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## Col Hts Muni Liquor Operations Take Another Dip

Spring Lake Park to shut down municipal liquor operation

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

As cities across the state firm up their budgets for 2018 this fall, Columbia Heights will not be able to count on a lot of profit from their municipal liquor operations — at least not until the benefits of refinancing bonds come into play.

liquor operation made about a \$9,000 profit.

Revenue from the city's three liquor stores combined was \$8,468,098, about \$68,000 more than the previous year, 2015. Expenses were \$8,078,603 in 2016, an increase of approximately \$205,000 compared to 2015.

Columbia Heights Liquor	Store #1 50th & Central	Store #2 37th Ave.	Store #3 Univ. Ave.	Total	% Profit
2010 Revenue	\$3,609,600	\$3,384,866	\$1,163,793	\$8,158,259	6.6%
2010 Expenses	\$3,449,260	\$3,105,219	\$1,062,207	\$7,616,686	
2011 Revenue	\$3,764,257	\$3,491,928	\$1,238,777	\$8,494,962	7.3%
2011 Expenses	\$3,536,333	\$3,205,868	\$1,131,341	\$7,873,542	
2012 Revenue	\$3,887,612	\$3,650,477	\$1,266,144	\$8,804,233	7.8%
2012 Expenses	\$3,612,850	\$3,316,060	\$1,191,430	\$8,120,340	
2013 Revenue	\$3,867,837	\$3,663,586	\$1,215,661	\$8,747,084	7.8%
2013 Expenses	\$3,630,409	\$3,297,101	\$1,140,400	\$8,067,910	
2014 Revenue	\$3,923,791	\$3,231,809	\$1,259,771	\$8,415,371	6.4%
2014 Expenses	\$3,695,071	\$3,045,620	\$1,139,954	\$7,880,645	
2015 Revenue	\$3,947,254	\$3,135,332	\$1,317,358	\$8,399,944	6.3%
2015 Expenses	\$3,718,533	\$2,950,201	\$1,204,860	\$7,873,594	
2016 Revenue	\$3,981,985	\$3,302,049	\$1,284,064	\$8,568,098	5.7%
2016 Expenses	\$3,818,574	\$3,074,877	\$1,185,152	\$8,078,603	

The numbers for calendar year 2016 came in this past summer, in the form of the annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which showed that the municipal

That debt was refinanced with new bonding of \$3.265 million, at a better interest rate of 1.959%. The transaction was approved by the city council at its meeting this past June 12th.

Net income, the difference between expenses and revenues, was \$389,495 (down from \$526,349 in 2015). The 2016 CAFR report showed \$380,608 in payments made on the outstanding debt that financed the construction of two new stores ten years ago.

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## Minnesota Vikings & U.S. Bank Stadium: Why hasn't Michele Kelm-Helgen been charged with Misconduct of a Public Official?



Nathan Hansen

I am the only attorney that I know of that has successfully defended a Misconduct of a Public Official criminal case brought pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 609.43. There are probably others, but I do not know them or of them. The case I handled went all the way through jury trial and ended with an acquittal on all counts.

The case I defended was that of Edward Hansen in Dakota County, a West St. Paul City Councilman who was charged under this statute. Edward Hansen is of no relation to me, we just have the same last name. In that case, the complaint contained allegations that he had flown a Confederate Flag in a window in his home and that he had disliked a city project near his home.

Here is the complaint and the amended complaint in that case. Motions to dismiss, memorandums opposing the motions and the order denying the motions and other correspondence are located here if you are interested in taking a look at them.

After this trial, several of the jurors wished to speak with me. We had a jury of six with one alternate. They spoke with me as a group in the parking lot of the court house in Hastings. They said they had spoken to the Judge. I asked them what she had said to them and they said they had asked her why this case even went to trial, and she had indicated

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## The city manager's "awesome" review

**"I thank the council for their awesome review that I had tonight and even if those people that had a less than awesome review, but I do appreciate workin' here, it's a good gig."**

Those were the garbled words of Columbia Heights city manager Walter Fehst during the televised council meeting Aug. 14. The thought process however was clear — he took the time on television to praise the four councilors who gave him a 'thumbs up' for his efforts, and made a swipe at the fifth council member who didn't. We presume that was the new mayor, but we'll never know what was said at this meeting since it was a closed session. State statute permits the object of the discussion, in this case the city manager, to make the meeting open to the public, but Fehst chose not to.

The closed session must have had considerable content since it spilled over by 20 minutes, causing a late start for the Regular city council meeting.

Fehst's catty remarks during a televised meeting did not

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come as any surprise to this writer; this was not a first.

