

## The True Beneficiaries of a City Hall Project

I recently read an article that detailed Spring Lake Park City Hall's window problems.

Apparently some of the crank out windows won't easily close at all times. On rare occasion, someone needs to push the window in from the outside while someone cranks from the inside.

Publisher's Column



John Kysylczyn

I have run across this problem in the past and generally it was due to a lack of routine maintenance over the lifetime of the window. Mechanics 101 says that gears and slides need to be greased on occasion.

I have quickly solved this problem with grease and on rare occasion by installing a handle on the inside of the window to help close it. Total repair cost was under \$2 per window. Most likely these windows could be fixed for less than \$100 for the entire city hall complex.

What escapes me though is why employees are even opening up windows in a climate controlled commercial building? Unlike homes, commercial buildings have many rooms without windows and therefore have a need for constant and even air exchange. The building's HVAC system also is designed to run 24/7/365. Opening up windows defeats the professionally designed system that is supposed to assure adequate circulation, heating, and cooling throughout the building. This is why many commercial buildings built today have totally sealed windows.

I presume that these windows are being opened because the HVAC system is not working properly or is in need of a major upgrade. A properly working system would negate the need to open and close windows. Instead, the city's solution to the problem was to spend \$20,000 to \$30,000 for new windows that open and close more easily.

In the end, Spring Lake Park City Hall will continue to have HVAC problems and struggle with maintenance issues. The so called good news is that they will have new windows that will easily open and close to allow staff to more easily heat the outdoors during winter, and cool the outdoors during summer.

If you ask me, the only true winners are the window manufacturer, installers, and Xcel Energy.

## Minnesota home-care worker union stumbles early

By Tom Steward — Watchdog.Org Minnesota Bureau

Mary Ann Howitson got quite the surprise when, as a new member of the Service Employees International Union, she'll have to shell out an extra \$550 a year.

Howitson is a Twin Cities personal care assistant. Her name, unbeknownst to Howitson, showed up on the list of workers set to have union dues deducted from their paychecks in July.

The fine print on the card Howitson signed to authorize a union election unwittingly obligated her to join the collective bargaining unit — approved in a low turnout vote last year.

Howitson's sticker shock at losing the equivalent of about 1 1/2 paychecks to a union she eventually voted against typifies the rocky rollout of the initial two-year SEIU contract.

"I feel deceived and confused. If you are a PCA (Personal Care Assistant) and you want to be in a union, I think that's fine, there's that option. I just want to be able to opt out of it, and I feel like I somehow opted into it, without realizing I was doing that," said Howitson, who's among numerous home-care workers asking SEIU to drop them from the union rolls.

The union can no longer compel non-members covered by the collective bargaining agreement to pay "fair share fees," under a 2014 US Supreme Court ruling. But a Minnesota Department of Human Services memo reveals that direct-care workers on SEIU's list will have 3 percent of their gross wages automatically deducted for "voluntary union dues."

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Shelly Elkington says the number of home care workers eligible for union membership through her agency plunged from 120 to 15 in the last few weeks, as care recipients turned to another option.

## Online learning videos now featured at Anoka County Libraries

The Anoka County Library website now offers videos for online learning.

You may have tried to use Lynda.com but were frustrated that a subscription was required.

Never fear, the "how to" videos produced by Lynda.com are now available to MELSA-member libraries in the metro area including the Anoka County library system. The learning tools can be viewed on the ACL website as long as you have a library card and number. The videos can be accessed from any computer — visiting the libraries to use their computers is not required.

And what exactly are these "how to" videos about?

The *Record* found there are more than 3,600 videos in the Lynda.com library. Some are short "how to" videos but others are hours-long, multi-part courses on a particular subject.

A majority of the tutorials are heavy on computer use, graphic arts, and how to make multimedia projects. If you use Adobe products, such as Dreamweaver (for designing websites), In Design (for graphic layout such as newspapers, posters, etc.), or Acrobat, you'll be happy to know the Lynda.com library is chock full of Adobe product tutorials.

There are instructional videos on making oral and visual presentations, public speaking and teaching, as well as business skills such as bookkeeping. Computer applications often used in business are

also well represented, including many database and spreadsheet programs.

"Asking for a Raise" is the title of one of the videos, which seems like a simple thing but apparently it's not, because the video runs almost an hour.



Another business video is called "Humor in the Workplace." This one is an hour and a half.

A list of all 3,600 of the videos (some are also in foreign languages) can be found at <http://www.lynda.com/allcourses>

MELSA (the Metropolitan Library Service Agency) administers the distribution of state and federal tax dollars to libraries and has purchased access to the Lynda.com website for use by library card holders in the metro area.

Eight metro library systems, including Anoka County, are members of MELSA, one of eleven regional library agencies in the state.

Lynda.com has its own studios in California and produces the videos in-house. The company dates to 1995, however we couldn't find out who Lynda is. — Bryan Olson for ACR

**HOME-CARE WORKERS** *continued from page 1*

Nearly 27,000 Minnesotans provide home-based help for family members and others with special needs through Medicaid programs that subsidize the cost to avoid institutionalized care. It's unclear how many have joined the union, intentionally or not. SEIU Healthcare Minnesota representatives did not respond to inquiries.

