

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

August 6, 2007

Present: Scott M. Johnson
David Gustafson
James P. Kelly
Pat Kelley
Steve Marolt

Tom Smith, City Administrator
Wayne G. Johnson, City Attorney

Also attending: Tessie Huset, George Pope, Chris Mattila, Andy Fisher, Dave Mealey, Curt Anderson, Chuck Potter, Jack Swanson

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion J. Kelly, second Gustafson to approve the consent agenda item 3 (minutes of July 16 Council meeting and June Treasurer's report) THE MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, & COMMUNICATIONS

TOURISM ASSOCIATION – George Pope and Council member Pat Kelley spoke in support of the request from the Silver Bay Area Tourism Association asking the Council to consider passing a city wide lodging tax in the amount of three percent. Council member Marolt stated the Economic Development Authority also supported passage of the lodging tax. Member J. Kelly noted the letter of request was neither dated nor signed and stated he felt it was a poor practice for Council to accept this type of communication. Member P. Kelley apologized for the oversight.

Chuck Potter, representing the owners of the AmericInn, said the owners had originally favored a lodging tax when they thought there would be more businesses involved, but now that it appeared their facility would be accounting for 80% or more of the money generated, the group no longer supported the tax. Andy Fisher and Council member P. Kelley talked about the benefits of promoting the community and the area as a whole in order to bring more tourists into the city and the area, which would benefit individual businesses. George Pope stated funds generated by the tax would be used for such things as a web site and a brochure to market the area to the nation. No decision on the tax was made by Council. NEXT AGENDA

Thank you received from Friends of the Library for the City's support of the 7th Salmon Classic. Thank you from N. Kasowski for the 4th of July display of fireworks. Member J. Kelly reported a citizen had commented that the cemetery looked very nice this year.

DEPARTMENTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – REQUEST TO SET FY08 BUDGET WORK SESSIONS – Council set Wednesday, August 15, at 8:30 a.m. as a budget work session.

REQUEST TO EXTEND AIRPORT MANAGER’S CONTRACT – Changes are being made in the job description for the airport manager. Mr. Smith asked for approval to extend the current manager’s contract, which expired July 31, for 60 days.

Motion J. Kelly, second Gustafson to extend the contract of the current airport manager, which expired July 31, by 60 days. THE MOTION CARRIED

CITY ATTORNEY – NUISANCE ENFORCEMENT – City Atty. Johnson said he, the Asst. City Atty., and members of the police department had inspected properties within the city and reviewed the various complaints that had been submitted to the police department. Three of the items warranted prosecution, Atty. Johnson said. He explained the process of warning letters and citations that would be utilized. Audience member Jack Swanson complained that the police were not enforcing the city ordinances.

Atty. Johnson referenced his July 24, 2007, letter of opinion regarding a donation to a group for purposes of promoting tourism. The opinion states the council can not expend public funds as requested by the Silver Bay Area Tourism Association.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT--NORTH SHORE DRUG RESPONSE TEAM – Atty. Johnson noted the Joint Powers Agreement had been revised according to the requests of the Council and therefore now met the City’s requirements.

Motion Marolt, second J. Kelly to adopt **Resolution 2007-#22, Authorizing Joint Powers Agreement North Shore Drug Response Team.**

Roll call vote: Member Gustafson – aye	Member J. Kelly – aye
Member P. Kelley – aye	Member Marolt – aye
Mayor Johnson – aye	

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED

NEW BUSINESS – ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY REQUEST TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – Atty. Johnson suggested Council should seek proposals to determine what the cost of a study would be before it considered a donation toward the cost of such a study.

Motion J. Kelly, second P. Kelley to authorize the city administrator to seek proposals to look at the feasibility of an assisted living facility in Silver Bay. THE MOTION CARRIED

REQUEST TO CONTRIBUTE \$1,000 TOWARD PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY - FUTURE AGENDA

REQUEST JOINT MEETING WITH EDA TO DISCUSS ASSISTED LIVING – Motion Marolt, second J. Kelly to set a Joint City Council/Economic Development Authority Meeting for August 20 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss assisted living with Northland Foundation. THE MOTION CARRIED

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY - Motion J. Kelly, second P. Kelley to declare 2006 and 2007 "Bay Days" t-shirts and sweatshirts as surplus and to authorize giving them away as prizes or for promotions. THE MOTION CARRIED

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO MATCH COST FOR PORTA POTTIES USED AT BAY DAYS - Motion J. Kelly, second Gustafson to authorize payment from the appropriate city fund for half of the cost, \$182.00, for the rental of Porta Potties during Bay Days. THE MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION – NEXT AGENDA

Curt Anderson said some music at outdoor events in the city is too loud and suggested the city should have the people responsible for an event inform musicians with amplifiers that the sound needed to be kept down.

The meeting was closed at 8:05 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue--the water/sewer superintendent position due to a pending retirement.

The meeting reopened at 8:21 p.m.

WATER/WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT POSITION - Motion J. Kelly, second P. Kelley that based on the fact that Michael Miller had declined the city's offer of an appointment as superintendent of the water and wastewater departments, the city administrator is authorized to advertise the position of water/wastewater superintendent outside of the city. THE MOTION CARRIED

Motion P. Kelley, second Marolt to approve payment of \$102,266.23 paid claims and \$284,700.69 unpaid claims as presented. THE MOTION CARRIED

Motion Marolt, second Gustafson to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. CARRIED

Scott M. Johnson, Mayor

Tom Smith, City Administrator