It's been a council policy to give the city manager an annual performance review, but Fehst hadn't had one in several years. He's had the job since 1996.

A passage in the 2018 preliminary budget on the city web site says, "There is \$15,000 included in Contingencies to pay for a professional search firm to conduct a City Manager search if the current City Manager retires in 2018."



Walt Fehst

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## Liquor *continued from page 1*

During the meeting's discussion, it was said the city can expect the lower interest rate to make the liquor operation more profitable in the future.

Cited as reasons for the increase in expenses in 2016 was a 2.25% "cost of living" wage increase to employees and an increase in labor costs due to the added seventh day of sales. (Liquor stores in the state can be open Sundays, a new law which took effect in July).

The council asked at its July 24th meeting, during which the CAFR was presented, whether the Sunday sales had been good.

Finance Director Joseph Kloiber said the first Sunday sales were good but he was reluctant to make any predictions. He said the football season would indicate how much effect Sunday hours would have on overall profitability and revenues in 2017.

The CAFR for this year will be presented to the city council in July 2018.

### Spring Lake Park to shut down municipal liquor operation Selling property to Hy-Vee

In a closed session of the Spring Lake Park City Council Aug. 7, a purchase agreement was made between the city and buyer Hy-Vee stores for the sale of the city's property at 8101 Highway 65 NE.

The 12-acre parcel at 81st and Central, near city hall, is home to the municipal liquor store but is otherwise mostly vacant land. The sale price agreed to was \$1,150,000.

Hy-Vee's plans include demolishing the municipal liquor store and building a 76,000-square foot grocery store on the north half of the property, with approximately 455 to 467 parking stalls on the south half. Also planned is a 8,700-square foot gasoline and convenience store in about the location where the liquor store is now. This additional building may also include a coffee shop.



Site of the new Spring Lake Park Hy-Vee Store

The city has been in the liquor business since 1986. City administrator Dan Buchholtz said during the meeting that Hy-Vee did not want to lease space to the city in its building, and even if it did, the costs to the city would be so expensive that liquor sales would have to nearly double.

The city's annual Financial Statements report and audit was also presented to the council Aug. 7. The liquor operation showed a net income of \$70,779 after sales of \$2,111,698 and expenses of \$2,040,919. The liquor operation also pays \$15,184 annually in capital lease fees at a

2.25% interest rate, with about \$65,000 remaining on the note which matures in 2021.

During the Aug. 21 city council meeting, a new planned unit development district for the Hy-Vee project was approved unanimously.

## Congressman Emmer: Undoing Overreach on Mining

As you likely know, Congress has been working to undo some of the overly burdensome and highly unnecessary regulations imposed on American families, businesses and states over the past eight years. We've had many successes in this area, and last week our efforts continued.

I was proud to gain unanimous support for my amendment to the Interior Appropriations Bill. This amendment will roll back a lame duck action from the Obama Administration and give us the opportunity to bring much-needed jobs and revenue to the great state of Minnesota.

Not only is this a win for the people of our state and the country as a whole, but it is also a win for our Constitution and its delegated powers. For far too long, we've watched unelected bureaucrats wield more and more power, even going as far as allocating taxpayer dollars - something that is reserved for Congress.

Article I, Section 8 of our Constitution states that the power of the purse rests in the hands of Congress. My amendment that passed last week seeks to enforce that by prohibiting the use of taxpayer dollars, which the Obama Administration attempted to spend, to effectively block the advancement of sound and safe mining in Northern Minnesota.

I am proud this amendment was a success last week, and it is important we continue our efforts to rein in the executive branch and return the power of the purse to Congress where it belongs.

P.S. - The passage of this amendment by no means is intended to bypass the environmental review process. In fact, there is still an extremely thorough process that any potential mining project would have to go through, and it could be up to a decade before one got under way. Our actions simply will undo the Obama Administration's overreach and reinstate Congress' power.

## Misconduct *continued from page 1*

that whether or not it went to trial was "up to the prosecutor." I indicated to them that what the judge had told them was incorrect, as we had filed and argued motions to dismiss and they were denied. The jurors did not understand what conduct alleged had constituted a crime - the same argument I had been making throughout the case. They felt like a lot of their time had been wasted listening to this case, and several of them asked for my business card.

When I read about the matter of Michele Kelm-Helgen, Chairwoman of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Commission, a government job, getting season tickets for herself ahead of even former Vikings team owner Wheelock Whitney, I wondered if she would ever be charged under this statute.

According to the Star Tribune of March 4, 2017:

*"Michele Kelm-Helgen, as chair of the government agency overseeing U.S. Bank Stadium, jumped to the head of the line to buy front-row season tickets for Minnesota Vikings games.*

*She also helped friends and family members buy the rights to nearby seats, before longtime Vikings season-ticket holders could claim them, records show."*

After the extensive and arduous pre-trial and trial of Edward Hansen and reading the Star Tribune article, I thought the case against Kelm-Helgen was pretty clear cut. Here is the text of the Minnesota Statute:

**"609.43 MISCONDUCT OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE.**

A public officer or employee who does any of the following, for which no other sentence is specifically provided by law, may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both:

- (1) intentionally fails or refuses to perform a known mandatory, nondiscretionary, ministerial duty of the office or employment within the time or in the manner required by law; or
- (2) in the capacity of such officer or employee, does an act knowing it is in excess of lawful authority or knowing it is forbidden by law to be done in that capacity; or
- (3) *under pretense or color of official authority intentionally and unlawfully injures another in the other's person, property, or rights; or*
- (4) in the capacity of such officer or employee, makes a return, certificate, official report, or other like document having knowledge it is false in any material respect."

I added emphasis to (3) of this statute because it appears that this is the part of the law that is most on point with these facts. When she got season tickets for herself (and it looks like she may have assisted some of her friends and family) that were better than the tickets that members of the public (in this case Vikings' season ticket holders) received, then Kelm-Helgen injured the property of another, specifically, their place in line for tickets. This is not a complicated case to present to a jury and I cannot think of any legal reason why it should not be charged. The undisputed fact is that but for her public government position, Michele Kelm-Helgen would have never gotten these prime season tickets.

It appears to me that the reason that this has not been charged may well be a matter of politics. The next step for the public would be to call the Minneapolis Police and make a report about this conduct. The Minneapolis City Attorneys' Office would be responsible for the decision whether or not to bring charges. If there was some sort of conflict, they could refer the matter to a prosecutor in another jurisdiction for review of the charges. At a minimum, these steps should be taken in the interest of integrity of Minnesota government.

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# ANOKA COUNTY WATCHDOG

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September 22, 2017

**Quote of the Week:** "He needs nurturing. That's not going to happen at Minneapolis Public Schools."

- Parent Jessica Rogers

**Fact of the Week:** Only 18% of black students attending Minneapolis public schools are proficient in math.

## FLEEING A BURNING BUILDING

The Star Tribune has run a fascinating series recently highlighting the significant flight of students from the Minneapolis and Saint Paul public schools, many of them students of color.

The series is fascinating both because the flight is so remarkable - and so very not remarkable.

The development is remarkable because the school choice movement is finally taking root in the urban core, decades after the school choice movement was came of age in Minnesota with charter schools, robust open enrollment options, and non-profits offering financial assistance to both impoverished parents and private schools supporting those impoverished families.

The floodgates in the urban core have finally opened and opened in a big way.

According to the series, 132,000 students enrolled in a district other than their home district last year, a four-fold increase from 2000.

In the past decade, the number of students fleeing Minneapolis and Saint Paul public schools has doubled, and now nearly one-third of their student population attends a different school district.

So why have the flood gates opened?

The article doesn't explain, but various theories clearly present themselves.

First, Minneapolis and Saint Paul public schools have become less safe over time.

Violent episodes have been widely publicized, including assaults of staff, sexual assaults on campus, and gang activity.

Second, these districts have proven themselves a failure in addressing the achievement gap between whites and non-white students.

Standardized test scores for students of color are abysmal in these districts and have been for a long time. Perhaps many parents believe the situation is unlikely to change.

Third, information is power. Now that these programs have been in place for some time, more parents are hearing about them, either through normal media channels or from people who have directly experienced open enrollment for themselves or their children. Simple word of mouth.

At the same time, this isn't at all remarkable.

The basic human desire to care for and nurture one's children is universal and timeless.

It shouldn't surprise anyone that these parents want good things for their kids.

Poor parents of color are just as interested in

providing a positive future for their kids as any wealthy white parent out in Orono or Edina.

Now that these parents have been given the information and resources to make meaningful educational choices, they are engaging in the most rational of human behavior to do what they think best for their children.

Good for them! Parents are in the best position to choose. Not government. Not the bureaucracy. Not the liberal whites who sentence them to failing schools while sending their own kids to elite private schools, including current DFL officeholders.

When given the choice, what parent wouldn't pull his child from a burning building?

Abysmal test scores, violence, chaos.

To be fair, not every urban public school is horrible. By the same token, not every charter school is squared away.

But the beauty in all of this is that parents have the choice to decide.

And for those students of color attending other schools, the results, on the whole, are impressive.

Many charter schools with high student of color populations are doubling, even tripling, the test scores of their public counterparts.

Clearly, something is working here and it's working well.

