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BEFORE THE MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Robert W. Johnson  
Robert F. Ford  
Arthur R. Swan

Chairman  
Vice-Chairman  
Member

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF  
LAND TO THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA

That on the 6th day of June, 1967, a Petition of landowners was presented to the Alexandria City Council, said petition requesting the annexation of certain land lying in Alexandria Township, Douglas County, State of Minnesota, to the City of Alexandria, Minnesota. That the land set forth in said petition is adjacent to the Alexandria City Limits and is more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The South One-half of Section Thirty (30), Township One Hundred Twenty-eight (128) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West, and

That portion of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township One Hundred Twenty-eight (128), North, Range Thirty-eight (38) West lying East of the Westerly right-of-way line of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 29, and

That portion of the West Half of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township One Hundred Twenty-eight (128) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West lying West of the Westerly right-of-way line of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Saint Marie Railroad, except for that portion of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section 29, presently included within the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria, and

That part of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Thirty (30), Township One Hundred Twenty-eight (128) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West described as follows:

To find the point of beginning, commence at the two inch iron pipe marking the center of said Section 30 and the Southwest corner of the said Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section 30, Township 128 North, Range 37 West; thence East along the South Line of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 30, 2415.46 feet to a brass capped iron monument, said point being the point of beginning; thence from the point of beginning North 1° 20' West 1913.98 feet more or less to a point, (said point described as follows:

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Commence at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 30; thence South 88° 40' West 1485.2 feet; thence South 1° 20' East 736 feet; thence North 88° 40' East 1184 feet to said point); thence North 88° 40' East 277.46 feet, more or less, to the East line of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 30; thence South along the said East section line to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section 30; thence Westerly along the South line of said Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 30, to the point of beginning.

The Commission, having duly considered the petition on file herein, together with all the files and records, and being fully advised in the premises, makes and enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

I.

No objection has been raised from any person or governmental subdivision opposing the proposed annexation. The town of Alexandria and the County of Douglas have given their approval to the annexation and have endorsed the same as shown by letters on file with the Commission. The City of Alexandria has consented to and urged the annexation, this approval being set forth in a resolution of the Alexandria City Council, dated June 6, 1967, a copy of said petition being on file with the commission.

II.

The petition of landowners on file herein is signed by a majority of the landowners in the area to be annexed, both as to number and as to area of land owned.

III.

That the land to be annexed is adjacent to the present City Limits of the City of Alexandria.

IV.

The area to be annexed is approximately 394.52 acres as compared to approximately 3300 acres in the City of Alexandria.

V.

The assessed valuation of the area to be annexed is \$22,290.00, as compared to the assessed valuation of the City of Alexandria of \$3,470,330.00.

VI.

The assessed valuation of Alexandria Township is approximately \$1,000,000.00.

VII.

The City of Alexandria is a growing community, having increased its population from 6,700 in 1960 to approximately 7,000 in 1965. That since 1960 the expansion of the City of Alexandria ~~has been generally~~ to the South into Alexandria Township, and to land which was formerly agricultural in nature. While there is land available for expansion in any direction from the City to a certain extent, still the trend to expansion has been to the South.

VIII.

Interstate Highway 94 is in the process of construction approximately two and one-half miles South of the City of Alexandria. Highway #29, formerly a one-lane highway passing through the City of Alexandria and running South to Glenwood, Minnesota, has now been expanded to a two-lane expressway from Interstate Highway 94 to the City of Alexandria. This highway runs immediately through the area to be annexed.

IX.

Because of the expencted increase of traffic from the South because of Highway 94, commercial development has been growing South of the City. This commercial development includes the Viking Motel, Western Lumber Supply Company, Fleet Farm Wholesale Store, the Alexandria Municipal Airport, Fingerhut Manufacturing Company, and a new plant being erected by Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing. This increased commercial development would indicate further expansion to the South because of Highway 94 as well as the Highway 29 expressway.

X.

Alexandria Township abuts the City of Alexandria on the South and is the only township from which land may be annexed to the South.

XI.

While it is probable taxes will increase in the area to be annexed, it appears that the increase in taxation will be equivalent to the benefits received. Water and sewer lines are presently available immediately abutting upon the area to be annexed and the City of Alexandria is now constructing water and sewage extensions through the annexed area. This construction should be completed sometime during the year of 1968.

XII.

Fire protection will be available to the annexed area without cost after annexation, whereas presently the residents of the area pay two mills for city fire protection.

XIII.

City police protection from the City of Alexandria is readily available to the area to be annexed. In addition, the City of Alexandria will provide maintenance for the streets and roads in the area to be annexed.

XIV.

There is no need for the continuance of any township government within the area to be annexed after annexation since the close proximity of the area to the City of Alexandria provides an ease of government regulation, control and management.

XV.

Alexandria Township offers no governmental service for sewage and water in the area to be annexed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

I.

The Minnesota Municipal Commission duly acquired, and now has, jurisdiction of the within proceedings.

II.

The area of land to be annexed is so conditioned and so located as to be properly subjected to municipal government by the City of Alexandria.

III.

Annexation by the City of Alexandria would be in the best interests of the area affected and the City of Alexandria.

IV.

Municipal Government of the area to be annexed herein is necessary and is required to protect public health, safety and welfare and to provide necessary government services.

V.

The Township form of government is not adequate to cope with the problems of the proposed commercial expansion in the area to be annexed.

VI.

An annexation election is not necessary since the petition for annexation has been signed by a majority of the landowners, both

as to number and area, and it appears that no objection has been raised by any person in the area to be annexed nor by the Township of Alexandria nor the County of Douglas.

VII.

The City of Alexandria can feasibly and practicably provide for and best serve the needs for governmental services presently existing and as they become necessary in the future in the area to be annexed.

An Order should be issued by the Minnesota Municipal Commission annexing to the City of Alexandria, Minnesota, the real estate located in Alexandria Township, Douglas County, Minnesota, described as follows:

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O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED: That the following described real estate in Alexandria Township, Douglas County, Minnesota, be and the same hereby is, annexed to the City of Alexandria, Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

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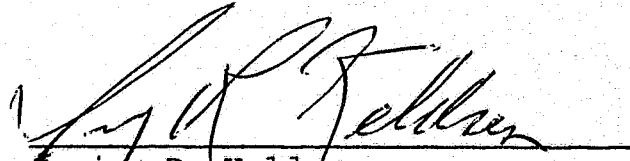
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Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1967.

MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL COMMISSION  
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Irving R. Keldsen  
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