

TOWN OF BURNSVILLE
Special Meeting
January 24, 2015

On January 24, 2015, the Town Council, with members Mayor Theresa Coletta, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, Ron Powell, and Bill Wheeler present, held a special meeting at the Burnsville Town Center. Also in attendance were staff members Leslie Crowder, Anthony Hensley, Niles Howell, Jeanne Martin and George Nero; town attorney Heather Hockaday; and visitors from Eben Concepts, Amy Ellis, Lee Ellis, David Smith, and Allison Vines. The Mayor called the meeting to order, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a worksession to hear updates on issues related to employee health insurance and the fire department's business plan.

David C. Smith, Vice President of Eben Concepts, gave his background in the industry, and spoke on issues related to healthcare coverage for the Town of Burnsville Employees. He gave a lengthy presentation, addressed agenda items, offered various options for consideration, and answered questions posed by Council. He said there is no product or solution that will fit every setting.

After the Eben Concepts group left the meeting, Finance Officer Leslie Crowder presented another option for council consideration, which is worthy of further investigation.

Council then heard from Fire Chief Niles Howell, who was available to provide an update on the status of the proposed fire department property and building. Council received copies of the fire department's business plan, which is a work in progress.

Councilor Ron Powell said he has had concerns in the past about the lack of a plan and commented that his concerns have been addressed, for which he was appreciative. He complimented Chief Howell and Anthony Hensley for their work on the business plan, and council members concurred.

Anthony Hensley gave an update on the status of the contract, which has been reviewed by Rebecca Reinhardt, an attorney in Billy Clarke's office. Ms. Reinhardt suggested a variety of revisions, which have been addressed by the sellers' attorney, Staunton Norris. Other revisions include requirements for a Phase I environmental study, a title search, and a survey of the property, which will be addressed by the town. There is a 45 day due diligence window from the date of signature to accomplish this work. \$5,000 will need to be placed in escrow with submission of the contract, and \$5,000 more will be escrowed after the 45 days.

Ron Powell stated he felt strongly that we not take action during the worksession, preferring action in a regular meeting. It was noted that the meeting was properly noticed to the public and the media, so any action would not be out of order. Judy Buchanan then made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the contract and direct Anthony Hensley to pursue the due diligence activities. Bill Wheeler seconded the motion. Discussion followed:

Ron Powell said it was not the proper time or place for a vote on the matter, but said in the past ten days he had not heard any negative comments or concerns over the cost of the property and the lack of a plan. He said his concerns about the plan have been addressed, and since the

cost of the property has not concerned the public, he would vote to sign the contract, even though he wasn't in favor of voting in a special meeting.

Bill Wheeler said he had been skeptical about the price, but according to a realtor, the price isn't that much out of line, which alleviated his concerns.

Ruth Banks said she was in favor of signing the contract.

Judy Buchanan admitted the price is steep, but said it is good property and she feels we are headed in the right direction. She voted in favor of signing the contract.

The mayor said she would vote in the affirmative.

Voting was as follows:

Ayes

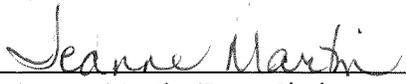
Ruth Banks
Judy Buchanan
Theresa Coletta
Ron Powell
Bill Wheeler

Noes

After voting, the Mayor asked for comments before adjourning. George Nero advised that after February 5th he would be taking advantage of leave time, which amounts to about 8 weeks. After exhausting the leave time, he would rather have the town save money than continue working through June as originally planned. He said he would be available by phone if needed in the interim and afterwards as well.

In closing, the Mayor thanked Niles Howell and Anthony Hensley for following through with her request to them in December to have a draft of a business plan ready for Council review at this workshop. She also thanked staff members who assisted them with this preparation.

Judy Buchanan then made a motion to adjourn. Bill Wheeler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.


Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk


Theresa Coletta, Mayor