Of course, this means that the liberal and the teachers' union will mount a furious campaign to cripple the choice movement.

After all, it isn't really about students of color. It's really about a headcount of per-pupil funding, securing fat benefits for union membership, and retaining political power through massive infusions of campaign cash into the friendly campaign coffers.

Remember that at core, all liberal programs rely on coercion and the denial of choice.

There isn't a social program government runs that doesn't rely on coercion in some respect.

Public schools are no different. It's hard to maintain the failed status quo when citizens are given a choice to get off the island, so to speak.

This model requires students to be forced into failing schools just surely as healthy people are forced into failed government healthcare and no one has a choice regarding paying into government retirement programs (that are also on a failed pathway).

Republicans and like-minded Democrats (if any remain) must prepare to doggedly defend school choice and show the urban poor that it's Republicans who are offering true freedom and true control over one's destiny.

## A SIDE SHOW

The Star Tribune also this week engaged in a bit of dramatic hyperbole when it penned a headline proclaiming, "Court fight between Gov. Mark Dayton, lawmakers shines light on hefty legislative expenses."

As a part of the recent Minnesota Supreme Court order, the legislature was required to detail its spending, to help the court determine when it would run out of funding.

Of course, the cash flow situation of the

legislature has absolutely nothing to do with the vindication of the citizens' right to three functioning branches of government.

But that's a fight for another day.

The "hefty" expenses include \$3,750 for State Fair tickets (legislators work at the legislature's booth) and \$482 for flowers (even legislators experience life events like births and deaths).

There's even an expense of \$135,000 for housing expenses in July and August.

All this in a state budget that spends well over \$70 billion each bi-ennium.

And while this publication is fully committed to holding elected officials accountable for spending, it's hard to get excited about Fair tickets and flowers.

Heck, the housing expenses complained of are less than the salary of most Dayton political appointees, who got massive pay raises on his watch.

The expenses are less than the bonuses handed out to MnSure executives, who presided over a failed roll out of the program.

And how about the \$23 million taxpayers have shelled out against their will since 1995, paying for their neighbor's abortions under the Doe v. Gomez decision?

Please.

## NOT TIM WALZ

Hey, folks. Time for a public service announcement, especially for our DFL readers.

Tim Walz will not be the endorsed candidate for the DFL's gubernatorial team in 2018.

He won't get the endorsement.

He won't win the primary.

Why? He's way too rational, that's why.

While this publication doesn't agree with all his views, he is certainly the most conservative of the announced candidates and therefore unacceptable to the mob that controls the process.

He's also not from Minneapolis.

He's also not a rich, silver-spoon guy who can self-fund a primary.

He has no path to the DFL ticket in November 2018.

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# ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME REPORT

## Rental Scam

Here is a scam we have seen before but not for a while; a person found a home to rent on Craig's List. They paid the deposit and first month's rent but when they were ready to move-in they found out the house wasn't for rent, and the people they sent the money to didn't even own the home.

Victim reported he found a house for rent on Craigslist at above location which he agreed to rent however after sending first months rent and a damage deposit has learned that this was a scam. Victim stated the renter "George Monday" said he was working in Moorhead, MN, and unavailable to show the home however allowed victim to walk around the property and look in the windows.

Victim said Monday emailed him a lease agreement from "zlucky727@gmail.com" and after signing the lease he emailed it back. Victim said Monday required the first months rent of \$1600 along with a damage deposit of \$1600 and the victim wire transferred \$3200 last Thursday to Bank of America account #3850223818XXX. Victim said Monday was going to meet him this weekend to provide keys to the house but Monday never showed and kept texting excuses from phone.

Victim said when he stopped by the house today there were contractors working on the roof who provided him with the homeowners name and phone number. The victim contacted the owner and learned her house is not for rent. The victim then contacted his bank and learned the \$3200 transferred to US Bank has already been withdrawn.

## Andover

### Thefts & Damage to Property

September 21 - 143xx Xenia St NW – unsecure vehicle; electronics

September 20 - Andover High School – bike stolen from the property

September 17 - YMCA – bike stolen from the property

September 16 - 141xx Blackfoot St NW – unsecure vehicle; electronics

September 15 - 144xx Yucca St NW – unsecure vehicle; tools

### Arrests

September 18 - 37xx 174 Ave NW – DANCO Violation, Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to locate a female with a warrant. The female was arrested along with a male who was violating an active domestic abuse no contact order.

September 18 - Bunker Lake Blvd NW/Butternut St NW – Warrant Arrest, 5th Degree Possession of Narcotics; a deputy stopped a driver for having an active warrant. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

## Bethel

### Arrests

September 17 - Dugout Bar and Grill – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to a report of an out of control male at the location. The male was located and arrested.

## Columbus

### Thefts & Damage to Property

September 19 - 15250 Hornsby St NE – license plate stolen off a vehicle

### Arrests

September 21 - Running Aves Casino – 2nd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a drunk driver at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

## East Bethel

### Burglaries

September 18 - 217xx East Bethel Blvd NE – unsecure garage; tools

## Arrests

September 18 - 243xx Hwy 65 NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a x-girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

September 18 - 34xx 228 Ave NE – Vehicle Theft; a deputy stopped a driver for driving a stolen vehicle. The male was arrested.

September 16 - Viking Blvd NE/Wild Rice Dr NE – 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to property damage crash. One of the driver's appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. .144

## Ham Lake

### Thefts & Damage to Property

September 19 - 158xx Lincoln St NE – vehicle stolen from the property; keys were in it

September 19 - 90xx Chestnut Ln NE – damage to a shed; dented

September 18 - 15xx Constance Blvd NE – catalytic converter stolen off a vehicle

### Arrests

September 21 - Crosstown Blvd NE/Hwy 65 NE – DAR, Property Damage Hit and Run, Reckless Driving; deputies responded to the area on a hit and run. The vehicle was located empty. The UAS was deployed and a track was started with the K9. Two male suspects were located and arrested.

September 16 - 159xx Van Buren St NE – 5th Degree Controlled Substance; deputies responded to a report of a suspicious male at the location. During the search of the male narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

09.16 - Hwy 65 NE/169 Ave NE – 3rd 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. .174

### Burglaries

September 19 - 21xx 169 Ave NE – forced entry into a home; electronics, tools

## Linwood

### Arrests

September 19 - Fawn Lake Dr NE/Typo Creek Dr NE – Recovered Stolen Vehicle, Stolen License Plates, DAR, 5th Degree Possession of Narcotics; a deputy stopped a driver for having a cracked windshield. The driver did not have a valid driver's license and the car was stolen. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

September 18 - 209xx Gypsy Valley Rd NW – 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a brother/sister domestic. The female was arrested.

September 18 - 50xx 183 Ln NW – OFP Violation; deputies responded to a report of an order for protection violation. It was determined that the order was violated. The male was arrested.

### Thefts & Damage to Property

August 21 - 217xx Viking Blvd NE – license plate stolen off a vehicle

## Nowthen

### Arrests

August 24 - 18600 Block of Burns Pkwy NW – 5th Degree Domestic Assault, DANCO Violation; deputies responded to female/male assault. The male was arrested.

### Burglaries

August 19 - 205xx Basalt St NW – unsecure garage; radio, tools

### Thefts & Damage to Property

August 30 - 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – vehicle stolen by a client

September 19 - 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – vandalism to a vehicle; dented

September 15 - 53xx 199 Ave NW – two vehicles stolen from the property; keys were in one of the vehicles

## Oak Grove

### Arrests

August 31 - 203xx Guarani St NW – 5th Degree Possession of Narcotics, Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to a report of suspicious activity at the location. The male caller was intoxicated and had a felony warrant. During the search of the male narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

August 27 - Lake George Blvd NW/221 Ave NW – DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

August 25 - 229 Ave NW/Holly St NW – 3rd Degree DWI, DAR; a deputy stopped out with a vehicle in the ditch at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. .19

August 25 - 185xx Roanoak St NW – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to locate a male with an active warrant. The male was located and arrested.

September 21 - Lake George Blvd NW/Viking Blvd NW – DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver did not have a valid driver's license.

### Thefts & Damage to Property

August 20 - 198xx Heather St NW – unsecure vehicle; shot gun, tools

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that pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Law, a public hearing shall be held before the Ham Lake Planning Commission on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6:01 p.m. at the City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE for the purpose of considering the following amendments to Article 9-370 Accessory Buildings, Farm Buildings and Permits.

o Building Locations  
o Permitted Size of Buildings

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard. DATED: September 26, 2017

Dawnette M. Shimek  
Zoning Official/Building Clerk

City of Ham Lake  
(9/26 2017 ACR) #697

### CITY OF HAM LAKE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF HAM LAKE  
COUNTY OF ANOKA

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
TAKE NOTICE,

that pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Law, a public hearing shall be held before the Ham Lake Planning Commission on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6:01 p.m. at the City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE, for the purpose of considering the application of Christopher Frovik requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate Frovik Towing & Recovery Twin City, Inc. at 14835 Aberdeen Street NE, such land situated in the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota and which is described as follows to wit:

Lot 2, Block 2, North Pines 3rd Addition, subject to easements of record, Anoka County, Minnesota

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard. DATED: September 26, 2017

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Section 3, a parcel of certain land situated in the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota and which is described as follows to wit:  
PIN #03-32-23-31-0012 (17505 Dunkirk Street NE)

Lots 14 and 15, Block 2, Woodland Bluffs Third Addition, Anoka County, Minnesota

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard. DATED: September 26, 2017

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(9/26 2017 ACR) #697

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Sale for Unpaid Repairs and Storage Fees Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 514.18-22.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 514.20, these vehicles will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (CST).

