



**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
NOVEMBER 1, 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

Present: Mark Utecht, Mark Ness, Jennie Carlson and Tim Sawatzky for Stacy. Brian Seekon, Rick Keller, Troy Nelson and Carolyn Cagle for Lent.

Absent: Jess Eichens for Lent and Marie Lawrence for Stacy

Others Present: Jim Ness, Craig with Lent Maintenance, Tanya Smolke, and Stephanie Acker

Purpose of the Special Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss:

1. The Stacy/Lent merger along with current and future staffing needs.

Stacy/Lent merger discussion

The council and Lent town board met and discussed the proposed annexation and how that relates and affects to the current employees for both the city and the township. Specifics discussed include:

- What portion of the tax base will move to the other cities involved and when will that happen. How does losing that tax base affect the current 2023 budget with regards to wages, maintenance of buildings, etc.
- Should a more specific financial drill down into Lent's reserves, tax base, budget to find the questions to the above be done.
- Lent provided updated wage amounts for employees along with the previous wage amount before the recent wage increases. Discussion opened about where these amounts are in the 2023 budget and can they be accommodated with the tax base change.
- Question raised on who would be determining employee role position going forward when the annexation is complete. It was determined that the new council would have final say on job titles, but would wait for the current wage analysis study that is in process to be completed before determining any wage or title.
- Both the council and the town board discussed their own personal thoughts on if the merger should still move forward despite all of the setbacks and issues that have been raised.



Despite some differing views, they all still feel like moving forward is good for both parties in the end.

Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Motion by Utecht to adjourn. Second by Ness Members Ness, Utecht, Sawatzky, Lawrence, and Carlson voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried. 8:28p.m.

Michelle Hayes
Finance Director

