

Intra-GOP disagreement dooms bill giving veterans their holiday off

by Doug Grow — *MinnPost*

Typically, bills that promise any sort of small benefits or praise to military veterans sail through the legislative process.

But on the final day of the 2014 Minnesota legislative session, a handful of Republican House members tried to praise vets while burying a bill that would have given veterans the opportunity to actually take Veteran's Day off.

Rep. Andrew Falk, DFL-Murdock, introduced the bill. It was filled with caveats:

- A vet would have to give the employer 30 days notice that he/she wanted Veterans Day, Nov. 11, off
- The employer would determine whether the vet would be paid or not
- The employer could cite various logistical reasons for turning down the vet's request.

The bill, Falk explained, would allow vets to have a day to reflect or to do such things as attend ceremonies. In many cases, some of Falk's DFL colleagues pointed out, vets can't get off work and therefore can't attend the ceremonies that are held to honor them.

However, a number of GOP legislators, including vets such as Rep. Ernie Leidiger of Mayer and Bob Dettmer of Forest Lake, started attacking the bill. The bill was just another government mandate. The bill was poorly written. The bill would give employers another reason not to hire vets. The bill was unneeded because employers already appreciate the vets they hire. The bill was anti-business.

On and on the attacks on the bill came — until Rep. Tony Cornish, R-Good Thunder, stood.

Cornish suggested that those attacking the bill must live in "la la land" if they think all employers treat their vet employees well. He added that he'd have a hard time showing up at his lo-

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Forest Lake school district voters nix staff's request for \$176 million levy

BALLOT QUESTION DEFEATED 60-40 IN SPECIAL ELECTION

7,521 voters came to the polls Tuesday to answer the question, "Shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 831 (Forest Lake Area Schools), Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$188,205,000 for acquisition and betterment of school facilities?"

The result was a 60-40 rejection of the proposal for improvements to ten schools, which would have included building maintenance, remodeling, upgrades to wiring and HVAC systems, as well as parking lot and other outdoor upgrades. A running track, new swimming pool, expansion of sports fields and tennis courts were also included in the levy request.

A levy for facilities improvements was approved by voters in 1998, however other levy requests since then have been defeated. A small operating levy however was approved in 2011.

Only Lino Lakes residents voted in favor of the levy, but the support was not overwhelming, 150 votes for, and 124 against. The levy had 44% support among Wyoming, Chisago City and Stacy voters. The remainder of the school district showed less than 40% support for the levy. The strongest opposition to the ballot question came from East Bethel, Ham Lake and Columbus voters, where 65% voted against. There were 1,015 voters from these three cities.

Staff of the *Anoka County Record* were surprised to learn that the complete detailed results of the election would not be made available until after May 29, according to Donna Friedmann, Director of Administration and Human Resources for ISD 831.

Comparing Tuesday's referendum to the 2011 general election, about 400 more voters weighed in on the 2011 ballot question. The turnout for the 2011 school district election was approximately 24% of about 33,000 registered voters, therefore the *Record* estimates the turnout for the May 20, 2014 election was approximately 22%. Details when they become known, will be published in a future edition.

The general election this fall will mark the first ISD 831 school board election in the even year, after switching from odd-year elections. Three seats will be on the ballot. The filing period for candidacies begins July 29. (More information on local offices that will be on 2014 ballots can be found in the May 8th edition of the *Anoka County Record*.)

In other election news, the Hennepin County Board District 3 seat vacated by Gail Dorfman will be taken by former state legislator Marion Greene of Minneapolis. Greene was elected May 13 in a special general election that had only a 6% turnout. Only about 100 additional voters came out for the general election compared to the primary held a few weeks earlier. Greene defeated St. Louis Park city councilor Anne Mavity by garnering 53% of the vote. 6,362 voters cast ballots while over 105,000 were registered.

ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD PLEASED WITH 2013 STATISTICS

by Bryan Olson — Special to the *Anoka County Record*

At a meeting May 19, Anoka County Library Board chair Robert Thistle said he was pleased to see the county's libraries had so much usage in 2013 — a government service that isn't a painful, required visit but rather a service that is enjoyed by many. The board chuckled somewhat when Thistle pointed out that library services are voluntarily used, contrasted against required encounters with government: such as paying taxes, fines, licensing or other mundane tasks. The Library Board's meeting packet contained a number of statistics, starting with the "gate count" — the number of people entering the libraries — which came in at 968,000, just short of a million. Items circulated numbered just over two million, not including other categories such as E-books (160,415) and inter-library loan (over 14,000 items). The Rum River and Northtown libraries were nearly tied in circulation numbers that reached slightly past 500,000 each.

The public's use of the library system via computer or phone, without visiting a library in person, is also analyzed and creates another set of statistics. Renewing books by phone or online, and the check-out of E-books also play into circulation numbers.

The ACL's annual report is to be presented at the County Board meeting June 10. Library systems also have to file an annual circulation and service report with the Minnesota Department of Education, which are available on the

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Governor calls over \$1 billion in spending "The Minnesota Jobs Bill"

Governor Dayton has signed the bonding bill but he and his staff do not like the word "bonding." All communiques from his office refer to it as a "jobs bill."

Most people know that bonding can be better described as "borrowing money." They also understand what "The Great Depression" was. Dayton press releases are now stating that 145,000 new jobs have been gained since 2011, "fully recovering all the jobs lost during the Great Recession." This is the first time I have seen the phrase in writing, with initial caps, echoing the dilemmas of the 1930's.