2004 Kenworth, VIN: 1XKDDT9X24J054430

2004 Kenworth, VIN: 1XKDDT9X44J059709

2004 Kenworth, VIN: 1XKDDT9X04J059710

2004 Kenworth, VIN: 1XKDDT9X75R073042

The location of the sale is: Grounded Air Transport, Inc., 15850 Lincoln St. NE, Ham Lake, Minnesota 55304. Contact Brennen Herzog at (763) 780- 1443.

The total amount due for redemption prior to the sale is \$245,202.57 (approximately \$61,300.64 each).

Sale will be conducted by the Anoka County Sheriff's Office - Civil Unit.

Notice has been provided to the registered owners. (9/26, 10/3, 10/10 2017 ACR) #742

### CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: **Vay Kay Collections**

2. Principal Place of Business: **1701 113th Ave NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433**

Nameholder(s): **Lucas A Hunt**

**1701 113th Ave NW #115**

**Coon Rapid, MN 55433**

4. I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath. FILED: 8/30/2017 # 962585000039

/s/ Lucas A Hunt, CEO & Founder (9/26, 10/3 2017 ACR) #739

### CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby

certifies:

1. Assumed Name: **Pretty-Betes**

2. Principal Place of Business: **12488 Crane St. NW Coon Rapids, MN 55448**

Nameholder(s): **Kathleen Brenna**

**12488 Crane St. NW Coon Rapid, MN 55448**

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FILED: 9/18/2017 # 965468700027

/s/ Kathleen Brenna (9/26, 10/3 2017 ACR) #740

### CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: **Lakes 'n Fields Retrievers**

2. Principal Place of Business: **2629 116th Ave NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433**

Nameholder(s): **Gary Allen Provo**

**2629 116th Ave NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433**

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FILED: 8/31/2017 # 962725000039

/s/ Gary Allen Provo (9/19, 9/26 2017 ACR) #732

### CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: **BKB Luxury Transportation**

2. Principal Place of Business: **2155 129th Ct NE Blaine, MN 55449**

Nameholder(s): **BKB Group Services LLC**

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4. I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath. FILED: 8/8/2017 # 960456100042

/s/ Johanness Twinawe (9/19, 9/26 2017 ACR) #734

### PUBLIC NOTICES UNPAID

**CITY OF BLAINE**  
Community Services Officers

POSITION SUMMARY

Perform animal control and non-enforcement type services for the public while assisting the police department's patrol division. This is a non-sworn, non-union uniformed position working up to eight hours per day, maximum 56 hours in a two-week pay period, including evenings, weekends and holidays. All provisions of the Personnel Code shall apply.

This is a developmental program designed to give students in the law enforcement educational program working exposure in a police department environment. Therefore, this employment position is limited to five (5) years in length (time to get a 4-year degree and complete skills training). C.S.O.'s will be permitted a maximum of 6 months of employment after the completion of the education and skills components and becomes eligible to be licensed. A maximum of 6 months of employment as a C.S.O. will be permitted if a student drops out of college, skills training or change their major from an approved law enforcement curriculum. C.S.O.'s will be required to provide proof of enrollment and grade reports showing class completions as conditions of continuing employment. C.S.O.'s must obtain a minimum grade of "C" in each course and maintain an overall cumulative 2.0 GPA.

Starting Salary \$19.84 per hour  
Position closes: Sep 29, 2017, 04:30 PM

### CITY OF CIRCLE PINES

CITY NOTICE OF HEARING ON DELINQUENT UTILITIES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on

October 10, 2017 at City Hall, 200 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines, Minnesota to consider, and possibly approve, the proposed certification, to the County Auditor for collection with other taxes, unpaid charges for storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water, and garbage, refuse and recycling charges. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

If, after the hearing, the City Council finds that the amounts claimed as delinquent are actually due and unpaid, the City may certify the unpaid charges to the County Auditor for collection as other taxes are collected.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a disabled individual may one week in advance contact City Hall by phone at (763) 784-5898, or TDD (763) 231-2617; or writing to request reasonable assistance to be able to participate in these proceedings.

Patrick Antonen, City Clerk

ASSESSMENT TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on

October 10, 2017 at City Hall, 200 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines, Minnesota to pass upon the proposed assessment for delinquent accounts.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. The total amount of the proposed assessment is \$330.00. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as the amount of an assessment unless a signed, written objection is filed with the Clerk prior to the hearing, or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The Council may, upon such notice, consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at any adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners, as it deems advisable.

If an assessment is contested or there is an adjourned hearing, the following procedure will be followed:

1. The City will present its case first by calling witnesses who may testify by narrative or by examination, and by the introduction of exhibits. After each witness has testified, the contesting party will be allowed to ask questions. This procedure will be repeated with each witness until neither side has further questions.

2. After the City has presented all its evidence, the objector

may call witnesses or present such testimony as the objector desires. The same procedure for questioning of the City's witnesses will be followed with the objector's witnesses.

3. Counsel may represent the objector.

4. Minnesota rules of evidence will not be strictly applied; however, they may be considered and argued to the Council as to the weight of items of evidence or testimony presented to the Council.

5. The entire proceedings will be recorded.

6. At the close of presentation of evidence, the objector may make a final presentation to the Council based on the evidence and the law. No new evidence may be presented at this point.

7. The Council may adopt the proposed assessment at the hearing.

An owner may appeal assessment to district court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or Clerk of the City within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment; and filing such notice with the district court within ten days after service upon the Mayor or Clerk.

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Elizabeth Mursko, Zoning Administrator

CITY OF COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Conditional Use Permit Notice is hereby given

that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Columbus Planning Commission on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as parties may be heard, in the City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Columbus, Minnesota, to consider a conditional use permit request for a senior housing "planned unit development" (PUD) within the preliminary plat "Sanctuary at Howard Lake" creating twenty (26) new detached townhome lots in the C/R Community Retail zoning district. The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony has been received.

Property Owners:

Susan M Mulvihill & Michael M Mulvihill Applicant: Three Home Rental, LLC (Jay Gustafson) Property Location: 17.17 acres North Lake Drive west of 9141 Lake Drive Columbus, MN

Legal Description: THAT PRT OF NW1/4 OF NW1/4 OF SEC 24 TWP 32 RGE 22 DESC AS FOL, COM AT THE PT OF INTER OF W LINE OF SD 1/4 WITH NLY R/W LINE OF CSAH NO 23, TH SELY ALG SD RD 388.5 FT TO POB, TH NELY DEFL (01 DEG 51 MIN TO LFT 920 FT +OR- TO N LINE OF SD 1/4 1/4, TH ELY ALG SD N LINE 775 FT +OR- TO NE COR OF SD 1/4 1/4, TH SLY ALG E LINE THEREOF TO ITS INTER/W SD NLY R/W LINE OF CSAH NO 23, TH NWLY ALG SD R/W LI NE TO POB, EX THAT PRT DESC AS FOL, BEG AT PT ON NLY R/W LINE OF SD CSAH NO 23 & E LINE OF SD 1/4 1/4, TH NWLY ALG SD R/W LINE TO PT 684.5 FT SELY ALG SD R/W LINE FROM W LINE OF SD 1/4 1/4, TH N O DEG 18 MIN E PRL/W SD W LINE 513.8 FT, TH S 70 DEG 35 MIN E 298.6 FT, TH S 71 DEG 04 MIN E 177.58 FT, TH S PRL/W SD E LINE 28 FT +OR- TO INTER FOL DESC LINE COM AT INTER OF E LINE OF SD 1/4 1/4 & NLY R/W LINE OF SD RD, TH N ALG SD E LINE 528 FT TO POB OF SD LINE, TH W AT RT ANG TO SD E LINE 165 FT & THERE TERM TH E ALG LAST DESC LINE 165 FT TO SD E LINE, TH S ALG SD E LINE 528 FT TO POB, EXRD, SUB J TO EASE OF REC, ANOKA COUNTY, MN PIN#24-32-22-0001

(AND)

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DESC AS FOL: COM AT INTER OF E LINE OF SD TRACT AND N LINE OF ST HWY 8, TH NWLY ALG CUR IN SD HWY FOR 258.3 FT, TH CONT ALG SD HWY LINE FOR 89 FT, TH N PRL/W ELINE OF SD NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 21.48 FT TO N LINE OF ANOKA CTY HWY R/W PLAT NO 3 TO POB. TH CONALG LAST DESC COURSE 506.52 FT, TH NWLY DEFL TO LEFT 70 DEG 28 MIN 39 SEC, 41.11 FT, TH SLY DEFL TO LEFT 110 DEG 46 MIN 35 SEC 509.56 FT TO N LINE OF SD ANOKA CTY HWY R/W PLAT NO 3, TH SELY ALG SD N LINE DIST 29.64 TO POB, SUBJ TO EASE OF REC, ANOKA COUNTY, MN PIN#24-32-22-0015

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Conditional Use Permit Amendment & Variance Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Columbus Planning Commission on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as parties may be heard, in the City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Columbus, Minnesota to consider a request to amend the existing conditional use permit to allow the additional of an accessory building to the site and a variance from the required sanitary septic system connection (existing on site) to a holding tank for the accessory new accessory building. The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony has been received.

