

**LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

The Labor Relations Committee of the Willmar City Council met on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, in Conference Room #1 at the City Office Building.

Present:	Steve Ahmann	.....	Chair
	Jim Dokken	.....	Member
	Bruce DeBlieck	.....	Council Member
	Ron Christianson	.....	Member
	Charlene Stevens	.....	City Administrator

Others present included Mayor Frank Yanish, Council Member Tim Johnson and Labor Attorney Frank Madden. Council Member Anderson was excused from the meeting.

Item No. 1      The meeting was called to order Council Member Ahmann at 4:45 p.m.

Item No. 2      Chair Ahmann asked if there was any public comment. Council Member Dokken referenced an article regarding meeting minutes and questioned whether minutes of closed sessions should be available. Attorney Madden explained the exceptions within the Open Meetings Law for closed sessions. Council Member DeBlieck stated that the City otherwise has minutes appropriately approved by the City Council and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk.

Item No. 3      Closed Session Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.03 to Discuss Labor Negotiation Strategies.

Council Member Christensen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dokken, to go into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.03 to Discuss Labor Negotiation Strategies. The motion carried and the meeting was closed at 4:52 p.m.

The meeting was reopened at 5:35 p.m. upon motion by Council Member Christianson, seconded by Council Member Dokken, and carried.

Item No. 4      Consideration of LELS Employment Contract.

Chair Ahmann and Attorney Madden reviewed the proposed terms of the contract settlement with LELS. Attorney Madden noted that LELS had met earlier in the day and approved the attached contract terms which were arrived at in mediation conducted on June 18, 2013.

Council Member Christianson made a motion, seconded by Council Member DeBlieck to approve the contract settlement with LELS as outlined by Attorney Madden and attached. The motion carried.

Item No 5:      Old Business

Council Member Christianson asked about electronic agendas. Administrator Stevens responded that Council Members DeBlieck and Johnson had agreed to test a system and it was hoped that would begin with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting in July.

Chair Ahmann asked if a date had been set for the retreat. Ms. Stevens responded that one had not yet been set, but she would be contacting Council Members to determine potential dates.

Chair Ahmann also asked about a nepotism policy. Ms. Stevens responded the City does have a policy and is also attempting to update personnel policies as time and staffing allows.

Item No. 6:    New Business

There were no items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Christianson, seconded by Council Member Dokken, and carried

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Stevens,  
City Administrator