



## City of North Branch Agenda

<b>Title:</b>	City Council Work Session
<b>Location:</b>	City Council Chambers
<b>Date:</b>	June 5, 2014

Start	End	Time	Topic	Presenter
6:30 PM	6:31 PM	0:01	Pledge of Allegiance	
6:31 PM	6:46 PM	0:15	Geronimo Energy Project	
6:46 PM	7:16 PM	0:30	Superior Silica Project Update	Konrad/Hill
7:16 PM	7:31 PM	0:15	2015 Budget Meeting Schedule	Hill
<b>Total</b>		<b>1:01</b>		



# ***City of North Branch***

## ***Memo***

**Prepared By:** Bridgitte Konrad

**Date:** May 29, 2014

**Subject:** Geronimo Energy

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Yesterday the Mayor and I met with Geronimo Energy about a possible solar farm project that would include a 40 acre parcel in North Branch. They are looking for local support for the project. They will be at the meeting to review their project and answer questions.



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## ***Memo***

**Prepared By:** Bridgitte Konrad  
**Date:** May 28, 2014  
**Subject:** Superior Silica Project Update

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Last week we had a meeting with representatives from Superior, MnDOT, Chisago County, City staff, engineering, legal, Mayor, Councilmember Borchardt and Rick Olseen. The purpose of the meeting was to have all of the various entities address any issues or concerns that we need to include as we begin drafting the purchase and development agreement. We have a list of items that we will be using to begin drafting those agreements. Notes from that meeting were forwarded to you last week.

I suggested to the Mayor and EDA Chair that we have a subcommittee that includes two members from each group that Richard and I can use as a resource as we draft the agreement. It has been suggested that the group consist of Mayor Lindquist and Councilmember Borchardt from the Council and Chair Fischer and Commissioner Streater from the EDA.

At the County HRA/EDA meeting this week they expressed concern about the viability of future land sale, job creation and tax base creation if the Superior project proceeds. They directed their Executive Director and the County Administrator to meet with the City to see if there are other options for this property. Staff would like direction if you would like us to pursue this option with the County.



# ***City of North Branch***

## ***Memo***

**Prepared By:** Richard Hill  
**Date:** May 29, 2014  
**Subject:** Budget Process for 2015

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Staff is looking for direction from Council on the 2015 budget process. Over the past few years staff has put together an initial first pass on the revenue and expense plans for the General, EDA, Enterprise Funds as well as the Debt Service, Special Revenue, and Capital Project Funds. These initial plans have then been reviewed by the Council with various revisions as directed to formulate a Preliminary Budget prior to early September.

These revenue and expense plans for the General and EDA Funds are then combined with the bond debt levy requirements into a Preliminary 2015 Levy which must be approved by Council prior to September 30, 2014 (extended by the state legislature). The Council meetings for September are scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at which either dates a Preliminary could be approved unless Council desires to hold a special meeting. The Preliminary Levy sets the Levy ceiling for the City with a final Levy to be set in early December. As you may recall, the final Levy can be less than the Preliminary however cannot be higher.

Staff is looking for direction in preparing for the 2015 budget process. Does Council want to establish 2, 3, or 4 evening Budget Work Sessions or all day weekend sessions.....?

Based on the meeting schedules for the potential ESSBY land sale, does Council want to consider an additional Thursday evening work session on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> to begin the budget process?