



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF STACY IN THE COUNTY OF CHISAGO
AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA PURSUANT TO DUE
CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 19, 2022, 7:00p.m.
30955 FOREST BOULEVARD, STACY MN 55079**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Utecht at 7:00p.m.

Present

Stacy Present: Mark Utecht, Mark Ness, Tim Sawatzky, Marie Lawrence, and Jennie Carlson

Lent Present: Rick Keller, Troy Nelson, Brian Seekon, Jess Eischens, and Carolyn Cagle

Absent: None

Others Present: Peter Tiede (Lent Township Attorney); and James Mongé (Stacy’s Attorney); and public from both the township and the city.

Purpose of the Special Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the annexation of the Township of Lent into the City of Stacy.

Discussion

**Financial Analysis –
Quote for Services**

Motion by Utecht to approve the quote from Dennis Oberloh, from Oberloh & Oberloh, LTD; to prepare the financial analysis of the township and the city for a total cost of \$2,000 (\$1,000 to each entity). Second by Ness. Members Utecht, Ness, Lawrence, Sawatzky, and Carlson voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Motion by Keller to concur with Stacy’s motion. Second by Nelson. Members Keller, Nelson, Seekon, Eischens, and Cagle voted yes. Chair Keller declared the motion carried.

**Orderly Annexation
Agreement Discussion**

Building Permits

The members continued their review of the agreement beginning with Building Permits. The city currently has a



contract with MNSPECT for 36 months, with a termination clause of 90 days written notice to cancel.

Chair Keller will contact the county to obtain information regarding their providing inspection services for the entire city once annexed.

It was tentatively decided to go with the source the township is using and finalize later.

Other City Services

This section will be removed in its entirety.

Interim Road Services

This section will be removed in its entirety.

Land Use Moratorium

This section will be removed in its entirety.

Comprehensive Plan/Land Use (Zoning)

The comprehensive plans will need to be reviewed first and then the zoning code. The newly established council to review the comprehensive plan within six months of the merger.

Contracts/Finances

The finances will be combined immediately after the approval by the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings – Municipal Boundary Adjustment Unit (MBAU).

This section will be removed in its entirety.

Rights and Privileges

This item was discussed at length, it is very important that the annexed properties are able to continue to use their land as they currently are.

It was decided to establish: the use may be continued for the longer of 180 months or until the primary use of the property changes. That would allow the use to continue for 180 months even if the primary use of the property changes before the 180 months expires. It would also allow a use to continue indefinitely if the primary use of the property does not change.

Member Ness was not in favor of 15 years he wanted 10. Lent member Cagle wanted 20 years, and member Eischens would concede to 15 but preferred 20.

Optional Plan A.

This section will be removed in its entirety.

Article VIII Enforcement

This section will be removed in its entirety.



**Stacy Lent Community
Merger Group
Committee Concerns**

The members discussed the concerns expressed by the committee; the city and township attorney will incorporate portions of the draft presented into the annexation agreement.

Renaming the City

The member discussed renaming the city; it was determined that this could be costly and be quite an inconvenience to the citizens.

With that said there is no intention of “wiping out” the name of Lent; such as Stacy/Lent Cemetery, Stacy/Lent Fire Department, etc.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 13, 2022, at 7:00p.m. at Stacy City Hall.

Adjourned at 8:49p.m.

Motion by Utecht to adjourn. Second by Sawatzky. Members Ness, Utecht, Lawrence, Sawatzky, and Carlson voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Motion by Keller to adjourn. Second by Cagel. Members Seekon, Nelson, Keller, Eischens, and Cagle voted yes. Chair Keller declared the motion carried.

Sharon MT Payne, City Clerk