As during the Great Depression, government now intends to put people to work because there simply isn't enough job growth in the private sector. To accomplish this, over \$1 billion will be spent after passage of the bonding bill, plus another \$283 million in surplus funds. Mr. Dayton's office says 33,000 new jobs will be created by making these "investments."

In the January 30, 2014 edition of the *Record*, we looked closely at many of the items that were on "the wish list" for funding. Now we can

report to you on how many of those wishes were granted.

The University of Minnesota will receive nearly \$120 million, and the MnSCU schools a like amount, for a number of projects, many of which were outlined in our previous article. The State Academy for the Deaf and the State Academy for the Blind will receive over \$11 million for building repairs and new dormitory construction; the Perpich Center for the Arts will receive \$2 million towards building repair costs.

The Department of Natural Resources will receive \$63 million for dam repair, fish hatchery improvements, trail development and land acquisitions, flood mitigation efforts and infrastructure repairs. The Board of Water and Soil Resources will receive \$8 million and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency \$2.625 million. \$12 million will be spent on projects at the Minnesota Zoo and another \$126 million for the continuing restoration of the State Capitol building. A Hmong veterans memorial to be constructed in the Capitol area will receive \$450,000 toward its funding goal, with the stipulation that additional funding be raised privately.

A sports center for Marshall received all of the \$4.3 million asked for — about a quarter of the project's estimated total cost. The National Sports Center in Blaine is to receive \$3,675,000 for new athletic fields and infrastructure repairs.

The Minnesota National Guard will get \$3.2 million for building repairs and additions; Public Safety Training Centers in Cottage Grove and Maplewood will each receive roughly \$1.5 million.

The Department of Transportation's wish list will be funded up to \$57 million, which includes nearly \$8 million from the Trunk Highway Fund. About two-thirds of these funds are to be used on road improvements and bridge replacements. The airports in Chisholm and International Falls are to receive \$5 million and \$2.2 million respectively, for improvements to infrastructure. The "Safe Routes to Schools" initiative will receive \$1 million.

The Metropolitan Council will get \$46 million and redistribute portions of it. Fridley will receive \$5 million of that money for improvements to its Springbrook Nature Center; the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden near the Walker Art Center will get \$8.5 million for repairs and drainage issues, and St. Paul's Como Park will receive \$5.4 million. The Met Council will spend \$15 million on its own transit improvement program, and \$4 million will go to regional parks. Trails and bridges in Maplewood, Hastings and West St. Paul will receive a total of nearly \$4 million.

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Observations from the Field

Bryan Olson



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The Department of Human Services has \$86 million coming — two-thirds of which will fund additions and improvements to the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter.

The Department of Veteran Affairs is slated to receive \$3 million for building repairs, and memorials in North St. Paul and Edina. Nearly \$30 million will be sent to the Department of Corrections and \$5.3 million of that will go to erecting a fence at the women's prison in Shakopee.

Within the "Employment and Economic Development" category, a number of projects will be funded by the state's taxpayers:

Alexandria: High school redevelopment (\$1.4 million), Clara City: Business development (\$748,000), Chatfield: the Chatfield Center of the Arts, a repository for sheet music, including a 1936 auditorium, has finally received state funding after many attempts over recent years. The entity will receive \$5.3 million. Cosmos: community center (\$600,000); Duluth: Norshor Theatre restoration (\$7 million); Spirit Mountain water supply changes (\$3.4 million); Wade Stadium repairs (\$2.3 million); Fosston: business district road improvement (\$400,000); Grand Rapids: Regional performing arts center (\$3.9 million); Hermantown: regional health study (\$250,000); Lake Elmo: water project (\$3.5 million); Mankato: university arena and auditorium expansion (\$14.5 million); Minneapolis: Brian Coyle community center (\$330,000), Nicollet Mall renovation (\$21.5 million); Park Rapids: arts center (\$2.5 million); Red Wing: walk/road improvements to benefit tourists (\$1.5 million); Rochester: Mayo Civic Center arena expansion (\$35 million); Sandstone: business park (\$200,000); St. Cloud: convention center expansion (\$11.5 million); St. Paul: Orpheum Theatre restoration (\$5 million), Ordway Theater renovation (\$4 million), TPT-KTCA Television new studio building (\$9 million), Children's Museum expansion and renovation (\$6.5 million); Virginia: reroute utilities for Hwy 53 reconstruction (\$19.5 million).

The Minnesota Historical Society will receive \$13 million, but nearly all of that sum will be spent on the Oliver Kelley Farm Historic Site's visitors center. Giant's Ridge Lodge in Biwabik secured \$3.8 million for updates to its conference center.

The Great Recession will soon be over, as it was revealed Tuesday that Minneapolis will host the 2018 Super Bowl. A confident Governor Dayton said in a statement to the press, "it will bring major economic benefits to our state."

Bonding bill a boon for North Metro

The legislature finished its business for the 2014 session last week, reaching final agreement on several major pieces of legislation that allowed for an early finish, a few days before the constitutionally-mandated May 19th deadline. One of the biggest pieces of legislation passed during the final week was the bonding bill, which will fund several important projects here in our local community, around the North Metro area, and across the state.

I was proud to join a super-majority of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in voting for the bonding bill because it represents a major victory for our district and the surrounding communities.

The biggest win for our area was funding for the Champlin Mill Pond Dam. The City of Champlin has never received dedicated bonding funds for any project, and I've worked since my time as Mayor of Champlin to try and secure the necessary funding to make the much-needed repairs and upgrades to the dam. After many years of work, I'm glad to see Champlin receive these much-needed funds during my first term in Saint Paul.

Also included was funding for the Armstrong Boulevard interchange just up the road on Highway 10 in Ramsey. These funds will help to improve safety along Highway 10 by reducing accidents and improving the flow of traffic.

Other nearby communities will benefit as well: Fridley received \$5 million for a grant to help design and construct the expansion of the Springbrook Nature Center, another project that has gone without funding for several years. The City of Blaine will receive about \$3.2 million to expand the National Sports Center, one of the region's premiere sports facilities.

These projects, and the others included in the bonding bill will help create jobs and fund critical construction projects across the state. Republicans worked with Democrats to limit the size of the bonding bill to ensure the state wasn't putting more on the credit card than we could afford. Republicans also pushed to make sure the bill was geographically balanced, ensuring a fair distribution of projects in Minneapolis/St. Paul, the suburbs, and Greater Minnesota.

This bill represents the good things that can happen when both parties work together at the legislature. I look forward to seeing how the funds from the bonding bill are used to improve our community and state, and am grateful to all those who worked hard on the local and state level to make it a reality.

The Oak Grove Lions would like to give a Special Thanks to these local businesses in our area for helping us out at our 9th Annual French Toast Brunch on May 4th 2014.

Bill's Superette, Lone Wolf Nursery, A-Northern Cesspool Co. in Oak Grove, Printing Unlimited, Patriot Lanes and Lounge, American Family Insurance In St. Francis, County Market and McDonalds in Andover, Cedar Creek Automotive and Allstate Insurance in East Bethel, The Little Bit Shop in Ham Lake.

And also, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scout with their Parents for helping out at the event.

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Rep. Laine's session wrap-up

Last Friday, the Minnesota Legislature wrapped up its business for the year and adjourned the 2014 legislative session. Minnesota has come a long way in the past couple of years, and there is a lot to be proud of.

When the legislature began in 2013, Minnesota faced a \$600 million deficit, owed our public schools \$800 million, and property taxes were on the rise. Just one year later, Minnesota is much stronger.

Middle-Class Tax Cuts

We turned a budget deficit into a \$1.2 billion surplus. With this surplus, the legislature put middle-class Minnesotans first by providing \$550 million in tax cuts to more than two million Minnesotans. We also added \$150 million to our budget reserve, and \$283 million supplemental budget package. The budget will be structurally balanced in the long-term, with a \$600 million expected surplus into the future.

Property taxes are also going down for the first time in a decade thanks to \$178 million in direct property tax relief. We asked the wealthiest two percent of Minnesotans to pay their fair share in income taxes to erase our past deficit and to invest in education, jobs, and property tax relief.

Jobs and Economic Development

Our economy is growing, new businesses are opening and expanding, more jobs are being created, unemployment is at a 6-year low, and we've recovered all of the jobs lost during the recession. Minnesota's economy is growing from the middle-out all across the state.

The Minnesota Investment Fund will provide more competitive loans to bring new businesses to Minnesota, help existing businesses to expand, and to create thousands of new jobs for Minnesotans. We also made new investments to help expand Minnesota exports and connect our state's small businesses with new trade partners in foreign markets, thus supporting thousands of jobs here in Minnesota. We also cut unemployment insurance taxes by \$346.5 million, saving Minnesota employers more money to invest in their businesses and our economy.

Minimum Wage

This year, the Minnesota Legislature raised the minimum wage to \$9.50 by 2016 and indexed it. Raising the minimum wage will give 357,000 working Minnesotans a pay raise. Doing so will allow families to keep up with the rising costs of living instead of continuing to fall farther and farther behind.

Women's Economic Security

Women in Minnesota earn, on average, 80 cents to every dollar a man earns. The Women's Economic Security Act (WESA) works to close the gender pay gap because women deserve equal pay for equal work. WESA also strengthens workplace protections and flexibility for pregnant women and mothers, expands parental leave time, enhanced retirement security, and addresses negative economic consequences of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault.

Bonding

We passed a bipartisan statewide bonding bill that invests in Minnesota's infrastructure, including higher education, transportation, economic development resources, and farm-to-food shelf legislation. The Springbrook Nature Center received \$5 million in bonds for much needed improvements and renovations to support our environment and growing community. We've been advocating for this project for a decade, so I am very pleased it's finally receiving the support it deserves!

A Strong Educational System

One of my top priorities was to work with my colleagues to reverse the school shift from the previous biennium and now our schools are paid back in full. The Minnesota Legislature made strategic investments and reforms in education to help reduce class sizes and to boost student achievement. We also increased funding for Early Childhood Learning scholarships aimed at closing the achievement gap and expanded access to all-day kindergarten for all Minnesota children. No student will be denied access to a hot, nutritious lunch at school based on their ability to pay. To help alleviate the rising costs of college tuition, the Legislature froze tuition for two years at state colleges and universities and expanded the State Grant Program.

Elections

The Legislature worked together to pass bipartisan legislation to reform our election process. Last year, we made it so people do not have to provide an excuse or reason why they want to vote absentee. This year, in an attempt to keep up with technological advancements, we approved a system to allow Minnesotans to register to vote online. I passed legislation to allow municipalities to use electronic voting rosters — electronic versions of the paper pollbooks used to store voter information and process voters on Election Day.

Health and Human Services

The Legislature prioritized nursing homes and long-term care providers by providing them with a much needed funding increase. We also funded cost-preventative mental health initiatives for adults and children, such as expanding school-based mental health services and mental health crisis response services. More than 200,000 Minnesotans have obtained high-quality, affordable health insurance through MNsure, many of them for the first time in their lives — and at the lowest rates in the nation.

Minnesota and our community are heading in the right direction. I look forward to continuing our work together to build a better Minnesota.



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SOMETHING STINKS IN LEXINGTON

The trash collection issue in Lexington is suspicious to say the least. As the Watchdog has reported recently, the city council is considering taking away residents' right to choose their trash hauler and moving to a system of government-run collection (a/k/a "organized collection") whereby the government mandates a hauler for each citizen and fixes the terms of the collection, including price, collection time, and services available.

As if government hasn't taken over enough aspects of our lives, they now think it might be a good idea to take over our trash collection.

Where does it end?

Moreover, the path the council has travelled on this issue has been suspicious to say the least.

On March 20th, during a council workshop, city administrator Bill Petracek noted that he would "proceed to get a consultant" to guide the city to organized collection.

The consultant who had been working with the city on an informal basis (no doubt hoping to win a contract) is well known to the Watchdog and is an expert on helping cities to transition to government-run trash collection.

By pure happenstance, a watchdog was in attendance at the meeting, and in the finest tradition of American Patriots, sounded the alarm for the rest of us.

It is highly likely the city would have been well down the path to government-run collection had a liberty-minded citizen not been there that night.

Soon after, citizens and trash haulers operating in the city (who have their business at stake) got active in informing citizens that liberty and their right to choose was at risk.

Predictably, the good people of Lexington were outraged by this power play and contacted the council, demanding that they cease and desist immediately.

In response, the city called an "emergency" city council meeting for April 10th.

At that meeting, the city council and staff seemed to dance on the head of a pin, trying to deny that any plans to change trash collection were afoot while some council members also extolled the alleged virtues of government trash collection.

As for the staff, there was a denial that there was a plan to hire a consultant, even though there was a witness to the city administrator's statement that he would hire a consultant.

In attempting to back their hands out of the cookie jar, the council determined that they would do "whatever the citizens want" regarding trash collection.

So how does the city plan to divine the desires of the taxpayers?

In short, they have created a secret committee.

Makes sense, right?

The panel has no published agenda, no published roster, no published mission, and no public meetings scheduled.

In fact, a search of the city web site reveals nothing about this committee.

The Watchdog contacted some of the waste haulers who work in Lexington and they have not been invited to sit on the committee or be a part of the proceedings, even though they have jobs at stake and are the subject matter experts in the field of waste management.

According to a recent article in the Anoka County Record, the committee meetings will be closed to the public and to Lexington taxpayers "unless the committee decides otherwise."

That's a mighty peculiar way to determine what the

taxpayers want, isn't it?

All we know about the committee is who is serving on the committee. And that information only became public thanks to a Data Practices Act request from the Anoka County Record.

According to the same aforementioned article, the following citizens are on the panel:

- Mark Kurth
- Jean LaClare
- Sandy Klagen
- Russ Baker
- Chris Johnson
- Mike Breer
- Barbara Mahr

There is no record available regarding how these citizens came to be appointed, whether others were considered, or what the qualifications of these individuals are regarding the issue or whether they have a preconceived notion of government-run collection.

City administrator Petracek and council member Betty Bailey, according to Petracek, are staffing the committee to provide "administrative and political guidance."

The phrase "political guidance" is ominous to this publication and connotes the "political guidance" citizens receive in places that don't celebrate or value political freedom.

This process stinks like a landfill full of dirty diapers on a July afternoon.

It looks like the fix may be in; Lexington citizens need to contact their elected officials once again to express their desire to have government pull its fat nose out of this corner of their lives and leave the free market alone.

For Watchdogs in other cities, be proactive and tell your city council and mayor that you are opposed to "organized collection" and favor a free market approach that preserves the freedom to choose free from governmental interference.

Those citizens in Lexington can also add that this "committee" should operate under the same terms and conditions as a city council meeting, with the agenda and minutes published, meetings made known to the public in advance, and the public given a chance to testify.

What are these folks hiding from the citizens?

Otherwise, you might end up like taxpayers in Circle Pines and Blaine, stuck with whatever hauler government picks for you and stuck with whatever price and terms government negotiates for you.

Is there any corner of life government doesn't want to intrude upon?

In Lexington, Minnesota the answer appears to be "no."

ANOKA-HENNEPIN CHANGES THE GUARD

Anoka-Hennepin School District Superintendent Dennis Carlson will be retiring soon, marking an important opportunity for the district to get refocused on its core mission of educating students and hopefully move away from distracting issues like social issues and employee misconduct.

While this publication can pay Superintendent Carlson the compliment that he's no Roger Giroux, academic achievement in the district still isn't what it should be.

Here's what we said about recent test scores a few months back:

The big news is that grade 3 through 8 reading scores for this year are based on a new, more vigorous test based on the Common Core, a new national curriculum.

Education officials have dismissed the major drop off

in test scores as simply the result of basing scores on a harder test.

So what does that say about the old test?

And what does that say about all the bragging school officials did when scores improved under the old test system?

It's not hard to leap over a low bar. Unfortunately, global economic competition doesn't award a "tallest midget" ribbon. You educate your citizens to compete or you fail. It's that harsh, no matter how hard the liberals protest life's unfairness, all the way from the classroom to the athletic field to the boardroom.

There is no two class system in the global arena, no class "A" system to drop to if "AA" is too hard.