"DHS sees this as an opportunity to collaborate with provider agencies, lead agencies, and SEIU Healthcare Minnesota to develop a process that benefits all parties involved," DHS said in an email.

The contract approved by the 2015 Minnesota Legislature raises minimum pay from \$9 to \$10.75 an hour and provides up to five days' paid time off. Lawmakers appropriated \$16 million, along with \$16 million in federal funds, to give care recipients a 1.53 percent increase to help cover the costs of unionization.

"I'm so excited to get paid time off, after working for all these years without it," Christine Hale, a Crosby home-care worker said in a SEIU release. "The last time I had a surgery I had to go back to work right away because I was the only provider for my family — and it was really hard."

But behind the scenes, some home-care agencies and workers have expressed concern and confusion over changes tied to the new labor agreement.

"It feels like the cart's before the horse, so to speak. It seems like they made a deal with the union before they implemented the program and now they're going, 'Oh, no. Now what?' It feels real haphazard to me, and I don't understand where it's at," said Shelly Elkington, owner of Avenues for Care, a Montevideo in-home care agency.

A June 26 DHS memo obtained by Watchdog Minnesota Bureau outlines "action required for labor agreement compliance" by agencies to continue to receive funding. The new reporting mandates include tracking union membership, dues deductions for union members, paid time off accrual and use — all to be sent directly to SEIU.

"When I go to my families and start telling them this stuff, they give me the deer-in-the-headlights look. They have no idea what I'm talking about. Whether it's the 1.53 percent increase, what's paid time off, why do I have to change the pay rate? They don't understand any of it," said Scott Price, who manages his daughter's support staff and consults with other recipients on care plans.

By law, union membership is open only to home-care workers directly employed by care recipients, not through an agency. In recent weeks, many care recipients have switched to an agency-based plan, leaving workers who care for them apparently ineligible for union membership.

For example, the number of employees eligible to be in the union at Avenues for Care plummeted from 120 in June to 15 in July. The trend has set off alarms among officials at DHS and SEIU, leading union representatives to press some agencies for an explanation.

"They (care recipients) spoke loud and clear what they wanted. They wanted agency support. I think DHS and the union vastly underestimated the relationships that agencies build with their clients," said Elkington, who opposes the process but not necessarily the union.

For union members already earning more than the new \$10.75 minimum pay, the contract may amount to a pay cut, factoring in the cost of dues. Home-care workers bumped up to the new hourly rate may see their working hours cut, according to several fiscal agents who manage care recipients' budgets.

"This will affect the number of hours staff can work from 7/1/15 until the end of your plan year. Please adjust your hours accordingly. You may need to talk with your case manager and support planner to do an addendum," states an Accra Consumer Choice email to clients.

Amid the transition, some warn against a shift in priorities.

"This is overwhelming, not just for us. We've got to remember, we're serving people. We're not putting out widgets here," said Elkington. "Nobody has a busier and more full life than somebody with a disability, and the job is to create an easier time for them, not more complicated."

**GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR**

**CITY OF HAM LAKE**, Ham Lake City Hall, 15544 Central Ave. NE (763) 434-9555 (www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us) Hours Mon-Thurs 7 am-4:30 pm; Fri. 7 am-Noon)  
**Mon. July 20** — City Council, 6 pm  
**Mon. July 27** — Planning Commission, 6pm  
**Mon. Aug. 3** — City Council, 6 pm  
**Mon. Aug. 10** — Planning Commission, 6pm  
**Mon. Aug. 17** — City Council, 6 pm  
**Wed. Aug. 19** — Park & Tree Commission, 6 pm  
**Mon. Aug. 24** — Planning Commission, 6pm  
**Tue. Sept. 8** — City Council, 6 pm

**CITY OF OAK GROVE**, Oak Grove City Hall, 19900 Nightingale St. NW (763) 404-7000 (www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us)  
**Mon. July 27** — City Council, 7 pm  
**Mon. Aug. 10** — City Council, 7 pm  
**Mon. Aug. 19** — Park Commission, 6:30 pm  
**Mon. Aug. 20** — Planning Commission, 7 pm  
**Mon. Aug. 31** — City Council, 7 pm

**CITY OF EAST BETHEL**, 2241 221st Ave. NE, East Bethel (763) 367-7840  
**Mon. July 20** — EDA, 7 pm  
**Wed. July 22** — Coon Lake Improvement District Annual Meeting, Coon Lake Comm.

