

## CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

November 17, 2014

Present: Joanne Johnson  
David Gustafson  
Carlene Perfetto

Dustin Goutermont – excused

Pete Morris, City Attorney  
Doug Frericks, Police Chief  
Aaron Johnson, Police Officer  
Scott M Johnson, Mayor Elect  
Kitty Mayo, North Shore Journal  
Dave Johnson

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

**Agenda** – Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the agenda as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Consent Agenda** – Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014 regular meeting, the November 10, 2014 canvassing board meeting, budget workshop and special meeting, and the August 2014 treasurer's report.  
MOTION CARRIED.

### **Petitions, Requests and Communications**

**Breakfast of Champions** – The Council reviewed information about this December 2 event in Two Harbors recognizing the work of first responders within the county. It was noted that first responders from the Fire Dept. and Police Dept., Mayor Johnson, Councilor Perfetto and the Administrator may attend, and that the cost is \$14 per person.

### **City Administrator**

**Full Time Police Officer** – The Personnel Committee is recommending an offer to Ben Vitulli for the full-time Police Officer position, pending the conditions of a successful completion of a background check, and a physical and psychological exam. It was noted that there will be a one-year probationary period, with starting wage at 80% of full-time patrolman wage. Frericks reviewed the hiring process and there was discussion about whether, in the future, the second round of interviews should be done by the Council or the Personnel Committee. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to offer Ben Vitulli the position of full-time Police Officer, pending the conditions of a successful completion of a background check, and a physical and psychological exam, with a one-year probationary period. MOTION CARRIED.

**Police Chief Training Scholarship** – The Council reviewed scholarship funds to send the Police Chief to the MN Chiefs of Police Association Training on December 1-5 in Little Falls that was approved at the September 2, 2014 meeting. Motion by Perfetto, second

Gustafson to approve a scholarship from the Minnesota Chief of Police Association for the Police Chief training on December 1-5 in Little Falls. MOTION CARRIED.

**Mary MacDonald Building Repair** – Wilderness Family Naturals has been notified by the FDA that two rooms need repair for peeling sheetrock. The Council reviewed a bid from Lakeside Masonry for repair of the exterior wall. The Mary MacDonald Building Committee recommends approval of this bid. Wilderness Family Naturals has offered to make the needed interior repairs. There was discussion about receiving more than one bid for projects of this amount, the cost for exterior heating to do this project in the cold weather, and it was noted that the cost of this heating is unknown at this time. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to approve a bid from Lakeside Masonry for exterior work to the Mary MacDonald Center, for \$5,980 plus the cost of exterior heating. MOTION CARRIED.

**Insurance Liability Waiver** – The Council reviewed the Insurance Liability Coverage Waiver Form, Morris reviewed this subject, and it was noted that in the past the Council has not waived the monetary limits on tort liability. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to not waive the monetary limits on tort liability. MOTION CARRIED.

**City Attorney** – No other business was presented by the attorney.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business was presented.

**Claims** – Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to approve payment of \$65,780.64 paid claims and \$57,284.24 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

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Joanne Johnson, Mayor

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Lana Fralich, City Administrator