

## CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

September 2, 2014

Present: Joanne Johnson  
 Dustin Goutermont  
 David Gustafson  
 Carlene Perfetto

Lana Fralich, City Administrator  
 Pete Morris, City Attorney  
 Bruce Carman, Mariner Farms  
 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** – Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to approve the agenda as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Consent Agenda** – Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2014 budget workshop and regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

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

**LMC Regional Meeting** – It was noted that the League of MN Cities regional meeting will be held in Biwabik on October 7 at a cost of \$40 per person for those who attend.

**Lake County Blandin Broadband Community Celebration** – The Council reviewed information about this September 10th event in Two Harbors. It will be posted that a quorum of the Council will attend this event.

### **City Administrator**

**Police Chief Training** – Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve for the Police Chief to attend the MN Chiefs of Police Association Training on December 1-5 in Little Falls, for \$540 plus regular mileage. MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 2014-26** – It was noted that the City has been awarded an IRRRB grant for expenses related to the comprehensive plan. The EDA recommends approval of this grant. Motion by Gustafson, second Goutermont to adopt Resolution 2014-26, authorizing the City to enter into a \$20,000 grant agreement with the State of Minnesota through the Iron Range Resources office of the commissioner for the comprehensive plan grant program.

Member Perfetto – aye  
 Member Gustafson – aye

Member Goutermont – aye  
 Mayor Johnson – aye

RESOLUTION 2014-26 WAS ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay

**Resolution 2014-27** – The EDA recommends approval of a service agreement with CR Planning Inc. for work to be done on the comprehensive planning report. There was discussion about the IRRRB grant, other possible funding sources, the 2014 and 2015 budgets, and revisiting the plan annually. It was noted that only one qualified proposal was submitted. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2014-27, authorizing to execute an agreement, for \$53,694, for professional consultant and engineering services with CR Planning Inc. for the City comprehensive and capital planning project.

Member Perfetto – aye  
Member Gustafson – aye

Member Goutermont – aye  
Mayor Johnson – aye

RESOLUTION 2014-27 WAS ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay

**Resolution 2014-28** – The EDA and Eco-Park Advisory Board recommend approval of a development agreement with Mariner Farms, for Lot 9 Block 4 of the business park, and it was noted that Johnson is a minor stakeholder and on the board of directors of Mariner Farms, Inc. and she did not participate in the discussion of this subject. It was noted that the acting Mayor would sign this agreement for the City. It was also noted that the agreement has the City acting as a pass-through agency for some funding sources for site improvements, that the purchase price of the land would be recovered by the City through property taxes, that the City would not have any other financial investment in this project, and that this agreement is similar to the agreement made with Carefree Assisted Living. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to adopt Resolution 2014-28, authorizing to execute a development agreement with Mariner Farms Inc. for the development of a closed loop eco-system food production facility and that the Acting Mayor and Administrator are directed to sign on the behalf of the city.

Member Perfetto – aye  
Member Gustafson – aye

Member Goutermont – aye  
Mayor Johnson – abstained

RESOLUTION 2014-28 WAS ADOPTED. 3 aye, 0 nay, 1 abstained

**Fire Service Contracts** – The Council reviewed a draft copy of the fire service contracts that will be submitted to Beaver Bay Township, Silver Creek Township, Lake County UT-1 and the City of Beaver Bay. It was noted that all contracts will follow a formula base, and not a fixed cost. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to move forward with Fire Service Contracts with Beaver Bay Township, Silver Creek Township, Lake County UT-1 and the City of Beaver Bay. MOTION CARRIED.

**Full and Part Time Police Job Description** – The Council reviewed a revised job description. It was noted that the 20 minute / 20 mile requirement has been removed, and that all officers will have to be eligible for a P.O.S.T. licensure at the time of appointment. There was discussion about minor word changes within the job description. Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to approve the full and part time licensed police patrolman job description, as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

## City Attorney

**Special Legal Project** – Morris reported that the property at 11 Carter Lane is a property of concern and that the Zoning Administrator has contacted the owner but is not able to get the cooperation of the owner, and has referred this matter to the attorney. Morris reviewed the process to resolve this concerned property, and it was noted that this project is not in the attorney retainer, and would be a special legal project. There was discussion about the timeline and that the city has set aside \$10,000 in the proposed 2015 budget for the legal expenses. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to move forward with this special project involving 11 Carter Lane and to pay the City Attorney necessary legal fees for this special project as it is outside of the legal retainer. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business was presented.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Advertisement for Volunteer Firefighters** – The Council reviewed a newspaper advertisement for application for the volunteer Fire Dept. There was discussion about advertising this position on cable channel 13. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to advertise for volunteer firefighters. MOTION CARRIED.

**Claims** – Motion by Goutermont, second Gustafson to approve payment of \$124,457.90 paid claims and \$41,611.15 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to adjourn at 7:36 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