

BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE)
TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RAMSEY)
TOWNSHIP TO INCORPORATE THE CITY OF)
RAMSEY IN THE COUNTY OF ANOKA,)
MINNESOTA)

FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,
AND ORDER

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before a quorum of the Minnesota Municipal Commission on the 7th day of September, 1972 in the Anoka County Courthouse, Anoka, Minnesota, upon a petition of the Town Board of Supervisors for incorporation of the Township of Ramsey, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, as the City of Ramsey. Said petition was filed with the Minnesota Municipal Commission on the 11th day of May, 1972. The hearing was continued from time to time.

Appearances were entered by: Charles R. Weaver, Virgil C. Herrick and William K. Goodrich, of the law firm of Weaver, Talle & Herrick, 316 East Main Street, Anoka, Minnesota on behalf of the petitioners, the Town of Ramsey. Richard A. Beens, Attorney at Law, 118 E. Main St., Anoka, Minnesota on behalf of the Township of Grow; Edward E. Coleman, Attorney at Law, 211 E. Main St., Anoka, Minnesota on behalf of the City of Anoka.

Testimony was heard and records and exhibits were received. All persons appearing and desiring to be heard were heard.

The Municipal Commission of the State of Minnesota, having read and

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considered the petition herein, having considered all of the evidence adduced at said hearings, having considered the argument of counsel for the petitioners herein, and the arguments of those in opposition to the petition herein, and being fully advised in the premises, upon all of the files, records and proceedings herein, hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The petition of the Board of Supervisors of Ramsey Township, Anoka County, Minnesota, for the incorporation thereof as the City of Ramsey, was duly filed pursuant to and in compliance with M.S.A., Chapter 414, as amended, and said petition was, in all respects, proper and complete in form, contents and execution.

2. Proper notice of the hearing on the petition for said incorporation of the Township of Ramsey, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, as the City of Ramsey, was duly given as required by Statute. The Municipal Commission of the State of Minnesota duly convened by a lawful quorum or by a commission member or the Executive Secretary by authorization under Minnesota Statutes 414.01, Subd. 12 at the scheduled hearing. The petitioners and their counsel and certain persons in opposition to the petition herein were present at, were heard and participated in the hearings. Documentary evidence was considered and admitted into evidence at the hearings.

3. The area proposed for incorporation as the City of Ramsey includes all of the Township of Ramsey, Anoka County, Minnesota, described as follows:

The Township of Ramsey, known as Township Thirty-two (32), Range Twenty-Five (25), Anoka County, Minnesota.

4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.02, Subd. 3 giving jurisdiction

to the Municipal Commission to "...alter the boundaries of the proposed incorporation by increasing or decreasing the area to be incorporated..." notice was properly published, served and mailed for a hearing to be held on July 15, 1974, in the Anoka County Courthouse, Anoka, Minnesota, for the purpose of considering whether to alter the boundaries of the area proposed for incorporation by increasing the area by inclusion of the following described area:

All portions of Grow Township, Anoka County, Minnesota, lying west of the thread of the Rum River.

There were no objections by the parties to the alteration.

5. Testimony was heard at the July 15, 1974 hearing on the question of altering the boundaries as described in Findings of Fact Number 4.

6. The quantity of land, both platted and unplatted, embraced within the foregoing description is approximately 19,851 acres.

7. Approximately 1,405 acres of the township is currently platted, with approximately 18,446 acres being unplatted. It is noted that these are figures compiled as of May 11, 1972, the filing date of the petition herein.

8. The population of the Township of Ramsey as per the Metro Council's 1971 estimate is 3,143 persons, the 1972 Metro Council's estimate is 3,567 persons and testimony adduced at the hearings indicates a current population of 7,000 persons. The Metro Council estimates the population of Ramsey Township to be 11,340 by 1980 and 30,630 by 2000.

9. The assessed valuation of the Township of Ramsey for the year 1971 was \$1,890,956.00, and for the year 1972 was \$7,926,528.00 and for the year 1973 was \$11,476,924.00 with a steady increase in assessed

valuation noted over the last several years.

10. The Township of Ramsey has no central sewer or water system, both such facilities being served by private systems; however, the township has had its engineers, Consulting Engineers, Diversified, Inc. complete a preliminary study of the sanitary sewage system needs of the township.

11. Police protection for the township is provided by a part-time police officer and by the Anoka County Sheriff's office.

12. Fire protection is provided by the City of Elk River and City of Anoka Fire Departments, respectively, who contract with the township for said fire protection.

13. The township has hired the services of a planner and a zoning and comprehensive use plan has been adopted and implemented. Also the township has adopted a subdivision ordinance, as well as adopted the State Building Code, by reference.

14. The Township of Ramsey, has until the last few years, been primarily agricultural and beyond the area of metropolitan growth; however, recent development pressures within the last five (5) years has changed the basic character of Ramsey Township from a rural community to a community of urban and suburban character. The population of Ramsey Township has been doubling every ten (10) years, and the population increasing trend does not seem to have yet stabilized, as has been indicated by the number of building permits issued in the township, as well as the number of plats which have been approved by the township. Also, Anoka-Hennepin Independent School District No. 11, has, because of the increased population in the Township of Ramsey, constructed an elementary school in the township. Said school will open for the school year 1974-1975. This increasing population and development have brought

with their needs for municipal services in the Township of Ramsey.

15. The township had several business establishments, and few industrial establishments, located primarily along State Trunk Highway No. 10, the number thereof having increased steadily in the last few years.