So how did Anoka-Hennepin cut it? Here are the aggregated district-wide reading scores for grades 3 through 8 (score is percentage of students deemed "proficient"):

Grade 3	Grade 6
2012-2013: 61%	2012-2013: 62%
2011-2012: 80%	2011-2012: 77%
Grade 4	Grade 7
2012-2013: 58%	2012-2013: 57%
2011-2012: 80%	2011-2012: 75%
Grade 5	Grade 8
2012-2013: 69%	2012-2013: 54%
2011-2012: 85%	2011-2012: 75%

Every single grade level in the district saw a double-digit drop in proficiency. So why hasn't the mainstream media asked why the previous test was so easy? Why was the bar set so low?

Every percentage point drop represents students previously labeled "proficient" in reading who are now below the proficiency line.

In fact, some of the drop off is remarkable, some 20% or more.

Having said that, this publication is glad that at least one area of public education is moving towards higher and not lower standards.

The dumbing down of America has certainly touched every school district in Anoka County.

We're also relieved to discuss something other than homosexual issues in the district.

There's much to do to make these schools truly competitive in a global economy.

The first thing would be to get rid of a teachers' union that protects the incompetent and resists attempts to make teachers more accountable for the results they deliver.

And we will acknowledge that the school district is pleased with test results, having seen scores that beat other districts and in some cases the state-wide averages.

It's great to see improvement vis-a-vis other Minnesota districts, but that's still a tallest midget analysis.

Where do our students stack up against international competition?

Where are we compared to students in Taiwan, Japan, Finland, and Germany?

It's one thing to beat the scores out of Brown County. It's another to beat the scores out of Bavaria.

We can't be satisfied doing well against intra-state districts. We need to strive for excellence as measured against international competition, where

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MDE website. In other Library Board business, some personnel changes were discussed. Nine applications had been received for the Assistant Director position which Ben Trapskin recently ankle for the Deputy Director position of the Dakota County Library system. Applications are being taken through May 27. A part-time clerk position for the Anoka County Library offices has had over 225 applicants. Two seats on the Library Board still have yet to be appointed. The seats are for the districts represented by County Commissioners Sivarajah and Look.

At the Crooked Lake branch library in Coon Rapids, it was discovered that the property line between the county's property and a single-family home is located a bit differently than had been assumed. A survey showed that the county's hedge is partially on the homeowner's property. It was stated at the meeting that the homeowner wants to purchase the sliver of county land to erect a privacy fence. The Library Board discussed the possible removal of the hedge and tabled the matter for more fact-finding.

\$6,300 has been spent for asbestos removal during the Northtown Library renovation. The Library Board approved pursuing the purchase of a conveyor system for Northtown as part of next year's budget. Board members Montain and Ward said the system for handling returned materials is now a need, not just a 'want'. Library Director Marlene Moulton Janssen said the conveyor would free up staff time that could be used giving presentations to the public about library services.

Board members Backlund and Keister also attended the meeting; the next meeting of the Future Services sub-committee is scheduled for June 3.

Via a press release this week, Anoka County Library announced that library buildings are now offering wireless printing for 10 cents a page for black and white and 50 cents a page for color. Patrons can now use this feature when they are using their own computers or devices while at the library.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR**Victory Against City of Lino Lakes: Big Win for Voters and Taxpayers**

Can a city or municipality promote their own ballot initiative such as a tax levy or the repeal of resident rights from the City Charter, and if they do, do they have to report those expenditures? The second of these questions has now been answered by a Minnesota court ruling in favor of the Minnesota Voters Alliance.

On April 24, 2014, in a decision with statewide implications, a three-judge panel at the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) agreed with our arguments that the City of Lino Lakes distributed promotional, not just informational, material supporting the 2012 charter amendment question they had placed on the ballot.

In its breakthrough ruling, the OAH also made it clear that cities have to follow campaign finance laws and therefore, if they spend more than \$750, must file the required reports laying out all expenditures. All Minnesota municipalities must now take notice that they will be held accountable as they promote ballot initiatives, for example, by presenting one side of the issue.

This decision puts us in perfect position to now go after the real prize: stopping government bodies, such as cities and school boards, from promoting their own ballot initiatives aimed at increasing their budgets or other unwanted initiatives.

Using Lino Lakes' imminent reports on its spending (which we have compelled) we will bring to light just how much money is spent, the ways it is used on these campaigns to further tap the public's pocket, and why it should not be allowed. A victory in that case will end the statewide, and ultimately perhaps national, abuse in which cities and school boards are free to fund their distribution of election-related misinformation using taxpayer funds.

Mike Trehus

Lino Lakes

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**RAMSEY CITY COUNCIL
FUTURE TOPICS FOR
DISCUSSION** (subject to change)

June 10, 2014

City Council Work Session

Discuss Non-Union Sick Leave/Severance

City Council

Presentation/Certificate of Financial Reporting
Presentation/Audit Presentation

Presentation/Finance Department Update

Discuss Policy on TIF & Land Proceeds in The COR
Public Hearing to Consider Introduction of Ordinance
Amending Chapt. 7 of the City Charter re Franchise Fees

June 24, 2014

City Council Work Session

Discussion re Updating the Personnel Policy/Finalize
discussion re Conflict of Interest

Review Police Squad and Security Camera Replacement

Discuss COPS Grant

Discuss Code Enforcement

Discuss Garage Space in the Parking Ramp

City Council

Presentation/Police Department Update

Presentation/CenterPoint Energy – Community
Partnership Grant

June/July 2014

Discussion HRA versus EDA

Discuss Licensing Massage Parlors

August 19, 2014 – No meetings – Ramsey Business
Appreciation Event

No Dates Assigned**Work Session Items**

Happy Days Update

Meeting with Met Council Representative

Commercial Signage Standards

Review of Home Occupation Ordinance

Review Draft of Housing Assistance Policy

Consider Policy on Community Sign Tenant Panels

Review Rental Licensing

Review City Code related to Tobacco Licensing

Review Crime Trends and Recent Incidents

Review Trail Policy

Consider Funding for Mediation Services

Review Meeting Schedule for Rescheduling City
Council Meetings (August 12 – Primary Election &
November 11 – Veterans' Day)

Update from CBRE Real Estate Brokers

2015 Budget

Discussion Board & Commission Survey related to
Stipends

Review Facility Rental Policy

COMMENTARY**"Timberjay Bill" is important
legislation**

An important piece of legislation was unanimously approved last week by both the House and Senate, and it's now headed for Gov. Dayton's desk. S. F. 1770 — commonly known as the "Timberjay bill" — may not have captured many headlines, but its significance goes to the heart of government accountability. The bill would overturn an unfortunate ruling last fall from the Minnesota Supreme Court, and reaffirm that citizens have a right to information about private businesses that contract with government entities.

The legislation is rooted in efforts by the Timberjay, a newspaper that serves Ely and Tower, to get information about a major school construction project. Publisher Marshall Helmberger, concerned about costs and other troubling aspects of a project, asked the school district for certain details about the construction contracts.

The district didn't have these records, and so Helmberger went to the contractor, citing a provision in state law that requires public access to certain information held by a government contractor that shows how the contract is being performed. But the contractor in this case, Fortune 500 company Johnson Controls, refused Helmberger's request. The Timberjay then sued and won its case before the Minnesota Appeals Court, only to have the ruling overturned by the state Supreme Court.

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ANOKA COUNTY WATCHDOG

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we are still woefully weak.

By international standards, American kids are middle of the pack in reading and science while they are below average in math.

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Anoka County Library, in partnership with the Lyric Arts Theater, will offer a "Page & Stage" performance of **"The Red Velvet Cake War"** on Sunday, June 8, beginning at 12 p.m. at the Lyric Arts Main Street Stage. Lyric Arts Theater is located at 420 E. Main Street in Anoka.

In this riotously funny Southern-fried comedy, written by Hope, Jones, and Wooten—also known for *The Dixie Swim Club* and *Hallelujah Girls* — the three Verdeen cousins could not have picked a worse time take over planning the family reunion, but they can't back out now. And, unfortunately, they face an uphill battle as a parade of wildly eccentric Verdeens gather on the hottest day of July, smack-dab in the middle of Texas tornado season. You'll wish your own family reunions were this much fun!

Participants will receive a copy of the script and a study guide to prepare for the pre-show discussion. Lyric Arts staff will facilitate the discussion of the script, its characters, and "what to look for" in the performance. Participants will enjoy the performance and then stay for a post-show discussion where the cast and director hold a question and answer session with the audience.

The program is open to ages 15 and older. Registration is required and seating is limited. To register for this free event, contact Lyric Arts' Education Director Cassandra Proball at 763-233-0804 or cassandra@lyricarts.org and mention the Anoka County Library "Page and Stage" program. **Participants must register by May 30th** and are expected to take part in all aspects of the program, including pre-show and post-show discussions.

The program is being funded with money from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, created to distribute monies collected from a statewide sales tax which was approved by voters in 2008.

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME REPORT

ANDOVER

Thefts & Damage to Property

May 2 — 1xx 138 Ave NW – vandalism to a home; egged
 May 3 — 138xx Raven St NW – unsecure vehicle; ipod
 May 3 — 25xx 138 Ave NW – unsecure vehicle; wallet
 May 3 — 37xx 157 Ave NW – boat lift motor stolen from a garage sale
 May 5 — 156xx University Ave NW — UPS package stolen after delivery
 May 6 — 7xx County Pkwy Aly NW – vandalism to a vehicle; dented
 May 6 — 144xx Hummingbird St NW — unsecure vehicle; I-Phone, golf equipment
 May 9 — 15400 Hanson Blvd NW – Oakview Middle School; cell phone stolen from a gym locker
 May 10 — 149xx Osage St NW – vandalism to garage door; dents
 May 12 — 138xx Round Lake Blvd NW — unsecure vehicle, purse
 May 13 — 155xx Vale St NW – unsecure vehicle; Wallet
 May 15 — 165xx Yakima St NW – signs stolen from the property
 May 15 — 153xx Eagle St NW – dog stolen from the front yard

Arrests

May 2 — Round Lake Blvd NW/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 3rd Degree DWI, 2nd Degree Refusal; deputies responded to a single vehicle crash at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female refused to provide a breath test, and was arrested.
 May 3 — 13900 Block Round Lake Blvd NW – a deputy stopped a driver for a brake light out. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.18)
 May 4 — Bunker Lake Blvd NW/7 Ave NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field Sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.164)
 May 5 — 2500 Block 138 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. The deputy then learned that the male had a confirmed warrant. The male was arrested.
 May 7 — 133xx Killdeer St NW – 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to an assault between cousins. A male and female were arrested.
 May 7 — 140xx Crocus St NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/daughter domestic. The mother was arrested.
 May 7 — 1xx Old Constance Blvd NW – 5th Degree Controlled Substance, Possession of Stolen Property; deputies executed a search warrant at the location. Narcotics and stolen property were located. The male was arrested.
 May 9 — 3300 Block 138 Ave NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy responded to a 2 vehicle property damage crash. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .16
 May 9 — 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 2nd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .30
 May 10 — Raven St NW/161 Ave NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy responded to a report of single vehicle property crash. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .134
 May 10 — 161 Ave NW/Verdin St NW - Driving after Cancelled-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.
 May 11 — 156xx Fox St NW – Violation of a Harassment Restraining Order; a deputy responded to male violating a restraining order. It was determined that the order was violated. The male was arrested.
 May 11 — 13300 Block Crosstown Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest, Violation of a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order; a deputy stopped a driver for a traffic violation. The male passenger had a confirmed warrant. The male was arrested.

COLUMBUS

Thefts & Damage to Property

May 13 — 147xx Lake Dr NE – camper broken into; television, propane tank

EAST BETHEL

Thefts & Damage to Property

05.14 233xx Erskin St NE – license plates stolen off a vehicle
 May 14 — 32xx 191 Ave NE— an engine and transmission stolen from the property

Burglaries

May 2 — 1xx Juniper St NE – unsecure home; play station
 May 3 — 4xx 184 Ln NE – vandalism to a home; egged

EAST BETHEL (continued)

May 7 — 204xx Hwy 65 NE – business; vehicle parts stolen from the property

Arrests

May 2 — 13xx 187 Ln NE – Burglary and Felony Theft; a store manager reported a male who was a suspect in a burglary and theft was at the location. The deputies arrived and took the male into custody. The male was arrested.
 May 7 — 198xx University Ave NE – Warrant Arrest, 5th Degree Possession of a controlled substance; deputies stopped a vehicle for a cracked tail light. The driver had a confirmed felony warrant. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The males were arrested.
 May 14 — 19000 Jackson St NE – DWI; deputies responded to a property damage crash at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male gave legal blood at Mercy Hospital. The male was released; charges pending.
 May 14 — 2xx Elm St NW – 2nd Degree DWI, 2nd Degree Test Refusal; a deputy responded to a report of a possible drunk driver. The vehicle had crashed prior to the deputies arriving. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .207

HAM LAKE

Thefts & Damage to Property

May 4 — 139xx Lincoln St NE – business; vandalism to the front door; shot with bb guns
 May 5 — 139xx Lincoln St NE – new business construction site; bobcat
 May 6 — 26xx 177 Ave NE – hockey net stolen from the driveway
 May 7 — 134xx Hwy 65 NE – vandalism to a vehicle; keyed
 May 7 — 41xx 155 Ln NE – male reporting his personal information was used fraudulently to apply for unemployment benefits

Burglaries

May 6 — 7xx 159 Ave NE – vehicle stolen from the garage, keys were in it
 May 7 — 163xx Hwy 65 NE – stolen check cashed fraudulently
 May 14 — 148xx Wake St NW – unsecure out building; power tools

Arrests/Incidents

May 4 — Hwy 65 NE/Crosstown Blvd NE – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy responded to the report of a truck in the ditch at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .23
 May 12 — 154xx Hwy 65 NE – 5th Degree Assault; deputies responded to a male/female domestic at the location. The female was arrested.
 May 13 — Hwy 65 NE/Bunker Lake Blvd NE – 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, DAS; a deputy stopped a driver for driving without headlights. The driver did not have a valid driver's license. During the routine search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The female was arrested.

LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

Arrests

May 8 — 21700 Block Viking Blvd NE – 4th Degree DWI, Test Refusal; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated but refused field sobriety tests. The male was arrested.

NOWTHEN

Arrests

May 5 — 8100 Block 198 Ln NW – 5th Degree Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. During the routine search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

OAK GROVE

Thefts & Damage to Property

May 10 — 182xx Lake George Blvd NW – firewood stolen from the property

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**CITY OF HAM LAKE
ORDINANCE NO. 14-09**

An Ordinance relating to the Ham Lake City Charter, Amending the Charter to include write-in candidates;
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota, as follows:
There is hereby added to the Ham Lake City Charter an Article 4.05, to read as follows:

4.05 Write-In Candidates

A write-in candidate who wants their write-in votes to be counted in the general election must file a written request with the city clerk no later than seven (7) days before the general election. All write-in votes cast for candidates who have not filed a written request shall not be recorded.
Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on April 7, 2014 and adopted by a unanimous vote this 19th day of May, 2014.

Michael G. Van Kirk, Mayor
Denise Webster, City Clerk

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**CITY OF HAM LAKE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VACATION OF PUBLIC LAND**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held before the Ham Lake City Council on the 16th day of June, 2014, at 6:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 15544 Central Avenue N.E. Ham Lake, Minnesota 55304, to hear comments and questions concerning the proposed vacation of the following described land within the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota:

That part of the existing drainage and utility easement on Lot 5 & 6, Block 2, HERITAGE FOREST, Anoka County, Minnesota, according to the recorded plat thereof, described as follows:

To vacate that portion of the drainage and utility easement as dedicated on Lots 5 and 6, Block 2, Heritage Forest files of the Registrar of Titles, Anoka County, Minnesota which lies 10 feet on each side of and adjacent to the south line of said Lot 5, except the east and west 10 feet of said Lots 5 and 6.

Said hearing is conducted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 412.851.