Center, 182 Forest Rd NE, East Bethel, (612)-618-1372, 7 pm  
**Wed. July 22** — City Council "work session" 7 pm  
**Tues. July 28** — Planning Comm., 7 pm

**CITY OF RAMSEY**, Ramsey City Hall, 7550 Sunwood Dr NW, (763) 427-1410  
**Tues. July 21** — Public Works Cmte. 6 pm, may be followed by City Council "work session"  
**Tues. July 28** — City Council "work session" 5:30 pm, reg mtg 7 pm

**CITY OF FRIDLEY**, Fridley City Hall, 6431 University Ave NE, (763) 571-3450  
**Mon. July 27** — City Council "workshop", 6:30 pm; reg mtg 7 pm

**CITY OF ANDOVER**, City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd., (763) 755-5100  
**Tues. July 21** — EDA, 5:30 pm; City Council "workshop", 6 pm, CC mtg 7 pm  
**Wed. Aug. 5** — City Council, 7 pm

**CITY OF COLUMBUS**, City Hall, 16319 Kettle River Blvd. (651) 464-3120  
**Wed. July 22** — City Council, 7 pm  
**Thurs. July 23** — Park Advisory Bd., 6:30 pm

**ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME REPORT**

**ANDOVER**  
**Thefts & Damage to Property**

July 4 — 5xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW; forced entry into a vehicle; purse

July 5 — 149xx Hanson Blvd NW; vandalism to a park; fireworks discharged

July 7 — 138xx Goldenrod St NW; female reporting her personal information was used fraudulently

July 8 — 20xx 151 Ln NW; female reporting her personal information was used fraudulently

July 9 — 11xx 142 Ave NE; forced entry into a vehicle; electronics

**Arrests**  
 July 3 — 137xx Round Lake Blvd NW — Violation of a DANCO order; deputies responded to a domestic assault no contact order violation. It was determined that the order was violated. The male was arrested.  
 July 7 — 26xx 138 Ave NW; 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.  
 July 8 — 147 Ave NE/Grouse St NW; Solicitation without a Permit; deputies responded to a male solicitor in the neighborhood. The male was located and arrested.

July 9 — Hwy 65 NE/Sims Rd NE; 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.211)

July 9 — Hwy 65 NE/153 Ave NE; 4th Degree DWI; deputy stopped a driver for not having a working headlight. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.096)

**COLUMBUS**  
**Thefts & Damage to Property**

July 8 — 54xx 193 Ave NE; unsecured vehicle; cash

**EAST BETHEL**  
**Burglaries**

July 4 — 243xx Hwy 65 NE; front door kicked in; nothing of value was stolen July 5 — 37xx Viking Blvd NE; forced entry through a sliding door; electronics, vehicle  
 July 6 — 15xx Viking Blvd

NE; business; broken window; pipes, sump pump stolen

**Arrests**  
 July 4 — Hwy 65 NE/Sims Rd NE; 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.211)

**HAM LAKE**  
**Thefts & Damage to Property**

July 6 — 163xx Petersburg St NE; mailbox stolen

July 7 — 13xx Andover Blvd NE; depth finder stolen from a boat

**Arrests**  
 July 2 — 50xx Hemlock Ln NE; 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/ girlfriend domestic. The female was arrested.  
 July 3 — 138xx Lexington Ave NE; Warrant; deputies responded to the location for a warrant attempt. The male was located and arrested.

July 9 — Hwy 65 NE/153 Ave NE; 4th Degree DWI; deputy stopped a driver for not having a working headlight. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.096)

**NOWTHEN**  
**Thefts & Damage to Property**

July 4 — 198xx West Ford Brook Dr NW; unsecure pole barn; tools

July 6 — 206xx Peridot St NW; vandalism to a new construction home; paint splattered

**OAK GROVE**  
**Burglaries**

July 4 — 36xx 211 Ln NW; forced entry into a shed; nothing of value was stolen

**Thefts & Damage to Property**

July 6 — 7xx 192 Ave NW; male reporting his personal information was used fraudulently

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**Quote of the Week:** “The government and its employees live in a parallel universe of high salaries, water-tight job protections, wonderful benefits, early retirements, beautiful new offices, bountiful staffs, you name it. They do it all with our money, often when they don’t even have it yet.” — **Joe Soucheray**

## THE RACE IS ON!

One of the big political news items this week was the announcement of state Senator Branden Petersen (R- Andover) that he has decided against seeking re-election in 2016.

Petersen was by far the Senate’s most outspoken libertarian member, often leading the charge to protect liberty interests, especially individual privacy rights against the increasing intrusion of the Surveillance State.

But before we get too deep into this story, the Watchdog takes a moment to note another announced retirement, that of state Senator Dave Brown (R - Becker). Senator Brown was a principled conservative who conducted himself with the utmost integrity and skill. The Watchdog thanks Senator Brown for his excellent service to the people of Minnesota and wishes him the best of luck in all future endeavors. He was one of the good guys and will be sorely missed in the Senate. Thank you, Dave!

Now back to Petersen. First, the Watchdog is sorry to see him go. As mentioned, he was a true champion for liberty and was always willing to vote his conscience, no matter what the political calculus happened to be regarding that issue. No reasonable person can claim that Sen. Petersen wasn’t principled and guided by his values.

While there were multiple factors that played into his decision, including consideration of his young family, a major aspect of that decision was legislative pay.

In what is becoming an all-too-familiar scenario, bright young Republicans are abandoning legislative service because the financial price is simply too much to pay.

While service in the legislature certainly shouldn’t provide enrichment, neither should it come with a severe financial penalty.

A legislator shouldn’t have to choose between paying the bills and serving in the legislature.

