The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

1. Assessed Valuation Process
City Assessor Kathy Temchack explained the process of projecting real growth and market growth. When the Council sets a tax rate target, it uses the real growth projection, as the market growth can vary from neighborhood to neighborhood. The real growth projection is provided to the City Manager in April, and again before the budget is finalized at the end of June. This year the projection of real growth is expected to be in the .25% range.

2. Elementary School Consolidation Plan
Director of Facilities and Planning Matt Cashman reviewed the current site plans with the Committee.

3. Thompson Park
The Committee discussed the possibility that Thompson Park could be submitted to the Department of Education as part of the Kimball School plan and therefore be eligible for improvements. City Manager Aspell will research the rules around the use of Thompson Park and report to the District at the next meeting.

4. Task Force III
Council members and city administration were asked for their input on the formation of a task force and process for moving forward to determine alternate uses for the five school buildings that will be vacant upon completion of the three new elementary facilities. City Manager Aspell offered to work closely with district administration to complete several steps including zoning; developing covenants that would require future property owners to pay property taxes; potential city uses. The city has a consulting company currently working to help the city determine future uses for the neighborhood community centers.
Aspell also noted that the city was undergoing a revision of zoning ordinances in light of the recently revised master plan.

5. Costs for Use of Beaver Meadow Golf Course and Memorial Field
City Manager Tom Aspell reported on the background for assessing the School District $3,000 for use of lights at Memorial Field and $2,500 for use of the Beaver Meadow Golf Course by the CHS golf team. The District has been paying the cost for lights for many years. The cost for the golf course is new and was determined by the advisory committee for the golf course. The Board needs to consider these costs in its budget process. Board President Kass Ardinger questioned whether the City and School District wanted to engage in this process of assessing one another these small costs since the same taxpayer pays regardless of which body charges the fee and which pays. The Committee recognized that currently the two bodies have different philosophies about the provision of recreation. The City has decided that recreation is not a required function and is moving toward a model in which fees must offset costs. The Board has enacted only a modest user fee for athletics. Council members encouraged the Board to pass along the small costs such as the Beaver Meadow charge through higher user fees and to differentiate fees based on sport.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Chris Casko, Chair
Michele Croteau, Recorder