

# **BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL**

## ***Work Session Agenda***

**Monday, July 11, 2011**

**City Hall  
Council Chambers  
5:30 p.m.**



1. CALL TO ORDER
  
2. 2010 AUDIT PRESENTATION – SANDY NELSON, MILLER MCDONALD  
(The Audit is available to view on the City's website... [www.ci.bemidji.mn.us](http://www.ci.bemidji.mn.us))
  
3. DISCUSSION – STONER AVENUE STREET NAME
  
4. CGMC – TIM FLAHERTY
  
5. CITY COUNCIL & STAFF UPDATES/QUESTIONS  
- Discussion only.
  
6. ADJOURNMENT

*Bemidji—Regional Center Amenities with Small Town Character*

# **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**



**Meeting Date: July 11, 2011**

**Action Requested: Consideration of Stoner Avenue Name Change**

**Prepared By: Craig Gray, Director of Public Works**

**Reviewed By: John Chattin, City Manager**

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## Background

There are four sections of Stoner Avenue in the city as shown on the attached map. Due to the "uniqueness" of this name the street signs are continually stolen. The city has tried numerous things over the years to try and make the signs more difficult to remove. At one point we even welded the signs to the post and then the entire post was stolen. A week ago we replaced five of the signs and these are already gone. The continual lack of these street signs is a public safety concern for fire, police and ambulance services.

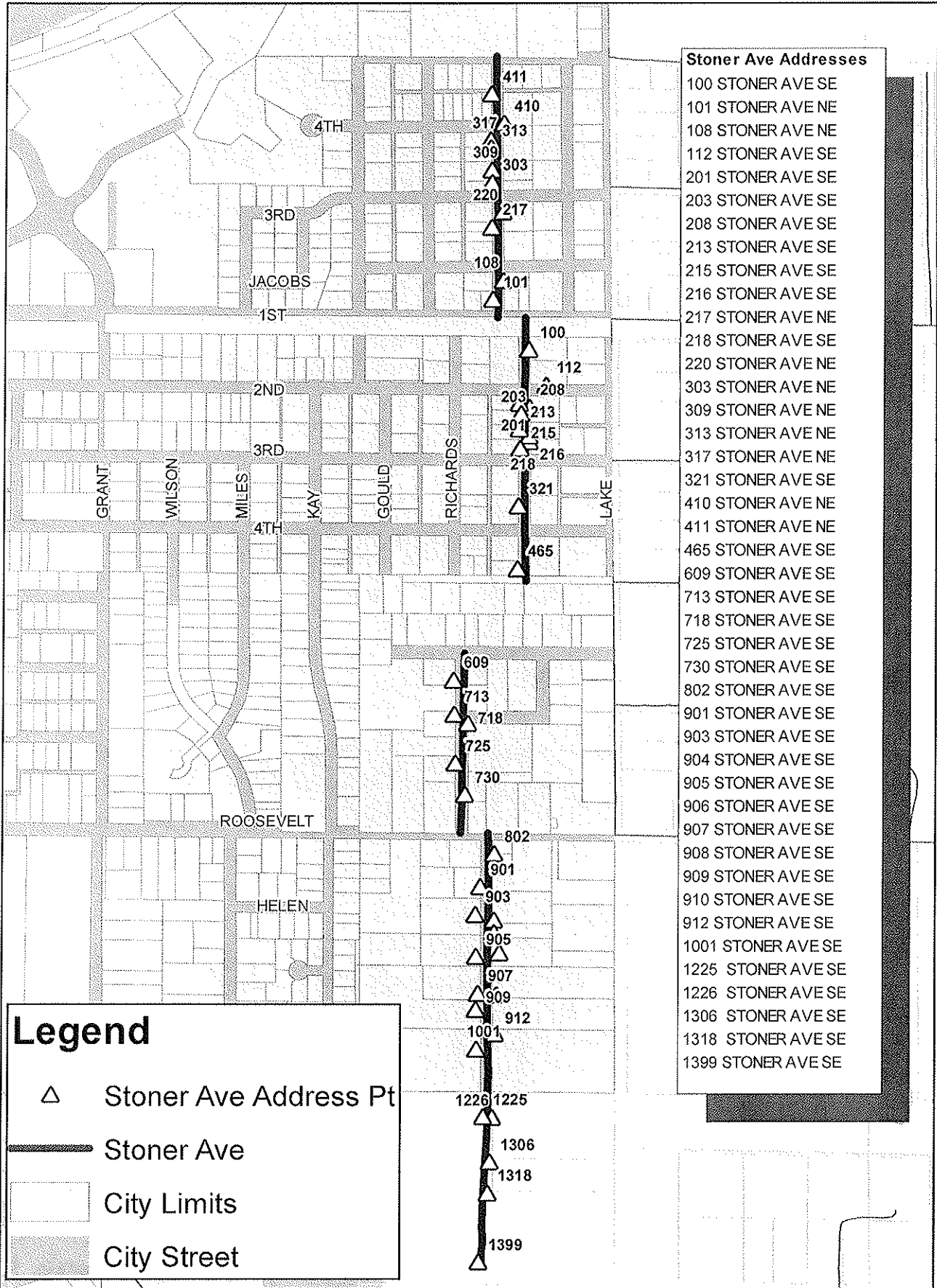
There are approximately 15 intersections with Stoner Avenue signs. Each location requires 2 signs at a cost of about \$100 a piece. In a typical year we replace about 15 signs. This number would be quite higher if we replaced the signs as soon as they were removed. Conservatively I would say the theft of these signs costs the city \$2,000/year in signs and materials. Labor costs would be in addition to this amount.

The city council should consider changing the name of Stoner Avenue. It appears that changing the street name would affect a total of 43 property owners. I believe Beryl Wernberg from Beltrami County Emergency Services will be at the meeting to speak to the public safety aspect of this issue and Kay Murphy, City Clerk, will provide her input and ideas at the meeting on the process that the city could undertake if the city council wanted to consider making this change.

# Stoner Ave



43 total addresses on Stoner Ave - 38 in the City - 5 outside the City



## Stoner Ave Addresses

- 100 STONER AVE SE
- 101 STONER AVE NE
- 108 STONER AVE NE
- 112 STONER AVE SE
- 201 STONER AVE SE
- 203 STONER AVE SE
- 208 STONER AVE SE
- 213 STONER AVE SE
- 215 STONER AVE SE
- 216 STONER AVE SE
- 217 STONER AVE NE
- 218 STONER AVE SE
- 220 STONER AVE NE
- 303 STONER AVE NE
- 309 STONER AVE NE
- 313 STONER AVE NE
- 317 STONER AVE NE
- 321 STONER AVE SE
- 410 STONER AVE NE
- 411 STONER AVE NE
- 465 STONER AVE SE
- 609 STONER AVE SE
- 713 STONER AVE SE
- 718 STONER AVE SE
- 725 STONER AVE SE
- 730 STONER AVE SE
- 802 STONER AVE SE
- 901 STONER AVE SE
- 903 STONER AVE SE
- 905 STONER AVE SE
- 907 STONER AVE SE
- 909 STONER AVE SE
- 912 STONER AVE SE
- 1001 STONER AVE SE
- 1225 STONER AVE SE
- 1226 STONER AVE SE
- 1306 STONER AVE SE
- 1318 STONER AVE SE
- 1399 STONER AVE SE

## Legend

- △ Stoner Ave Address Pt
- Stoner Ave
- City Limits
- City Street

Miles  
0.5

