

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

June 2, 2014

Present: Joanne Johnson
David Gustafson
Dustin Goutermont
Carlene Perfetto

Steven Marolt – excused

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Pete Morris, City Attorney
Todd Ragan, Police Officer
Ken Vogel, Lake County News Chronicle
Kitty Mayo, North Shore Journal
Dave Johnson, Allison Morris

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

Agenda – Police Chief Interviews was added to administrator. Motion by Goutermont, second Gustafson to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2014 regular Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Thank You to State and Federal Legislators – The Council thanked Senator Bakk and Representative Dill for their support in obtaining the IRRRB grant and State funding for the Public Utilities projects. The Council also thanked Congressman Nolan and Senators Franken and Klobuchar for their support in Federal grant funding for the new fire truck.

Minnesota Energy Donation for the Fire Truck – It was noted that Minnesota Energy has committed to donating \$10,000 for the purchase of a new fire truck. A check will be presented to the City at City Hall on June 12 at 8:00 a.m., and it will be posted that the quorum of the Council will be present.

Rocky Taconite – It was noted that Rocky Taconite, who was commemorated in 1964 when the city was proclaimed the “Taconite Capitol of the World”, will be 50 years old in 2014 and that he will be celebrated during Bay Days on July 11-13.

Lake Superior Watershed Meeting – It was noted that there will be a meeting to look at a recent MPCA study, and to receive input on watershed issues, on June 16 at the AmericInn, and it will be posted that the quorum of the Council will be present.

City Administrator

Resolution 2014-19 – It was noted that the City has been awarded a \$446,500 FEMA grant for the purchase of a new fire truck, and that the City will have \$23,500 in matching funds, including the donation from Minnesota Energy. Motion by Gustafson, second

Goutermont to adopt Resolution 2014-19, authorizing the City to accept award to the Dept. of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency's assistance to firefighters grant program for vehicle acquisition.

Member Perfetto – aye
Member Goutermont – aye
Member Marolt – absent

Member Gustafson – aye
Mayor Johnson – aye

RESOLUTION 2014-19 WAS ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Resolution 2014-20 – It was noted that the City has been awarded state funds of approximately \$515,000 and a \$150,000 IRRRB grant for the water system project. The Council reviewed an agreement with Mike Miller Engineering for this project, and it was noted that the attorney has reviewed this agreement, and the PUC recommends its approval. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2014-20, authorizing to execute an agreement for engineering and construction management services with Michael J Miller for the 2014 water system project, including the water main crossing of T.H. 61, water booster station reconstruction and water plant standby generator.

Member Perfetto – aye
Member Goutermont – aye
Member Marolt – absent

Member Gustafson – aye
Mayor Johnson – aye

RESOLUTION 2014-20 WAS ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Temporary On-Sale Liquor License – The Council reviewed an application from the Liquor Store for a temporary on-sale license for July 11-12, at the City Hall parking lot. Motion by Goutermont, second Gustafson to grant a temporary on-sale liquor license to the Municipal Liquor Store for July 11-12, at the City Hall parking lot. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2014-21 – There was discussion about the position of part time economic developer, funding for this position, developing the Eco-Industrial park, and economic development in the existing retail sector. The EDA recommends making application to the USDA Rural Development grant for an economic developer, to apply for an IRRRB grant for grant application expenses, and to hire a consultant to write these grants. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to adopt Resolution 2014-21, authorizing to make application to and accept funds from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's rural business opportunity grant program, for a community development coordinator program.

Member Perfetto – aye
Member Goutermont – aye
Member Marolt – absent

Member Gustafson – aye
Mayor Johnson – aye

RESOLUTION 2014-19 WAS ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

It was noted that IRRRB funding for grant writing services is not available at this time. The Council reviewed a proposal from Cedar Tree Enterprises to donate in-kind services for grant writing for the USDA grant application. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to accept a donation of in-kind services, of \$1,000, from Cedar Tree Enterprises for grant writing for the USDA rural business opportunity grant, on behalf of the City.

MOTION CARRIED.

Police Chief Interviews – Fralich reviewed the Police Chief interview process, and there was a consensus for the first round of interviews to be conducted by the Personnel Committee and Police officials of their choosing, and the second round of interviews to be conducted by the Council.

City Attorney – No business was presented by the attorney.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business was presented.

NEW 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. This subject was tabled.

Claims – Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve payment of \$85,488.83 paid claims and \$17,811.26 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Joanne Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator