

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

June 16, 2014

Present: Joanne Johnson
David Gustafson
Steven Marolt
Dustin Goutermont
Carlene Perfetto

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Aaron Johnson, Interim Police Chief
Mike Aho, Police Officer
Kitty Mayo, North Shore Journal
Justin Mayne

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

Agenda – Police Chief Interviews was added to administrator, and Watershed Meeting was added to communications. Motion by Marolt, second Gustafson to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014 regular Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Bay Days Parade – The Council reviewed a parade registration form. Motion by Marolt, second Goutermont to approve for the City to participate in the Bay Days parade on July 13, and authorize \$150 of candy to be used at this event. MOTION CARRIED.

Watershed Meeting – Mayor Johnson and Councilor Gustafson reported on the meeting they attended earlier on this date, and there was discussion about watershed issues and individual septic systems near Lake Superior, outside of the City.

Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to recess the regular session. MOTION CARRIED.
The Council went into closed session from 7:12 p.m. until 7:26 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with the Local 49ers Union, regarding the Marina Manager position.
Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to close the closed session. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to reopen the regular session at 7:26 p.m..
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gustafson, second Goutermont to approve the job description of the Parks and Recreation Director. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to change the position of Assistant Recreation Director to the Parks and Recreation Manager and to approve the job description for this position. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to approve the job description of the Marina Manager. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve a memo of understanding with the Local 49ers Union regarding the Marina Manager position, effective June 16, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

City Administrator

Resolution 2014-22 – Motion by Gustafson, second Goutermont to adopt Resolution 2014-22, appointing election judges for the August 12, 2014 primary election and the November 4, 2014 general election.

Member Perfetto – aye
Member Goutermont – aye
Mayor Johnson – aye

Member Gustafson – aye
Member Marolt – aye

RESOLUTION 2014-22 WAS ADOPTED. 5 aye, 0 nay

Mary MacDonald Lease Agreement – The Council reviewed a lease agreement with the Duluth Clinic, for leased space in the building, for a pharmacy. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to approve a lease agreement with Duluth Clinic, Ltd., to lease space at the Mary MacDonald Center from July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016. MOTION CARRIED.

Letter of Resignation – Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to accept the letter of resignation from Police Officer Chad Streiff, effective on July 11. MOTION CARRIED. The Council thanked Streiff for his service to the City. There was discussion about staffing and scheduling in the Police Dept., keeping 24 hour Police coverage in the interim period, use of part-time officers, increasing the hours of the interim chief in order to cover patrol time, and the possibility of having officers on-call. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to approve to move forward to advertise and take applications for a full-time Police patrolman position. MOTION CARRIED. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to approve to amend the contract with the Interim Police Chief to allow for more than 20 hours a week, at the same rate of pay. MOTION CARRIED. Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to authorize the Mayor and Administrator to work with the Teamsters Union to allow officers to be on an on-call status, during the interim period. MOTION CARRIED.

Closed Meeting, Police Chief Interviews – There was discussion about the interview process, having the full Council perform the first round of interviews, meeting notification and open meeting laws. Motion by Gustafson, second Marolt to hold a special closed meeting on June 23, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting interviews for the Chief of Police position. MOTION CARRIED.

Police Chief Interviews – This subject was covered under Closed Meeting, Police Chief Interviews.

City Attorney – The attorney was unable to attend this meeting, and no business was brought forward on his behalf.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Pay – The Council reviewed the pay to the Mayor and Councilors, and it was noted that any changes to the pay must be made before the election, and would take effect in 2015. There was a consensus to keep the same pay rate, and no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking – The Council reviewed City Code Chapter 10 and it was noted that the Public Works Commission and the Safety Committee recommend changing the Code to not allow parking on the boulevards at any time, and the Public Works Commission recommends a review of the Code as it relates to parking across sidewalks. There was also discussion about on-street parking of trailers and oversized vehicles, having alternate side parking, and areas of overcrowding of on-street parking. Motion by Goutermont, second Marolt to direct the Administrator and Attorney to review the City Code related to parking issues, and bring proposed Code changes back to the Council. Gustafson, Marolt, Goutermont and Johnson voted aye, Perfetto voted nay. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims – Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to approve payment of \$78,258.07 paid claims and \$38,438.33 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Joanne Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator