

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

October 6, 2014

Present: Joanne Johnson
Dustin Goutermont
David Gustafson
Carlene Perfetto

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Pete Morris, City Attorney
B J Kohlstedt, Lake County Emergency Services Director
Bruce Carman, Mariner Farms Inc.
Ken Vogel, Lake County News Chronicle
Kitty Mayo, North Shore Journal
Dave Johnson, Jack Swanson

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

Agenda – Request for Bids was added to administrator and Billboard Lease was removed from new business. Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014 budget workshop and regular meeting and the September 25 special meeting, and the July 2014 Treasurer's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Letter Commending Officer Starkovich – The Council reviewed a letter thanking Officer Starkovich for his actions during a call from earlier in the year.

Leadership in Integrated Municipal Energy Projects – The Mayor, Administrator and Councilor Perfetto are planning to attend this event on October 7 in Duluth regarding energy initiatives that are being used by Minnesota cities.

City Administrator

Conditional Use Permit – The Council reviewed a conditional use permit application from Mariner Farms, Inc. for a biofuel / food greenhouse in the Eco-Industrial Park, and reviewed the minutes of the October 1 Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing and special meeting, and noted the Commission recommends approval of this permit without any specific conditions. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to issue a Conditional Use Permit for Mariner Farms Inc. for Lot 9, Block 4 of the Eco-Industrial Park. MOTION CARRIED.

Surplus Property – The Council reviewed a capital asset form to declare the 2008 Ford Explorer, Police Cruiser, as surplus property, to be traded in for a 2015 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor with Sonju Motors in Two Harbors. There was discussion about the

budget and it was noted that this purchase is in the vehicle replacement schedule. Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to declare the 2008 Ford Explorer as surplus property and to dispose of as a trade-in on the purchase of a new police vehicle. MOTION CARRIED.

Volunteer Firefighter Appointments – The Fire Chief recommends hiring two individuals as volunteer firefighters. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to hire Joshua Velcheff and Darryl Hansen as volunteer firefighters pending their successful completion of a pre-employment physical and that their effective date to be the day after the City receives notification of the passing of the physical. MOTION CARRIED.

Police Radio Purchase – The Council reviewed a purchase order for a police radio, and it was noted that this radio would be needed when a fifth officer is added to the police dept. It was also noted that the last day to order this type of radio was September 30, and so this radio has already been ordered, and that this expense was not in the 2014 budget. Perfetto stated that she was opposed to the purchase of take home radios for Police officers. Motion by Goutermont, second Gustafson to approve the purchase of a Motorola police radio for \$2,467.50, retroactive to September 26. MOTION CARRIED. 4 aye, 0 nay

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing – Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to set the Truth in Taxation hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2014, during the regular Council meeting, and to take written comments until 4:00 p.m. on December 1, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

Liquor Store Public Hearing – The Council reviewed State Statute 340A.602 and noted that a public hearing is required to take public comments in regards to the City continuing the operations of the municipal liquor store, because two of the past three years have shown a net loss, even though the loss's are justified. Motion by Gustafson, second Goutermont to hold a public hearing regarding the City operation of the Municipal Liquor Store, on December 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., during the regular Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Part-Time Seasonal Employees – The Park and Recreation Director recommends hiring Troy LeBlanc and Spencer Tiboni to part-time seasonal positions. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to hire Troy LeBlanc at the rate of \$8.00 and Spencer Tiboni at the rate of \$7.40 as part-time seasonal employees to the Parks and Recreation Department, effective October 7, with the first day of employment to be determined by the Park and Recreation Director. MOTION CARRIED.

Request for Bids – The Council reviewed a request for bids and advertisement for the purchase of a new fire truck, which is recommended by the Fire Chief. There was discussion about funding for this project, where to advertise, and the timeline to receive this custom made truck. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to advertise for and accept bids for a 6 person custom cab fire pumper tender engine, with sealed bids to be opened at 11:00 a.m. on October 29, and to appoint the administrator and Councilors Perfetto and Gustafson to the Bid Tabulation Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2014-34 – The Council reviewed an estimate to replace the wastewater tertiary clarifier. There was discussion about the budget and funding for this project including funding from the IRRRB Public Works Grant, compliance with mercury discharge

levels, and the delivery time for this custom made tertiary. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to adopt Resolution 2014-34, authorizing the City to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Public Works Grant Program.

Member Perfetto – aye
Member Gustafson – aye

Member Goutermont – aye
Mayor Johnson – aye

RESOLUTION 2014-34 WAS ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay

Request for Bids – The Council reviewed a request for bids and advertisement for generators at the water plant and water booster station which is recommended by the Public Utilities Commission. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to advertise for and accept bids for generators for the water plant and the water booster station, with sealed bids to be opened at 11:00 a.m. on November 4. MOTION CARRIED.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Lake County Helispot – The Council reviewed a letter from Lake County Emergency Management requesting approval to land a medical helicopter at the business park, when needed for emergencies. It was noted that the insurance provider does not see any issues with this use as long as it is only for emergency purposes. Kohlstedt reported that the County is working on establishing a permanent official landing zone. There was discussion about which temporary site at the business park would be used, and response times for this site and the airport. Motion by Goutermont, second Gustafson to move forward with establishing a temporary emergency helispot at the business park. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business was presented.

Claims – Motion by Goutermont, second Gustafson to approve payment of \$139,109.68 paid claims and \$96,614.94 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Joanne Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator