

MINUTES OF
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2023

The Cass Lake City Council held a Special Council meeting on Friday December 1, 2023 at 4:00pm to further discuss the 7th Street NW request to vacate with the city attorney Joe Langel.

Present: Mayor Herschel Ogema, Council Members Mike Hanson, Carla Jones-Leecy, Jerry Smith, Annie Sevenich

Also Present: Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk-Treasurer, Joe Langel, City Attorney, Allan Olson, CL Times

Mayor Ogema opened the meeting at 4:04pm

Mayor Ogema began the meeting stating the need to discuss the matter and come to a final conclusion and move on from this subject.

The discussion was turned over to City Attorney Joe Langel. Mr. Langel presented the history of the request and back and forth over basically the last year.

1. Leech Lake requested the city consider vacating 7th Street to put a drive through to the pharmacy.
2. The city has previously vacated alley ways that were platted, however never used as such.
3. 7th Street is a new street and was reported to the State that it was an important East/West corridor and receive funding to assist with the reconstruct.

Mr. Langel stated with over 20+ years' experience dealing with property matters and street vacations, he has never had such a request made and simply does not make sense to consider based on the facts and the statutory requirements.

Council discussed this further and the following action was taken to end the matter.

A **Motion** by Jerry Smith, second by Herschel Ogema to Deny request to Vacate Seventh Street NW, Cass Lake. **Motion Passed 4-1 Jones-Leecy opposed.**

City Clerk-Uhrinak was directed to draft a letter for the Mayor to sign once the city attorney reviewed it and send to Leech Lake and Indian Health Services.

A **Motion** by Mike Hanson, second by Carla Jones-Leecy to Adjourn Special Council Meeting at 4:29pm. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

ATTEST:

Herschel Ogema, Mayor

Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk-Treasurer