Applicant: Kate Zackowski Property Owner: KZ, LLC Property Location: 6939 135th Ave. NE, Columbus, Minnesota

Legal Description: THAT PRT OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF SW1/4 OF SEC 33 TWP 32 RGE 22 LYG ELY OF LAKE DR (AKA HWY NO 8), EX RD SUBJ TO EASE OF REC, ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA PIN#33-32-22-34-0002 Elizabeth Mursko, Zoning Administrator

CITY OF COON RAPIDS NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PROJECT 18-4

The City of Coon Rapids, Minnesota will receive bids at the Coon Rapids City Center until 11:00 a.m., October 11, 2017 at 11155 Robinson Drive, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 for the following improvement:

Bunker Hills Golf Course - Bunker Renovation: Project consists of renovating original front nine holes at Bunker Hills Golf Course.

Project documents are available at http://www.questcdn.com. You may download the complete set of digital bidding documents for \$30.00 by entering eBidDoc™ #5377663 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

All bids shall be accompanied by a 5% bid bond payable to the City of Coon Rapids. Bids shall be directed to the Engineering Division, securely sealed, and endorsed upon the outside wrapper with the inscription "Bunker Hills Golf Course Bunker Renovation, Project 18-4." Project bids will also be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement.

Bids will be opened and read by City staff at the Coon Rapids City Center at 11:00 a.m. on October 11, 2017. The bids will be tabulated by City staff to be considered by City Council at 7:00 p.m., October 17, 2017. The City of Coon Rapids reserves the right to reject or hold all bids for 60 days.

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS

HEARING NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the St. Francis City Council will be holding a public hearing on the following vacation on October 2, 2017, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the ISD #15 District Office located at 4115 Ambassador Blvd.

1. EASEMENT VACATION: Council will consider the vacation of a publicly owned drainage and utility easement running through the property at 4020 233rd Avenue

NW - PIDs 31-34-24-14-0022 & 31-34-24-14-0023. The vacation will be contingent upon approval of a concurrent request for a conditional use permit to authorize a new motor fueling station, establishment of new easements on the property as needed, and relocation of all existing utilities within the existing easement.

All persons wishing to be heard on the above items should attend the meeting. Written comments may be submitted to the City no later than 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29th, or emailed to Ben Gozola at (bgozola@sambatek.com) no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Materials regarding the above items are available upon request.

Ben Gozola City Planner

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS

RESOLUTION 2017 - 29, PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 231, SECOND SERIES, BY TITLE AND SUMMARY WHEREAS, the city council of the City of St. Francis has adopted Ordinance No. 231, Second Series, an ordinance to amend local regulations regarding the keeping of chickens; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance is lengthy; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 412.191, subd. 4, allows publication by title and summary in the case of lengthy ordinances or those containing charts or maps; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the following summary would clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of the ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of St. Francis, that the City Clerk shall cause the following summary of Ordinance No. 231 Second Series, to be published in the official newspaper in lieu of the entire ordinance:

Public Notice The City Council of the City of St. Francis has adopted Ordinance No. 231, Second Series, an ordinance amending local regulations regarding the keeping of chickens. The keeping of urban chickens has become a popular hobby for many people, and the new regulations will

expand the opportunity to own chickens to more citizens of the City. Chickens will only be allowed in the A-1, A-2, A-3, R-R, R-1 and R-2 zoning districts. Existing rules will remain in place for properties of five acres or more, and new regulations will now govern the keeping of Chickens on lots of less than five acres. The new rules limit the number of chickens that can be kept, prohibits on-site butchering, requires a pen and a run, and requires establishment of a waste management plan. Regulations are outlined as to where a pen and run can be located on a property, and guidelines for permits to allow the raising of chickens are established. The full ordinance text is available for inspection at City Hall during regular business hours, and will be emailed or sent to any party upon request.

Mayor Steven Feldman BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Francis that the City Clerk keep a copy of the ordinance at city hall for public inspection, and that a full copy of the ordinance be posted in a public place within the city. Adopted this 18th day of September, 2017 by the City of St. Francis City Council.

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