from the motion.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve the list of special assessment for lawn maintenance to be certified to the Meeker County Auditor for collection with the 2013 property taxes.

**PROPERTY DONATION** – The council agreed it was in the city's best interest not to accept the property at 310 Jupiter Street North as a donation from Wells Fargo.

**MOTION** by Gieser, seconded by McRoberts to change Jeremy Anderson's employment status from seasonal to permanent part-time effective 11/08/12, making him eligible for pro-rated benefits. Anderson abstained from the motion.

**POLICE** – Chief Schroeder reported the squad car was involved in an accident. Repairs will be covered by the other party's insurance.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve the meeting minutes from October 11, 2012.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve the August 31, 2012 Financial Statement.

MOTION by Gieser, seconded by McRoberts and carried to approve payment of the General Bills, check numbers 9947-9972 and 17831-17858, and Fire Bills, check numbers 4515-4524.

MOTION by Anderson and seconded by McRoberts to adjourn the meeting.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
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REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 11, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 7:00 p.m. on October 11, 2012, at City Hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Mike McRoberts, and Tom Rennecke.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Wade Haley.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Barry Glienke, Mark Klema, Brent Schroeder, and Dale Thomas.

**TH 4 PROJECT** – The council discussed assessment policy options and it was decided that a preliminary assessment roll would be compiled that would assess 100% of the short side and 50% of the long side of a property. Engineer Glienke will draft a written assessment policy that states such and that will also clarify how unique property situations will be assessed.

**INDUSTRIAL PARK** – Engineer Glienke presented a preliminary plan for improvements in the industrial park. If the property owner petitions the city for the improvements the project will proceed and take place in 2013.

**MOTION** by Gieser, seconded by Anderson and carried to adopt Resolution 2012-8 adopting the Meeker County All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**LIBRARY** – The engineer's estimate for a stand alone 3,000 square foot library building is \$450,000 to \$525,000. Several options for construction and location were discussed with no decisions made.

**DETACHMENT PETITION** – The council agreed that Mayor Gieser should meet with the land owner to try and agree on a compromise that would keep the land in city limits.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Gieser and carried to accept the bid for snow removal from Luedtke Contracting at the same per hour rates as last season. A second bid was received from Dick Hopp Excavating at lower rates; however the council agreed Luedtke has many years experience providing the service with no issues and a change is not warranted. It was also noted that the size of Hopp's equipment may be smaller than Luedtke's therefore generating more hours.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by McRoberts and carried to approve the gambling permit for the Knights of Columbus for a raffle at the Cosmos Legion on April 20, 2013.

**MOTION** by Rennecke, seconded by Anderson and carried to purchase a new computer system for city hall from Tiger Direct at approximately \$1,825 per specifications provided by Buffalo Lake Computers,

and to pay Buffalo Lake Computers \$85 per hour to transfer all the data from the old system to the new system. Quotes were received from Marco and Minco, but were not considered.

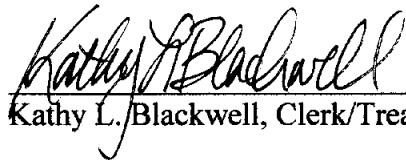
BUDGET – Mayor Gieser suggested making some changes to the proposed 2013 budget. The council and city staff will review the suggestions.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve the meeting minutes from September 13, 2012.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve the July 31, 2012 Financial Statement.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve the General Bills, check numbers 9903-9943 and 17799-17827, and Fire Bills check numbers 4508-4514.

MOTION by Anderson and seconded by McRoberts to adjourn the meeting.

  
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Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
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**SEPTEMBER 13, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2012, at City Hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson and Tom Rennecke.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Wade Haley and Mike McRoberts.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Barry Glienke, Mark Klema, Nancy Larson, Matthew Engelson, Jeremy Anderson, Ron and Judy Tusha, Gary Martin, and Brent Schroeder.

**LARSON** – Nancy Larson introduced herself as a candidate running for State Representative and provided information on her background and experience.

**TH 4 PROJECT** – Engineer Glienke presented a preliminary engineering report on the TH 4 project. The cost estimate for the TH 4 portion is \$926,480 and the cost estimate for the CSAH 43 portion is \$200,120. The street assessment rate estimate is \$90 per foot. Informational meetings are scheduled for November 1, 2012 and November 5, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the ACGC school building.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to adopt Resolution 2012-9 Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvements, with the hearing to be held on November 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the ACGC School building.

**COSMOS INDUSTRIES INC.** – Gary Martin, President of CII, requested that the city make improvements to the land located West of Falcon Industries in the industrial park. Improvements would include an access road and extension of sanitary sewer service. Construction would be in conjunction with the TH 4 project in 2013 and CII would be assessed for the improvements.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to adopt Resolution 2012-10 Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvements to the Industrial Park.

**HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN** – Clerk Blackwell reported that if the city adopts the Meeker County Hazard Mitigation Plan the city can proceed with the grant application to fund the fire hall back up generator project. The mayor and council would like to opportunity to view the county plan in its entirety prior to adoption.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT** – The city received notice that MN DEED did not approve funding for the Cosmos project. The council requested estimates on constructing a building for a library only. The council directed Clerk Blackwell to disconnect the library phone line and no longer have library calls rolled over to the city hall line.

MOTION by Gieser, seconded by Anderson and carried to certify to the Meeker County Auditor a 2013 Proposed Tax Levy in the amount of \$271,793, a 10% increase from 2012. Rennecke opposed the motion.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Gieser and carried to approve the 2013 Proposed Budget with a 6.25% General Fund increase from 2012. Rennecke opposed the motion.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL – The 2013 renewal rate for the health insurance contracts with Blue Cross Blue Shield include a 6% increase.

MAINTENANCE – Maintenance Assistant Jeremy Anderson reported that new tires are needed for the pick up. State bid price for the tires is \$443.93, plus installation and alignment. Anderson stated that next week Mr. Dirt will begin planting the trees received in the DNR Tree Grant. Anderson reported that the seal coating is complete. The council agreed that Anderson could attend waste water operator classes in October. The city will pay Anderson's conference registration fee, exam fee, and two night hotel stay. The council agreed that Anderson could purchase a lap top computer for the Maintenance Department for approximately \$650 and add a line to the Verizon account for internet service on the device at approximately \$40 per month.

SIRENS – The council approved to have the Meeker County Sheriff's department reprogram the outdoor warning sirens at \$600 per site to meet the narrow band requirements.


MOTION by Rennecke, seconded by Anderson and carried to approve the meeting minutes from August 9 and 28, 2012.

WEBSITE – The Cosmos Lions have offered to sponsor and fund the development of a community website. The council approved the city's participation in the website.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve payment of the General Bills, check numbers 9869-9902 and 17767-17798, and Fire Bills, check numbers 4495-4507.

MEETING DATES - The next two general meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 11, 2012 and November 8, 2012.

MOTION by Anderson and seconded by Rennecke to adjourn the meeting.

  
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Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
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SPECIAL MEETING**

**AUGUST 28, 2012**

A special meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 7:00 p.m. on August 28, 2012, at City Hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Wade Haley, and Tom Rennecke.


**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Mike McRoberts.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell.

**DETACHMENT** – The council discussed the petition for detachment filed by Randy and Judy Schiro with the Municipal Boundary Adjustment Unit on August 3, 2012.

**MOTION** by Rennecke, seconded by Gieser and carried to adopt Resolution 2012-7 Opposing the Petition of Randy and Judy Schiro for the Detachment of land from the City of Cosmos.

**MOTION** by Haley and seconded by Rennecke to adjourn the meeting.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
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REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 9, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 7:00 p.m. on August 9, 2012, at City Hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson and Mike McRoberts.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Wade Haley and Tom Rennecke.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Claudia Cederstron, Barry Glienke, Dale Thomas, and Brent Schroeder.

**SENIOR DINING** – Claudia Cederstron from Lutheran Social Services provided the council with information on the senior nutrition program in Cosmos. The program is utilized and everyone agreed it is beneficial to the community. Unfortunately Cederstron reported that the program is not cash flowing. The council suggested civic groups that may make financial contributions in support to continue the program. Cederstron stated she will make contact with local groups and also pursue contributions from the county and the Southwest Initiative Fund.

**TH4 PROJECT** – Engineer Glienke presented options on street lighting styles. Glienke also reported that grant funds will be applied towards the city's share of the street lighting cost.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to adopt Resolution 2012-6 Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvements to TH 4 and CSAH 43.

**HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT** – Clerk Blackwell stated she will resume working on the grant application for an automatic generator system at the fire hall, battery back up sirens and lift station generator.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to accept the bid from Mr. Dirt at \$49 per tree to plant the trees the city is receiving within the DNR Tree Grant. Other bids ranged from \$54 to \$130 per tree.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by McRoberts and carried to donate \$800 towards the fireworks display during Space Festival.

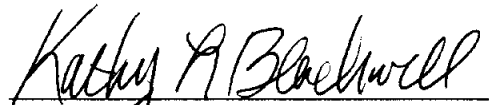
**POLICE** – Chief Schroeder requested the council consider approving some part time help.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Gieser and carried to approve payment of the General Bills, check numbers 9841-9868 and 17726-17766, and Fire Bills, check numbers 4485-4494.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to approve the meeting minutes from July 12, 2012.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to approve the April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Financial Statements.

MOTION by Anderson and seconded by McRoberts to adjourn the meeting.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
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REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 12, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 7:00 p.m. on July 12, 2012, at City Hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson and Tom Rennecke.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Wade Haley and Mike McRoberts.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Barry Glienke, Brent Schroeder, Bob and Sheila Bohrer, and Dale Thomas.

**TH 4 PROJECT** – Engineer Glienke gave the council a progress update on the TH 4 project. Glienke, Mayor Gieser, Clerk Blackwell, and Maintenance Supervisor Thomas will meet with representatives from the MN DOT lighting department later this month.

**BOHRER** – Bob and Sheila Bohrer addressed the council regarding the property they own at 237 Milky Way Street South, next to the post office. Sometime around July 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 numerous plants on Bohrer's property were sprayed with chemical that destroyed the plants. The city council confirmed with Bohrer's that city staff did not spray the plants. The Mayor, the City Council, and staff of the City of Cosmos do not condone destruction of private property in any form. Bohrer's inquired about installing a fence in between their property and the post office. The council agreed that a fence would be permitted and meets zoning regulations.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve the Temporary Liquor License for the Cosmos Lions during the Labor Day Tournament.

**MOTION** by Gieser, seconded by Anderson to appoint Wayne Anderson, Kathy Blackwell, Sheila Bohrer, and Phyllis Matthews as election judges for the 2012 Primary and General Elections, with Blackwell to serve as Head Judge.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to accept the seal coating bid through Meeker County at \$22,916.33.

**FEMA** – The council agreed to accept Disaster Aid from the Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management department in the amount of \$43,940.19 for costs incurred as a result of the July 1, 2011 storm. Clerk Blackwell estimated that the city spent approximately \$60,308 in clean up efforts and repairs. Insurance claim reimbursements were \$10,887.56. Non-covered storm related expenses were approximately \$5,480.

**DOT DIRECT PURCHASES** – The council approved four DOT Land Management Direct Purchases for city owned land in the TH 4 project.

PARK – The council directed Maintenance Supervisor Thomas to post “No Dogs Allowed in Park” signs in the city park.

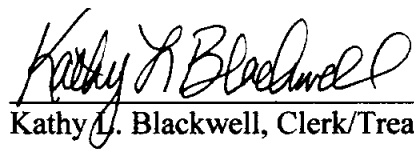
MAINTENANCE – The council approved the purchase of a trash pump and hose kit at a cost of \$1,600 from L & P Supply or USA Bluebook, depending on shipping costs.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to allow picnic tables to be borrowed by private parties that make a request to the city.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve the meeting minutes from June 14, 2012.

MOTION by Rennecke, seconded by Anderson and carried to approve payment of the General Bills, check numbers 9811-9840 and 17696-17725, and Fire Bills, check numbers 4471-4484, as presented.

MOTION by Anderson and seconded by Rennecke to adjourn the meeting.



Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
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PUBLIC HEARING**

**JUNE 14, 2012**

A public hearing on the establishment of the Cosmos Economic Development Authority was opened by Mayor Gieser at 7:35 p.m. on June 14, 2012, at City Hall.


COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson and Mike McRoberts.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Wade Haley and Tom Rennecke.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Blackwell and Chuck Lietzau.

EDA – A discussion was held on the benefit of establishing an EDA for the city. Proposed by-laws were reviewed. Potential redevelopment projects an EDA could proceed with were also discussed.

The public hearing was closed at approximately 8:15 p.m.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

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**JUNE 14, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich Gieser at 7:00 p.m. on June 14, 2012, at City Hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson and Mike McRoberts.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Wade Haley and Tom Rennecke.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Paul Harvego, Brent Schroeder, and Chuck Lietzau.

**2011 FINANCIAL STATEMENT** – City Auditor Paul Harvego reviewed the 2011 Financial Statement with the council. Harvego expressed concerns in the future balance of water fund and suggested reviewing rates to cover the debt service.

**RECESS** – The regular meeting was recessed at 7:35 p.m. and then continued following a public hearing on the establishment of an EDA.

**MOTION** by Gieser, seconded by McRoberts and carried to approve Resolution 2012-5 Establishing the Cosmos Economic Development Authority, as amended.

**CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT** – Clerk Blackwell requested authority to submit an application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for funding from the Business Development Capital Projects Grant Program for the construction of a new municipal building. The Cosmos Municipal Building Project would include construction and all associated costs for a new public library, multi-use meeting room, and city hall. The application will request 50% state funding of a \$1.2 million project. The 50% local share would include funds from Pioneerland Library System, an insurance settlement from the library loss, the Public Works Reserve Fund, and new debt of approximately \$180,000. If the grant is approved, the city would not be required to follow through with the project if the council chooses not to proceed.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Gieser and carried to approve Resolution 2012-4 in support of the Cosmos Municipal Building Grant Project application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development and financial commitment of the non-state funding match equal to the state funding.

**AGRICULTURE LAND** – Mayor Gieser and Clerk Blackwell reported information gathered on reduced taxes for agriculture land in city limits and the detachment process. Following a discussion, the council agreed to discontinue research of this process as it appears unlikely a detachment would be approved by the Boundary Adjustments Board.

**BOARD OF HEALTH** – The council reviewed the list of properties listed on the Board of Health's annual list of violations including unlicensed vehicles. Clerk Blackwell will send out letters as needed.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to accept the bid from Mini-Biff for portable toilet units during space festival at \$760.04.

FIRE RELIEF RAFFLE – The council approved the gambling permit application from the Cosmos Fire Relief Association for raffles during space festival.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to approve the meeting minutes from May 10<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by McRoberts and carried to approve payment of the General Bills, check numbers 9783-9810 and Fire Bills, check numbers 4458-4470.

MOTION by McRoberts and seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting.

  
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Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
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SPECIAL MEETING**

**MAY 30, 2012**

A special meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 7:00 p.m. on May 30, 2012 at City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson and Wade Haley. Council Members Mike McRoberts and Tom Rennecke arrived at 7:35 p.m.


ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Blackwell, Ron Mortensen, Dale Thomas and Brent Schroeder.

SEAL COATING – Meeker County Engineer Ron Mortensen presented estimates for doing seal coating on several streets in Cosmos. The county will be submitting requests for proposals and will include sections in Cosmos.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Haley and carried to have Meeker County include approximately \$20,000 worth of seal coating in their proposal, with Thomas and City Engineer Glienke determining which areas to include.

CITY HALL – Clerk Blackwell reported that she is recovering from an injury and unable to work full days. The council directed Blackwell to post a sign stating the reduced office hours.

MOTION by Haley and seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting.

  
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Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
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**MAY 10, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 2012 at City Hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Wade Haley, Mike McRoberts, and Tom Rennecke.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Jeremy Anderson, Ken Anderson, Brent Schroeder, Dale Thomas, and Chuck Lietzau.

**ALLEY ON PEGASUS** – Ken Anderson requested that lay down driveway apron curb be put back at the entrance of the alley off of Pegasus Avenue West. During the street project regular curb and gutter was installed at the alley entrance. The council agreed to request the contractor remove the regular curb and gutter and replace it with driveway apron curb. Some of the cost will be covered under warranty work and the balance will be paid by the city.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Haley and carried unanimously to approve the 3.2 On-Sale liquor license application from the Cosmos Fire Relief Association for the ballpark and fire hall.

**MAINTENANCE** – Jeremy Anderson requested a pay increase now that he has a Class D water license and is in the process of obtaining his waste water license.

**MOTION** by Rennecke, seconded by McRoberts and carried to increase Jeremy Anderson's pay to \$10.00 per hour, to increase Sue Martin's pay to \$10.00 per hour, and increase Tyler Minnick's pay to \$7.75 per hour, with Councilor Anderson abstaining from the motion.

**MOTION** by Rennecke, seconded by Anderson and carried to accept Sue Martin's requests in regards to operating the concession stand at the ballpark this season. Councilor Haley voted in favor of the motion. Councilor McRoberts and Mayor Gieser voted against the motion.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Haley and carried unanimously to order that a public hearing be held on June 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. on the establishment of the Cosmos Economic Development Authority.

**AGRICULTURE LAND** – The council discussed creating a rural service tax district for properties within city limits that are used strictly as agriculture land.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2012-2 that authorizes the Clerk/Treasurer to issue payments.

BALLPARK – The council discussed citizen using picnic tables from the ballpark for events on private property. It was agreed that tables could be used on a first come first serve basis.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried unanimously to approve the Utility Easement for storm sewer improvements during the TH 4 project in Lot 6, Block 3, of Nelson’s First Addition in Cosmos.

MAINTENANCE – Thomas reported that the windshield in the pick up needs to be replaced. The council agreed that Thomas could purchase a tank to use for watering trees. The council agreed that Thomas should contact the Meeker County Engineer and inquire about seal coating this summer. Two fire hydrants may need to have extensions installed to raise the height.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Haley and carried unanimously to purchase a new squad car computer from Minko at a cost of \$4,359.43. A second quote from Marco was \$6,205.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from April 12, 2012.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Haley and carried unanimously to approve the March 31, 2012 Financial Statement.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried unanimously to approve payment of the General Bills, check numbers 9755-9782 and 17642-17664, and Fire Bills, check numbers 4449-4457.

MOTION by McRoberts and seconded by Haley to adjourn the meeting.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
CITY OF COSMOS  
ASSESSOR'S BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING**

**APRIL 12, 2012**

The City of Cosmos Board of Review meeting was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 7:00 p.m. on April 12, 2012 at City Hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Wade Haley, Mike McRoberts, and Tom Rennecke.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Brent Schroeder, Judy Barka, Robert Anderson, Dale Thomas, Randy Schiro, and Elroy Gunner.


**VALUES –** City Assessor Judy Barka and County Assessor Robert Anderson gave a summary of home sales in the last year.

**GUNNER –** Elroy Gunner questioned the value on farm land that he owns.

**RECOMMENDATIONS –** Barka recommended the following changes: reduce the amount of tillable acres on Elroy Gunner's property and decrease the value from \$216,700 to \$189,600; decrease the value on buildings at 125 Milky Way Street North from \$52,700 to \$50,800; decrease the value on buildings at 500 Milky Way Street South from \$24,500 to \$11,700; and decrease the value on buildings at 110 Hercules Avenue West from \$13,500 to \$13,100.

**MOTION** by Haley, seconded by Rennecke and carried unanimously to accept and approve Barka's recommendations to change values on four properties.

**MOTION** by McRoberts and seconded by Anderson to close the assessor's meeting at 7:35 p.m.

  
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Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
CITY OF COSMOS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 12, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 6:00 p.m. on April 12, 2012 at City Hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Wade Haley, Mike McRoberts, and Tom Rennecke.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Barry Glienke, Brent Schroeder, Judy Barka, Robert Anderson, Dale Thomas, Randy Schiro, and Elroy Gunner.

**TH 4 PROJECT** – Engineer Glienke reported that solar street lighting is not proven reliable in the winter months in Minnesota. Glienke reported that he has met with the Meeker County highway department regarding work on CSAH #43 and that Cosmos Industries, Inc. has agreed to hire Bolten and Menk to complete wetland delineation in order for their land to be designated as a disposal site.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried unanimously to adopt the resolution to apply to participate in the national flood insurance program. The DNR will review a proposed ordinance prior to approval.

**SUMMER READING** – The council agreed that a summer reading program would be held at ACGC South with Pioneerland Library System providing the staff and programming.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Haley and carried unanimously to approve the Compost/Brush site at John Frederiksen's in 2012.

**RECESS** – At 7:00 p.m. the regular meeting was recessed and then continued following the Assessor's Board of Review meeting.

**AGRICULTURE LAND VALUES** – Randy Schiro requested that the city consider approving some type of method to reduce the amount property taxes paid on agriculture land. Schiro would like the amount of taxes he pays per acre in the city to be more comparable to acres in Cosmos Township. The council agreed to research a special taxing district and the impact a reduction in agriculture taxes would have on the other property types in the city.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Haley and carried unanimously to hire Sue Martin to operate the concessions at the ballpark in 2012, with purchases to be made from a vendor that delivers so no mileage reimbursement is necessary.

**POLICE** – Chief Schroeder reported that the computer in the squad car needs to be replaced and he will obtain quotes.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

MOTION by Haley, seconded by Rennecke and carried unanimously to approve the February 29, 2012 Financial Statement.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by McRoberts and carried unanimously to approve payment of the General Bills, check numbers 9729-9754 and 17620-17641, and Fire Bills, check numbers 4436-4447.

MOTION by McRoberts and seconded by Haley to adjourn the meeting.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
CITY OF COSMOS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 15, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 6:20 p.m. on March 15, 2012, at city hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Mike McRoberts, and Tom Rennecke.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Wade Haley

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Mark Klema, Brent Schroeder, Barry Glienke, and Dale Thomas.

**TH 4 PROJECT** – Engineer Glienke suggested having three areas of the sanitary sewer system televised and cleaned if necessary, in order to determine if replacement or lining the pipe is the best option. Glienke received quotes from three vendors that televise and clean sewer systems. Glienke and the council agreed that he should work with Cosmos Industries on wetland delineation determination in order to allow the land they own on the East edge of Cosmos be used as a disposal site for excess fill in the TH 4 project. The council will hold a work session on April 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss more design details and coordinating additional work within the TH 4 project.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by McRoberts and carried to accept the lowest of three bids from Underground Technologies of MN to televise, and clean if necessary, three sections of sanitary sewer at a rate of \$.50 per foot to televise and \$.55 per foot to clean.

**DOGS/CATS** – Clerk Blackwell and Chief Schroeder were directed to send letters to owners of animals that have not purchased a 2012 Dog/Cat License.

**BALLPARK** – Clerk Blackwell was directed to run an ad in the Gazette for operating the ballpark concession stand this season.

**MOTION** by Rennecke, seconded by McRoberts and carried to hire Jeremy Anderson as maintenance assistant and Tyler Minnick for mowing this summer. Councilor Anderson abstained from this motion.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to have Dick Hopp excavate and an electrician repair underground wires for two street lights in the 300 block of Milky Way Street South. Rennecke opposed the motion.

**WELL** – Maintenance Supervisor Thomas will obtain an estimate to chlorinate and inspect Well #3.


**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to accept the bid from Mike Walter to construct a wall and install a door and a cabinet inside the water treatment plant to create an office work area. Bids were also received from Mike Lang and Matt Kurth.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve payment of the General Bills, check numbers 9702-9728 and 17594-17619, and Fire Bills, check numbers 4426-4434.

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried to approve the meeting minutes from February 9 and 16, 2012.

MOTION by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried to approve the January 31, 2012 Financial Statement.

MOTION by Rennecke and seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
CITY OF COSMOS  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**MARCH 8, 2012**

A special meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 5:45 p.m. on March 8, 2012, at ACGC South Elementary.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Terry Anderson, Mike McRoberts, Wade Haley, and Tom Rennecke.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Mark Klema, Don Sterna, Barry Glienke, Ron Mortensen, Brent Schroeder, and several community members.

**TH 4 PROJECT** – Mark Klema reviewed street scaping design ideas for the business district with the council. Mayor Gieser opened the public input meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – MN DOT engineers gave an overview and timeline of the TH 4 project. Engineers worked with property owners on questions or concerns they had regarding the project.

The public input meeting was closed by the city council at 8:35 p.m.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY OF COSMOS  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

A special meeting of the Cosmos City Council, with the Township Boards, and the Cosmos Fire Department was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at the Cosmos Legion.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Rich Gieser

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Blackwell, Fire Chief Jon Fruetel, Cosmos Township Board Members Randy Schiro, Gerald Fank, Doug Maahs, and Paul Lux, Cedar Mills Township Board Members Mike Eggert and Willard Wendorff, East Lake Lillian Township Board Member Tim Macik, Brookfield Township Board Member Dale Kulberg, and Cosmos Fire and Ambulance Members Daniel Chupp, Emily Schmeling, Tim Hoffmann, Robin Hoffmann, Mike Lang, Tom McCarthy, Adam Lietzau, Dale Ehrenberg, Chris Langness, Dale Schultz, Mike Inselmann and Cory Studemann.

MOTION by Randy Schiro, seconded by Paul Lux and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from February 15, 2011.

MOTION by Dale Kulberg, seconded by Doug Maahs and carried unanimously to approve the 2011 Fire Fund Financial Statement.

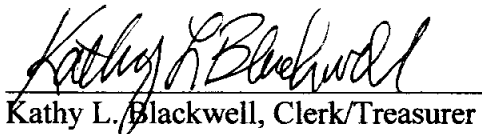
2011 VEHICLE PROJECT – Fire Chief Fruetel gave an update on 2011 vehicle project. The ATV has been purchased and delivered. The truck that has been ordered but not yet delivered.

MOTION by Randy Schiro, seconded by Gerald Fank and carried unanimously to approve the 2012 equipment and training needs totaling \$11,045 including gloves, CPR manikins, O2 tanks, pagers, continuing education classes, 1<sup>st</sup> responder and EMT classes.

MOTION by Doug Maahs, seconded by Willard Wendorff and carried unanimously to set the 2012 section rates the same as in 2011 at \$175 per section for fire protection and \$70 per section for ambulance service.

2013 MEETING – The 2013 annual meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 19, 2013 at the Cosmos Legion.

MOTION by Paul Lux and seconded by Dale Kulberg to adjourn the meeting.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
CITY OF COSMOS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 6:25 p.m. on February 16, 2012, at city hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Wade Haley, Mike McRoberts, and Tom Rennecke.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Barry Glienke, Mark Klema, Dale Thomas, Ron Mortensen, Jon Fruetel, Brent Schroeder, Emily Schmeling, and Tim Olson.

**TH 4 PROJECT** – Engineer Glienke and the council discussed residential parking being allowed in front yards, storm sewer easements, and lighting along TH 4. The engineer estimates the city's costs for TH 4 at \$570,300, plus street lighting and scaping. County Engineer Mortensen and the council discussed adding CSAH #43 to the TH 4 project. CSAH #43 is Gemini Avenue East between Milky Way Street and Venus Street South, and Venus Street South between Gemini Avenue and TH 7. This would allow the city to replace the watermain from the new tower to the new watermain in TH 4. The county would share construction costs and overall project costs would be less if CSAH #43 is combined with the TH 4 project. The council agreed that CSAH #43 should be reconstructed in 2013 within the TH 4 project. Mortensen will request that the county commissioners approve the project as well. The engineer estimates the city's costs for CSAH #43 at \$172,900.

**DNR FLOOD MAP** – Bolten and Menk will provide the city with an estimate to complete the necessary documentation on the city's behalf for the flood map designation.

**SPACE FESTIVAL** – Space Festival committee members requested permission for a DJ to set up in the ballpark following the fireworks display. No alcohol would be served, but how or who should monitor alcohol use is a concern. Clerk Blackwell was directed to contact the city insurance agent.

**MOTION** by Rennecke, seconded by Anderson and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from January 12 and 19, 2012.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Rennecke and carried unanimously to approve the December 31, 2011 Financial Statement.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the General Bills, check numbers 9679-9701 and 17561-17593, and Fire Bills, check numbers 4416-4425, with the exception of the bill to Dave's Electric for the installation of a street light.

**CLERK** – The council approved Clerk Blackwell's attendance at the annual MCFOA Conference in March.

SCHOOL – Mayor Gieser suggested the city consider renting space at South Elementary for a library, community center or city hall. Temporary versus permanent needs could be considered.

MAINTENANCE – The council reviewed bids to repair the maintenance office building from Mike Bernsten at \$3,190 and Mike Lang at \$2,978. Those bids do not include the installation of an air conditioning unit. The council agreed that Thomas should request bids to construct a wall in the water treatment plant to separate off an office area.

UTILITY – Clerk Blackwell was directed to put a notice in the Gazette regarding the policy for residential property owners to submit monthly meter readings or be subject to a charge.

POLICE – The council approved Chief Schroeder’s attendance at the annual Chiefs of Police conference.

MOTION by Anderson and seconded by McRoberts to adjourn the meeting.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
CITY OF COSMOS  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**February 9, 2012**

A special meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 5:30 p.m. on February 9, 2012, at ACGC South Elementary.

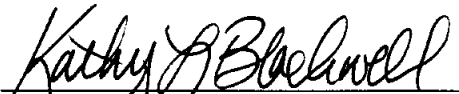
**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Wade Haley, and Mike McRoberts. Councilor Tom Rennecke arrived at 6:05 p.m.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Barry Glienke, Lowell Flaten, Don Sterna, Mark Klema, Derrik Schmidt, Brent Schroeder, and several community members.

**TH 4 PROJECT** – City Engineer Glienke and the council discussed the city's needs within the project. At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Gieser opened the public input meeting.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – MN DOT engineers gave an overview and timeline for the TH 4 project. Property owners were given an opportunity to ask questions and suggest design ideas within the residential district.

The public input meeting was closed by the city council at 7:35 p.m.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
CITY OF COSMOS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 19, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 6:00 p.m. on January 19, 2012, at city hall.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Wade Haley, Mike McRoberts, and Tom Rennecke.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Barry Glienke, Brent Schroeder, Adam Lietzau, Matt Lietzau, Dale Thomas, Chuck and Twyla Lietzau, Jon Fruetel, Randy Schiro, and Casey Stotts.

**TH 4 PROJECT** – Engineer Glienke and the council discussed design and parking options. MN DOT and the terms of the US DOT grant will allow the city only two blocks of angle parking on the East side of TH 4 in the business district. All other parking within the project will be parallel.

**MOTION** by Gieser, seconded by McRoberts and carried to request MN DOT to include angle parking on the East side of the 200 and 300 blocks of Milky Way Street South. Haley and Rennecke opposed the motion.

**COMMUNITY CENTER** – Clerk Blackwell reported that the city does not have clear title to the Community Center property. The city attorney is drafting the necessary documents to resolve the issue.

**SCHIRO** – Randy Schiro requested the city council look into possible ways to lower the taxes paid on agriculture land within city limits. The council agreed to gather more information on creating a special taxing district and the impact it would have on the other land classifications.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES** – The council scheduled public inputs meetings on the TH 4 project at 6:00 p.m. on February 9, 2012 and March 8, 2012, at ACGC South. The next regular meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 16, 2012 and March 15, 2012, at city hall.

**MOTION** by Haley, seconded by McRoberts and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from December 8 and 22, 2011.

**MOTION** by Anderson, seconded by Rennecke and carried unanimously to approve the November 30, 2011 Financial Statement.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried unanimously to approve payment of the General Bills, check numbers 17528-17560 and 9648-9678, and Fire Bills, check numbers 4401-4415.

**MOTION** by McRoberts, seconded by Anderson and carried unanimously to make the following changes to water and sewer rates effective February 1, 2012; increase the monthly residential and commercial water base rate from \$14 to \$16 and increase the water usage rate from \$7.50 to \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons

with a 1,000 gallon minimum, increase the monthly commercial sewer base rate from \$7 to \$8, and change the residential sewer rate from a monthly flat rate of \$12 to a base rate of \$8 with a usage rate of \$3 per 1,000 gallons with a 1,000 gallon minimum.

MAINTENANCE – The council discussed necessary repairs to the maintenance office building. A motion by Anderson to install new windows, repair the floor and install an air conditioner died for the lack a second and no decisions were made. The council approved Thomas to attend the annual water school in March.

METER READINGS – The council discussed different ways to charge a fee for property owners that do not submit monthly meter readings.

MOTION by Haley and seconded by McRoberts to adjourn the meeting.

  
Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES  
CITY OF COSMOS  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 12, 2012**

A special meeting of the Cosmos City Council was called to order by Mayor Gieser at 5:30 p.m. on January 12, 2012, at ACGC South Elementary.

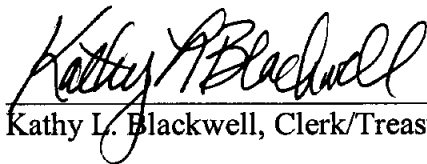
**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Rich Gieser, Council Members Terry Anderson, Wade Haley, Mike McRoberts, and Tom Rennecke.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kathy Blackwell, Barry Glienke, Lowell Flatten, Don Sterna, Mark Klema, Derrek Schmidt, and several community members.

**TH 4 PROJECT** – City Engineer Glienke and the council discussed what design plans the city would like MN DOT to include in the business district. At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Gieser opened the public input meeting.

**PUBLIC INPUT** – MN DOT engineers gave an overview and timeline for the TH 4 project. Property owners were given an opportunity to ask questions and suggest design ideas within the business district.

The public input meeting was closed by the city council at 8:45 p.m.

  
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Kathy L. Blackwell, Clerk/Treasurer