The simple fact is that serving in Saint Paul has become nearly a full-time job that doesn’t allow for meaningful outside employment unless a legislator can find a very unique situation that allows for being away from the office for 5 months a year as well as the time needed to run a campaign.

While it is unfortunate the governing has become a full-time job (the legislature should go back to meeting every other year), the reality is what it is.

There can be no denying this. While many GOP legislators put on a public face, most every one of them will privately admit that legislative service entails some brutal financial hardships.

There have been many outstanding conservatives who have left (or never run at all) because of this circumstance.

Celebrating the low wages of legislative service is a classic example of cutting of the nose despite the face.

If we want good conservatives to forgo the private sector opportunities that the job entails, there needs to be a bit of a bump.

Now, it doesn’t need to be close to the obscene pay raising the governor recently bestowed on his political appointees. Common sense should prevail, which is always in short supply in the governor’s office.

Now, the big question.

Who takes the seat?

Fortunately, the GOP has a very deep bench in Senate District 35 and there are a number of people who have expressed interest in possibly running.

Among those taking a look at running:

Abigail Whelan, current state Rep. in the district;

Jim Goodrich, GOP activist and Andover City Council member;

Sheri Bukkila, Andover City Council;

Kathy Tingelstad, former state Rep.;

Jim Abeler, former state Rep.;

Don Huizenga, GOP activist;

Andy Apilkowski, GOP activist.

For those of you wondering about state Rep. Peggy Scott, we can report that she is not running for the seat, which makes sense. With a gavel in hand, it wouldn’t make sense for her to run to become a junior senator, and one who could be in the minority.

So what’s the handicap on this one?

In the opinion of the Watchdog staff, Rep. Whelan is the front runner. As an endorsed Republican for the House, she clearly has the confidence of the delegates.

Moreover, she has successfully run a recent campaign for the legislature. Proving that she knows how to run and win a campaign of this type.

We have also been impressed with her freshman term thus far. Rep. Whelan has demonstrated a good mix of knowing when to lead on an issue and when to step back and learn the ropes in Saint Paul.

As a young female legislator, she has been a good face for the GOP in the northern suburbs and has fit in well with the other outstanding conservative women who have stepped forward in the county to execute a positive, pro-growth, pro-jobs agenda.

Our dark horse candidate is Andover councilman Jim Goodrich.

Jim and his wife are long-time GOP activists and delegates who are well-known and respected by the delegates who will confer the endorsement next year.

He ran an excellent and successful campaign for city council last year, working hard and proving that he knows how to run and win.

Goodrich also has a number of other advantages, including the fact that he recently retired. If he ran, he would no doubt have the time needed to introduce himself to voters and get his message to a broad audience.

Our “never mind” candidate would be former state Rep. Kathy Tingelstad. With such a deep bench, it is hard to envision the delegates giving the nod to a person who was a staunch advocate of Northstar rail and one of the infamous “override six,” who joined with Democrats to override Governor Pawlenty’s veto of a \$6 billion transportation tax increase.

That dog simply don’t hunt in this neck of the woods.

Moreover, her more enterprising opponents would no doubt also dig up video of Tingelstad’s votes against her own caucus on procedural votes, which is considered an act of disloyalty. It’s one thing to have a principled difference of opinion on an issue. It’s quite another to buck your team on procedure.

The most infamous example is her vote against a GOP motion to take a floor recess at a critical time during the 2006 legislative session, resulting in state Rep. Marty Seifert delivering a memorable 45 minute filibuster that allowed the GOP team time to caucus issues in private and craft a floor strategy.

Tingelstad has no path to either the endorsement or a primary victory and that’s a fact.

Stay tuned, Watchdogs.

## THE MOST IMPORTANT SUPREME COURT CASE YOU HAVEN’T HEARD OF

The Supreme Court of the United States has handed down two very important and far-reaching cases this year regarding both ObamaCare and gay marriage

Both cases have rightly dominated the news cycle.

But there is another case out there that should draw the attention of every Watchdog in the country.

It’s a case that could have alter the nation’s political landscape for generations.

And the media has said little about the case.

The case, entitled Friedrichs v. California Teachers’ Association, centers on a challenge to so-called “fair share” dues that public employees are required to pay to their union.

“Fair share” dues are less than full membership dues, designed ostensibly to cover the cost of representing the individual employee while segregating away the dues that are used to political purposes.

Rebecca Friedrichs, an Orange County public school teacher, has argued in the lower courts that these compulsory dues violate her right to free association and that when it comes to public sector unions, there is in reality no distinction between union activities and political activities.

She has got a great case and may very well prevail, given what the Court has said recently about the precedent that has been used to justify “fair share” since 1977.

That year, the Court issued the “Abood” ruling, holding that a public employee could not be

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compelled to pay union dues for political activities, but could be compelled to pay for other union activities.

In that case, Justice Powell disagreed with the rationale underpinning the majority's support for "fair share" dues.

Wrote Powell, "To the extent that school board expenditures and policy are guided by decisions made by the municipal, State, and Federal Governments the union's objective is to obtain favorable decisions and to place persons in positions of power who will be receptive to the union's viewpoint. In these respects, the public-sector union is indistinguishable from the traditional political party in this country."

In a recent case, *Harris v. Quinn*, the Court came close to outright overruling *Abood* but stopped short because the case did not deal with full-fledged public employees.

However, Justice Alito made comments that give conservatives hope that this case will finally free public employees from compulsory union membership.

Wrote Alito, "In the public sector, core issues such as wages, pensions, and benefits are important political issues, but that is generally not so in the private sector. In the years since *Abood*, as state and local expenditures on employee wages and benefits have mushroomed, the importance of the difference between bargaining in the public and private sectors has been driven home."

In short, Alito said that in the public sector, all union issues are ultimately political. Thus, if employees cannot be compelled to fund political activities, they cannot be compelled to pay dues at all against their will.

Essentially, a favorable ruling would immediately institute "Right to Work" for every public employee in the country.

It's that big of a deal, folks.

The Court will likely hear arguments later this year and then issue a ruling in 2016.

This is one you will want to watch!

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CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, MINNESOTA  
SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

	Total		Percent Increase (Decrease)
	2014	2013	
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes	\$ 3,072,879	\$ 3,021,447	1.70 %
Licenses and permits	94,205	87,298	7.91
Intergovernmental	567,935	449,284	26.41
Charges for services	460,737	326,599	41.07
Fines and forfeits	49,635	33,927	46.30
Special assessments	196,257	51,141	283.76
Interest on investments	34,894	(17,832)	N/A
Miscellaneous	195,635	193,875	0.91
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 4,672,177</b>	<b>\$ 4,145,739</b>	<b>12.70 %</b>
Per Capita	\$ 645	\$ 570	13.28 %
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
General government	\$ 843,302	\$ 654,631	28.82 %
Public safety	1,556,675	1,533,049	1.54
Public works	579,810	686,201	(15.50)
Culture and recreation	259,049	247,542	4.65
Community development	239,745	264,659	(9.41)
Miscellaneous	16,157	5,571	190.02
<b>Capital outlay</b>			
General government	8,178	3,164	158.47
Public safety	132,601	86,291	53.67
Public works	369,510	651,780	(43.31)
Culture and recreation	92,695	120,194	(22.88)
Community development	-	26,470	(100.00)
<b>Debt service</b>			
Principal	325,499	288,549	12.81
Bond issuance costs	-	5,847	(100.00)
Interest and other charges	371,828	366,335	1.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 4,795,049</b>	<b>\$ 4,940,283</b>	<b>(2.94) %</b>
Per Capita	\$ 662	\$ 679	(2.44) %
Total Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 9,090,000	\$ 9,431,521	(3.62) %
Per Capita	1,256	1,296	(3.13)
General Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,589,057	\$ 2,249,166	15.11 %
Per Capita	358	309	15.70

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of St. Francis to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at City Hall, 23340 Cree Street NW, St. Francis, MN 55070. Questions about this report should be directed to Darcy Mulvihill, Finance Director at (763) 753-2630.

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	601 Water	602 Sewer	609 Liquor Store	Totals
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>				
Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,109,482	\$ 2,109,482
Cost of sales	-	-	(1,551,662)	(1,551,662)
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>557,820</b>	<b>557,820</b>
Charges for services	1,125,555	907,237	-	2,032,792
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>1,125,555</b>	<b>907,237</b>	<b>557,820</b>	<b>2,590,612</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Personal services	123,656	119,527	222,899	466,082
Supplies	144,756	36,568	7,811	189,135
Professional services	102,548	120,442	85,116	308,106
Communications	4,496	2,215	2,293	9,004
Insurance	16,620	12,077	16,477	45,174
Utilities	84,414	108,688	18,276	211,378
Repairs and maintenance	34,309	61,393	4,502	100,204
Depreciation	325,799	317,423	32,791	676,013
Other	8,370	15,283	6,605	30,258
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>844,968</b>	<b>793,616</b>	<b>396,770</b>	<b>2,035,354</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>280,587</b>	<b>113,621</b>	<b>161,050</b>	<b>555,258</b>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>				
Interest income	36,749	22,339	10,325	69,413
Miscellaneous	8,777	23,414	368	32,559
Interest expense	(276,564)	(147,742)	-	(424,306)
<b>TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>	<b>(231,038)</b>	<b>(101,989)</b>	<b>10,693</b>	<b>(322,334)</b>
<b>INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>49,549</b>	<b>11,632</b>	<b>171,743</b>	<b>232,924</b>
<b>TRANSFERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>				
Capital contributions - connection fees	45,000	63,000	-	108,000
Transfers out	(904,551)	(103,800)	(66,685)	(1,075,036)
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>(859,551)</b>	<b>(40,800)</b>	<b>(66,685)</b>	<b>(967,036)</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	<b>(810,002)</b>	<b>(29,168)</b>	<b>105,058</b>	<b>(734,112)</b>
<b>NET POSITION, JANUARY 1</b>	<b>5,669,930</b>	<b>7,489,641</b>	<b>1,887,068</b>	<b>15,046,639</b>
<b>NET POSITION, DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 4,859,928</b>	<b>\$ 7,460,473</b>	<b>\$ 1,992,126</b>	<b>\$ 14,312,527</b>

