

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE  
Special Meeting  
July 5, 2012

On July 5, 2012, the Town Council, with members Mayor Danny McIntosh, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, and Bill Wheeler present, held a special meeting in the Town Hall. Councilor Ron Powell was present through videoconferencing. Also in attendance were staff members Leslie Crowder, Anthony Hensley, and Jeanne Martin; and visitor Jody Higgins. The Mayor called the meeting to order, stating that the purpose of the meeting, which was called by Mayor pro tempore Judy Buchanan, was to discuss continuing negotiations with E. B. Investments.

Councilor Judy Buchanan said she felt a need to have some licensed individual inspect the Briggs Building and render an opinion of its condition. Mrs. Buchanan reasoned that having someone other than Public Works Director Anthony Hensley perform the inspection would remove Mr. Hensley from an uncomfortable position and would result in a fresh report.

Councilor Ron Powell asked that the meeting be postponed until his return on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Ruth Banks indicated a willingness to postpone the meeting. Councilor Buchanan said she basically wanted a report of condition prior to the execution of a contract so taxpayers can be aware of what is being purchased. Anthony Hensley said that he was convinced that an inspection report will reveal the building is in bad condition. Ruth Banks commented that she didn't think the deal would hinge on the building's condition.

Judy Buchanan made a motion to have the Briggs Building structurally inspected by the County Building Inspector or another licensed building inspector, with Anthony Hensley coordinating the process. Danny McIntosh seconded the motion. Discussion follows:

- ▶ Ron Powell said he would prefer to be included at the meeting in person. He asked why the town would pay the County Building Inspector, when in-house staff members Anthony Hensley and Ronnie Tipton have considerable construction experience. Additionally, it is common knowledge that the buildings on the property are not in good shape.
- ▶ Bill Wheeler said he was not opposed to an inspection that should include biohazards, but he would like Councilor Ron Powell present before decisions are made.
- ▶ Ruth Banks asked for a recess until July 9<sup>th</sup> in order to honor Councilor Powell's request.
- ▶ Judy Buchanan said videoconferencing is legal. She acknowledged that Anthony Hensley is the most qualified building inspector, but has an interest in a neutral, unbiased report.

Voting results were as follows:

Ayes

Judy Buchanan  
Danny McIntosh  
Bill Wheeler

Noes

Ruth Banks  
Ron Powell

There being no further business, Judy Buchanan made a motion to adjourn. Bill Wheeler seconded the motion. Voting results were as follows:

Ayes

- Judy Buchanan
- Danny McIntosh
- Ron Powell
- Bill Wheeler

Noes

- Ruth Banks

  
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Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk

  
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Danny McIntosh, Mayor