16. It is anticipated that the population, assessed valuation, and residential, commercial and industrial construction will continue to grow at an ever increasing rate in the future.

17. There is now, and will be in the immediate future, a need for ever increased governmental service in the Township of Ramsey and the City form of government will be better able to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the Township of Ramsey.

18. The area proposed to be incorporated and inclusion of that area described in Findings of Fact Number 4 herein can be best served as one city in the matter of community planning, installation of thoroughfares, street systems, sewer and water systems, fire and police protection, recreational and other vital and necessary community services.

19. The township form of government in Ramsey Township is inadequate to cope with the problems of urban and suburban growth and development within the township and does not efficiently and economically provide the necessary services for the residents.

20. The area proposed for incorporation and inclusion of that area described in Findings of Fact Number 4 herein contains no physical features which would render impractical provisions of municipal services to all parts of the area by the proposed city.

21. The name of the proposed City is Ramsey.

22. The city plan of government suitable for the area to be incorporated is Optional Plan "A".

23. It is in the best interest of the public that the Township of Ramsey and the area described in Findings of Fact Number 4 herein be incorporated as a City so that municipal services in the area can be more efficiently and economically provided to the residents thereof and to future residents thereof.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. The area to be incorporated as the City of Ramsey is described as follows:

All portions of Grow Township, Township 32, Range 24, Anoka County lying west of the thread of the Rum River, and all portions of Ramsey Township, Township 32, Range 25, Anoka County lying west of the thread of the Rum River.

3. The area to be incorporated as a city is such that the existing township form of government is not adequate to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, and future residents in relation to the past and projected growth of the area.

4. All of the area to be incorporated can feasibly and practically provide for, and best serve, the needs for governmental services presently and as they become necessary in the future, as a city, and the area proposed for incorporation is fit to be governed by a single municipal government.

5. That the Township of Ramsey, Anoka County, Minnesota, is now partially urban or suburban in character and contains undeveloped areas which are about to become urban or suburban in character.

6. The area proposed for incorporation presently has and will continue to have a sufficient assessed valuation to provide the tax

revenue needed to pay for required municipal services.

7. The area proposed for incorporation presently contains a sufficient number of people to allow efficient and economical provision of municipal services.

8. The name of the new municipality shall be the City of Ramsey.

9. The plan of government shall be Optional Plan "A".

10. That, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Annotated, Chapter 414, as amended, the Municipal Commission of the State of Minnesota, determines as a matter of law that it is appropriate for the above-described area to incorporate as a City.

O R D E R

Upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and upon all the testimony taken and exhibits received and upon the record herein, the Municipal Commission of the State of Minnesota, being fully advised in the premises, pursuant to M.S.A., Chapter 414, as amended:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the following described area

All portions of Grow Township, Township 32, Range 24, Anoka County lying west of the thread of the Rum River, and all portions of Ramsey Township, Township 32, Range 25, Anoka County lying west of the thread of the Rum River

be incorporated as the City of Ramsey.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the primary election of officers in the new City of Ramsey shall be held on the 5th day of November, 1974 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., that the polling place for the first election of officers shall be the present Town Hall of Ramsey Township and that the acting clerk for election purposes shall be Mrs. Astrid Guy. The following shall be election judges for the first election of officers:

Allen Sorteberg
Arnold Peltzer
Manford Schake
Jean James
Patricia Locher
Phyllis Barstow
Laura Hamilton
Arlene Harrington

Alternate judges for the first election of officers shall be:

Kathy Schneider
Ann Foster
Elaine Boros

The final or general election for new municipal officers shall be conducted in the same manner on December 10, 1974.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: The Acting Clerk shall prepare the official election ballot. Affidavits of candidacy may be filed by any person eligible to hold municipal office not more than four weeks nor less than two weeks before the election. At least one week before the first day to file such affidavits the acting clerk shall publish a notice in a newspaper qualified as a medium of official publication and of general publication within the new municipality stating the first and the last dates on which such affidavits may be filed, the location of the clerk's office, the clerk's office hours and the amount of the filing fee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: The Acting Clerk shall publish a notice of election in a newspaper qualified as a medium of official publication and of general circulation within the new municipality for two successive weeks immediately prior to the election date. The election notice shall state the purpose, date, and polling places for the election, the time the polls shall be open, which time shall be at least five hours.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: The election shall be conducted in conformity with the laws for conducting city elections in so far as

applicable. Any person eligible to vote at a township or municipal election within the area of the new municipality, is eligible to vote at such election.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the plan of government for the new City of Ramsey, shall be Optional Plan "A".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the Secretary of the Municipal Commission of the State of Minnesota shall cause copies of this Order to be mailed as provided by law.

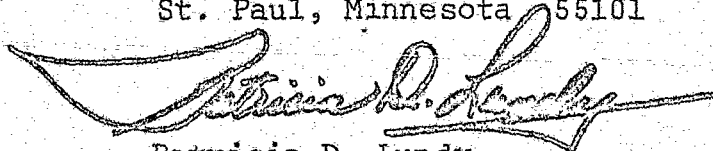
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That a supplementary hearing may be held at a future date to be announced by the commission to determine whether a special levy should be authorized to meet increased costs due to the incorporation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the commission retain jurisdiction for the limited purpose of determining the population of the newly incorporated municipality.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the effective date of the incorporation shall be December 15, 1974.

Dated this 6th day of September, 1974

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