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	601 Water	602 Sewer	609 Liquor Store	Totals
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 1,178,610	\$ 851,401	\$ 2,108,089	\$ 4,138,100
Payments to suppliers	(395,633)	(282,166)	(1,727,400)	(2,405,199)
Payments to employees	(122,239)	(117,873)	(217,875)	(457,987)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	660,738	451,362	162,814	1,274,914
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Decrease in due from other funds	605,401	-	-	605,401
Transfers to other funds	(904,351)	(103,800)	(66,685)	(1,075,036)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	(299,150)	(103,800)	(66,685)	(469,635)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Connection fees received	45,000	63,000	-	108,000
Special assessments received	-	85,701	-	85,701
Acquisition of capital assets	(6,805)	(352,202)	-	(359,007)
Withdrawals from refunding bond escrow agent	25,521	31,192	-	56,713
Payment made to refunding bond escrow agent	(11,560)	(14,129)	-	(25,689)
Interest paid on bonds	(290,854)	(161,662)	-	(452,516)
Principal paid on bonds	(593,500)	(406,500)	-	(1,000,000)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	(832,198)	(754,600)	-	(1,586,798)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Interest received on investments	45,390	29,386	12,547	87,323
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	(425,220)	(377,652)	108,676	(694,196)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1</b>	1,966,764	1,884,920	1,425,913	5,277,597
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31</b>	\$ 1,541,544	\$ 1,507,268	\$ 1,534,589	\$ 4,583,401

The note to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - CONTINUED  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	601 Water	602 Sewer	609 Liquor Store	Totals
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Operating income	\$ 280,587	\$ 113,621	\$ 161,050	\$ 555,258
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities				
Depreciation	325,799	317,423	32,791	676,013
Other income related to operations	8,777	23,414	368	32,559
(Increase) decrease in assets				
Receivables	36,360	884	(1,761)	35,483
Accounts	(1,194)	(80,345)	-	(81,539)
Special assessments	11,519	211	-	11,730
Due from other governments	-	-	(34,916)	(34,916)
Inventories	978	75,703	(789)	75,892
Increase (decrease) in liabilities				
Accounts payable	(1,098)	(1,203)	1,047	(1,254)
Due to other governments	1,491	1,728	269	3,488
Accrued salaries payable	(2,407)	-	-	(2,407)
Unearned revenue	(74)	(74)	-	(148)
Compensated absences payable	-	-	4,755	4,607
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	\$ 660,738	\$ 451,362	\$ 162,814	\$ 1,274,914
<b>NONCASH CAPITAL FINANCING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Decrease in market value of investments	\$ 2,857	\$ 3,492	\$ -	\$ 6,349
Capital assets acquired on account	\$ 2,570	\$ 65,604	\$ -	\$ 68,174

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CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	601 Water	602 Sewer	609 Liquor Store	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 1,541,544	\$ 1,507,268	\$ 1,534,589	\$ 4,583,401
Cash held with fiscal agent	938,014	1,146,461	-	2,084,475
Receivables	4,355	2,081	2,180	8,616
Accrued interest	172,522	96,387	20,699	289,608
Accounts, net of allowance for uncollectibles	19,416	100,665	-	120,081
Special assessments	9,416	71	-	9,487
Due from other governments	839,821	-	-	839,821
Due from other funds	-	-	241,407	241,407
Inventory	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	3,525,088	2,852,933	1,798,875	8,176,896
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Special assessments	16,433	27,021	-	43,454
Capital assets				
Land	18,115	2,337,838	3,234	2,359,187
Construction in progress	-	408,431	-	408,431
Buildings	8,994,235	7,256,415	608,660	16,859,310
Machinery and equipment	160,523	160,696	204,710	525,929
Infrastructure	5,006,832	2,981,282	-	7,988,114
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,901,434)	(3,683,445)	(495,652)	(7,080,531)
<b>NET CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	11,278,271	9,461,217	320,952	21,060,440
<b>TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>	11,294,704	9,488,238	320,952	21,103,894
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	14,819,792	12,341,171	2,119,827	29,280,790

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, MINNESOTA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CONTINUED  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	601 Water	602 Sewer	609 Liquor Store	Totals
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 14,776	\$ 154,613	\$ 79,423	\$ 248,812
Contracts payable	1,000	65,604	-	66,604
Accrued salaries payable	5,970	5,656	9,796	21,422
Due to other governments	556	-	18,767	19,323
Accrued interest payable	112,203	59,966	-	172,169
Compensated absences payable - current	3,868	3,868	9,910	17,646
Bonds payable - current	617,250	425,750	-	1,043,000
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	755,623	715,457	117,896	1,588,976
<b>NONCURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Compensated absences payable	3,241	3,241	9,805	16,287
Bonds payable	9,201,000	4,162,000	-	13,363,000
<b>TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	9,204,241	4,165,241	9,805	13,379,287
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	9,959,864	4,880,698	127,701	14,968,263
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	2,436,521	6,066,967	320,952	8,824,440
Unrestricted	2,423,407	1,393,506	1,671,174	5,488,087
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	\$ 4,859,928	\$ 7,460,473	\$ 1,992,126	\$ 14,312,527

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**ANOKA COUNTY  
Public Comment Period  
Bunker Chain of Lakes  
Regional Trail  
Master Plan**

The County of Anoka will be receiving public comments from July 10, 2015 to August 7, 2015 on the proposed master plan for Bunker Chain of Lakes Regional Trail, which connects the Anoka County regional trail system with the cities of Blaine, Lino Lakes and Centerville. The existing and proposed segments of trail generally run east/west along CSAH 14/Main Street, east/west through The Lakes Development, north/south on CSAH 17/Lexington Avenue, east/west along 109th Avenue, north/south on Sunset Road, east/west along Elm Street, east/west through Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve to LaMotte Park and north/south to CSAH 14/Main Street in Centerville. While the majority of the trail has already been constructed, there are no current plans to construct the remaining segments.

Copies of the master plan can be obtained by contacting the project manager or visiting [www.anokacountyparks.com](http://www.anokacountyparks.com). Those who have questions or comments may contact the Project Manager: Karen Blaska, Park Planner, Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department, 550 Bunker Lake Blvd. NW, Andover, MN 55304 or via telephone at 763-767-2865 or e-mail at [karen.blaska@co.anoka.mn.us](mailto:karen.blaska@co.anoka.mn.us). Written comments on the master plan are preferred and may be submitted to the project manager listed above.

(Published July 10, 17, 2015  
Anoka County Record) #257

**CITY OF HAM LAKE  
SPECIAL BUDGET  
WORKSHOP  
JULY 27, 2015**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER  
— 5:00 P.M.

2.0 DISCUSSION OF  
PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET  
(Published July 17, 2015 Anoka  
County Record) #252

**ANOKA COUNTY  
SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-30

Description of Bid/RFP:  
Advertisement for  
Proposals – Design,  
Engineering and Project  
Management RFP for  
Anoka County Mississippi  
River Regional Trail  
Expansion

Bid Opening: August 26,  
2015

For more information  
regarding the above  
published bids/RFPs,  
please visit the Anoka  
County Web Site at: [www.  
AnokaCounty.us/bids](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/bids).

(Published July 17, 24, 2015  
Anoka County Record) #260

**OFFICE OF THE  
MINNESOTA  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
CERTIFICATE OF  
ASSUMED NAME  
MINNESOTA STATUTES,  
CHAPTER 333**

The filing of an assumed  
name does not provide a  
user with exclusive rights  
to that name. The filing  
is required for consumer  
protection in order to  
enable consumers to be  
able to identify the true  
owner of a business.

1. List the exact assumed  
name under which the  
business is or will be  
conducted:

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Business:

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NW, Coon Rapids, MN  
55448**

3. List the name and  
complete street address  
of all persons conducting  
business under the above

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entity, provide the legal  
corporate, LLC, or Limited  
Partnership name and  
registered office address:  
**Lawrence T Cody  
11829 Dogwood Street  
NW, Coon Rapids, MN  
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**Teri Wingness  
923 87th Lane NW,  
Coon Rapids MN 55433**

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609.48 as if I had signed  
this document under oath.

FILED:

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/s/ Lawrence T Cody,  
Manager

(Published July 10 & 17, 2015,  
Anoka County Record) #256

**NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS AND  
CLAIMANTS  
CMDF27223 LLC**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE  
that CMDF27223 LLC has  
dissolved and is in the  
process of winding up its  
affairs. The limited liability  
company has filed with the  
Secretary of State a notice  
of dissolution. The notice  
was filed May 13, 2015.  
Claims against the com-  
pany must be presented  
in writing to: Kirscher Law  
Firm PA, 2489 Rice Street,  
Suite 75, Roseville, MN  
55113. Claims must be re-  
ceived by Oct. 15, 2015.  
(Published July 17, 24, 31, Aug 7  
2015 Anoka County Record) #262

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING  
CITY OF NOWTHEN  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant  
to the requirements of  
Minnesota Law, a public  
hearing shall be held be-  
fore the Nowthen Planning  
and Zoning Commission on  
Tuesday, July 28th, 2015  
at 7:00 P.M. at Nowthen  
City Hall located at 19800  
Nowthen Boulevard NW,  
Nowthen, Minnesota 55303  
regarding the following mat-  
ter:

An AMENDMENT to Chap-  
ter 10 of the City of Nowthen  
City Code (Subdivision  
Ordinance) to revise the  
language pertaining to flag  
lots and access easements.  
The following changes  
have been summarized be-  
low pursuant to Minnesota  
Statutes 412.191, Subd. 4  
and 331A.01, Subd.10:

- Flag lots meet normal lot  
size minimums rather than  
requiring double the mini-  
mum lot size.
- No requirement for shar-  
ing driveways when ac-  
cessing a county road.
- Access width may be re-  
duced from 66 feet to 33  
feet where no possibility of  
street extension exists and  
as approved by the City  
Council.
- Shared driveways and  
access easements shall  
generally not be permitted  
except in unique situations  
and require a driveway  
maintenance agreement.