Dated:
Denise Webster, City Clerk

Posted at City Hall between the dates of May 22, 2014 and June 5, 2014.
(Published May 22, 2014 Anoka County Record)

**CITY OF HAM LAKE
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed bids will be received and publicly opened by the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota at the office of the City Administrator, on the 12th day of June 2014 at 11:00 A.M. for the furnishing of work and material for the construction/reconstruction of Lever Street/173rd Avenue/Lexington Avenue and the construction of 143rd Lane, Ham Lake City Project 1207, located in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

The project consists of the following approximate quantities of major items:

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All in accordance with Plans and Specifications prepared for the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota, by RFC Engineering, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 13635 Johnson Street, Ham Lake, Minnesota, 55304, telephone 763-862-8000.

Plans and Specifications may be examined at the office of the City Administrator and copies may be obtained from the Engineers and depositing with the Engineers sixty dollars (\$60.00) per set. A shipping and handling of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for any mailed Plans and Specifications is required. The deposit is non-refundable.

Each bid must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check or a certified check, or by a bid bond duly executed by the Bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a company qualified to act as surety in the State of Minnesota, for not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, payable without condition to the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota.

The City of Ham Lake will not accept a performance bond or payment bond that requires that funds for payment to the Contractor be placed with an escrow company for disbursement. The City of Ham Lake will disburse all Contractor draws directly.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in any bids received without explanation.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the bid opening.

By order of the City Council of the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota.
Dated this 19th day of May 2014

Doris Nivala, Administrator
City of Ham Lake

(Published May 22, 2014 Anoka County Record)

**CITY OF OAK GROVE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Oak Grove City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 9, 2014 at or around 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 19900 Nightingale St NW, to accept public comment regarding certification of a delinquent sewer facility repair invoice on the payable 2015 tax rolls. All delinquent balances shall be charged an interest rate of ten percent (10%) to be certified to the county for collection with the payable 2015 property taxes.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard on the matter, or to submit written materials prior to the meeting.

Sheryl F. Fiskewold, City Clerk
Posted: May 21, 2014 - June 9, 2014

(Published May 22, 2014 Anoka County Record)

**CITY OF HAM LAKE
STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN
PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Ham Lake obtained a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), which addresses areas to reduce or eliminate pollutants from storm water runoff. An important component of Ham Lake's permit is public education and outreach. Citizens are invited to participate in an annual public meeting and to report concerns or illicit discharges to City staff. This meeting allows citizens an opportunity to give written or oral input on the program. The City must consider these suggestions and make appropriate adjustments to the program when submitting its annual report to the MPCA.

The meeting will be held at 6:01 p.m. June 16, 2014 at the Ham Lake City Council meeting. The public is encouraged to submit written comments/concern on the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan by June 20, 2014 to City Hall, 15544 Central Avenue NE, Ham Lake, Minnesota 55304. A copy of the SWPPP will be available for review at City Hall or from the City web site - www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us under Services and Water/Stormwater. For more information, contact the City at (763) 434-9555.

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**ANOKA CITY COUNCIL "WORK SESSION"
TUESDAY, MAY 27 — 5 pm — City Hall**

Discussion; Hwy 10 Update.
Discussion; Membership to Chamber of Commerce Manufacturing Coalition.
Discussion; 2nd Ave Municipal Ramp Parking Arm Option.
Discussion; Equipment Replacement Plan (ERP).

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FILED: May 12, 2014, # 760593300028

/s/ Gao Yang

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Jordan Caleb Knight, 2833 162nd Ave. N.E., Ham Lake MN 55304

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FILED: May 13, 2014, # 760860600029

/s/ Jordan Caleb Knight

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"TIMBERJAY BILL" cont. from page 4

The Timberjay bill seeks to clarify the state's Data Practices Act so there's no question that the public has access to details showing how private companies are performing contracts with government agencies in cases where the agency fails to obtain all of the pertinent information from the contractor. There's a potential problem however. Before giving final approval to the bill, the House last week added an amendment dealing with a separate data practices issue involving the state Department of Public Safety. Apparently the Department doesn't like the amendment, and may be trying to persuade the Governor to veto the whole bill. Such a move would be extremely unfortunate, because the public benefits of the Timberjay bill itself far outweigh whatever minor issues the Public Safety amendment may entail.

In every community in the state you can find many examples of private companies doing business with government agencies. The Timberjay wrangle, at its core, epitomizes the everyday efforts of reporters and taxpayers to ensure that public business — in this case, the spending of billions of public dollars — is open to the scrutiny of citizens. The Timberjay bill should be signed by Gov. Dayton so that this important goal can be secured. — *Minnesota Newspaper Association*

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Mon. June 2 & 16

City Council, 6 pm

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City Council, 7 pm

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3rd Wednesday

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3rd Thursday

Planning Comm., 7 pm

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Ramsey, Andover, Champlin, Anoka

Thurs. May 22

Cable Commission "work
session", 9:30 am,
Champlin City Hall

Thurs. June 19

Cable Commission, 11 am,
Anoka City Hall

VETERANS' HOLIDAY cont. from page 1

cal VFW Club 'if the House couldn't pass this bill.

Cornish's little speech seemed to pour cold water on some of the GOP fire. After all the debate, the vote in support of the bill was lopsided, 111-17.

But the bill didn't do so well in the Senate.

Given its late arrival on the floor, the bill, carried by Sen. Lyle Koenen, DFL-Clara City, needed a suspension of rules to be voted on. GOP senators said that a suspension of rules would be granted only if the word "may" in the bill would be substituted for the word "shall."

In other words, employers "may" grant veterans a day off, not "shall" grant vets a day off.

The word change "gutted the bill," according to Falk.

The bill was tabled in the Senate. The process will begin again next year when legislators of all stripes will praise veterans as often as possible.

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