At such hearing both writ-  
ten and oral comments will  
be heard. The City Coun-  
cil will act on this request  
at its August 11th, 2015  
regular meeting. Complete  
copies of the ordinance

are available for inspec-  
tion by contacting the City  
Clerk, Nowthen City Hall,  
8188 199th Avenue NW,  
Nowthen, Minnesota 55330  
during regular office hours.  
Contact the City of Nowthen  
at 763-441-1347 with any  
questions or concerns.

Dated: July 14, 2015  
Corrie LaDoucer,  
City Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Nowthen

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Nowthen, Minnesota 55303  
regarding the following mat-  
ter:

An AMENDMENT to Chap-  
ter 9 of the City of Nowthen  
City Code to be consistent  
with Minnesota Pollution  
Control Agency require-  
ments of the municipal  
sewer systems general permit  
regarding erosion/sediment  
control and post construction  
stormwater management.

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ten and oral comments will  
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**CITY OF NOWTHEN  
SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Nowthen to interested citizens. The complete financial statement may be examined at the City Offices, 8188 199th Ave NW, Nowthen, MN. Questions about this report should be directed to the City Clerk at (763) 441-1347.

**Revenues and Expenditures for General Operations  
(Governmental Funds)  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	Total		Percent Increase (Decrease)
	2014	2013	
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,232,594	\$ 1,142,976	7.84%
Special Assessments	10,371	3,916	164.84%
Licenses and Permits	104,045	96,702	8.21%
Intergovernmental	69,429	101,961	(31.91)%
Charges for Services	88,620	87,881	.84%
Investment Earnings	7,969	10,663	(25.26)%
Miscellaneous	5,813	1,861	212.36%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,518,841</b>	<b>\$ 1,445,960</b>	<b>5.04%</b>
Per Capita	\$341.93	\$325.52	
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Current:			
General Government	\$ 503,521	\$ 455,820	10.46%
Public Safety	359,926	344,820	4.38%
Streets and Highways	375,142	293,857	27.66%
Sanitation	34,439	32,262	6.74%
Culture and Recreation	23,319	23,512	(.82)%
Debt Service:			
Principal	103,872	32,439	(220.21)%
Interest and Other Charges	26,781	37,372	(28.22)%
Capital Outlay	29,258	354,013	(91.74)%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,456,258</b>	<b>\$ 1,574,035</b>	<b>(7.48)%</b>
Per Capita	\$327.84	\$354.35	
<b>Total Long-term Indebtedness</b>	<b>\$ 1,031,493</b>	<b>\$ 1,135,365</b>	
Per Capita	\$232.21	\$255.60	
<b>General Fund Balance December 31</b>	<b>\$ 1,105,327</b>	<b>\$ 1,073,450</b>	
Per Capita	\$249	\$242	

**RICHARD ALAN HALL**

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF ANOKA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
In Re the Marriage of: FAMILY COURT  
Richard Alan Hall Court File 02 FA 15 359  
Petitioner, and  
Delores Ann Hall AMENDED SUMMONS  
Respondent

STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED  
RESPONDENT:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon  
petitioner's attorney, an Answer to the Petition For  
Dissolution of Marriage which is herewith served upon  
you, within thirty days from the date of service of this  
Summons and Petition For Dissolution of Marriage,  
exclusive of the date of service.

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken  
against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for  
Dissolution of Marriage.

This action involves real property located in Stacy,  
Minnesota, Chisago County, Minnesota, and Kanabec  
County, Minnesota. Said real properties are legally  
described on the attached exhibit A.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS  
Under Minnesota law, service of this Summons makes  
the following requirements apply to both parties in this  
action, unless they are modified by the Court or the  
proceeding is dismissed:

1. Neither party may dispose of any assets except:
  - a. For the necessities of life or for the necessary  
generation of income or preservation of assets.
  - b. By an agreement in writing; or
  - c. For retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this  
proceeding.
2. Neither party may harass the other party; and

3. All currently available insurance coverage must be  
maintained and continued without change in coverage or  
beneficiary designation.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU  
WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are  
encouraged to attempt Alternative Dispute Resolution  
pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative Dispute Resolution  
includes mediation, arbitration, and other processes as  
set forth in the District Court Rules. You may contact  
the Court Administrator about resources in your area.  
If you cannot pay for mediation or Alternative Dispute  
Resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available  
to you through a nonprofit provider or a court program. If  
you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats of abuse as  
defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not  
required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by  
the Court in later proceedings.

**NOTICE OF PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM  
REQUIREMENTS**

Under Minnesota Statutes Section 518.157, in a  
contested proceeding involving custody or parenting time  
of a minor child, the parties must begin participation in a  
parent education program that meets minimum standards  
promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court within 30  
days after the first filing with the court. In some districts,  
parenting education may be required in all custody or  
parenting proceedings. You may contact the District  
Court Administrator for additional information regarding  
this requirement and the availability of parent education  
programs.

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