

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

August 20, 2012

Present: Scott M. Johnson
David Gustafson
Joanne Johnson
Carlene Perfetto

Steven Marolt – excused

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Pete Morris, City Attorney
Kitty Mayo, North Shore Journal
Jack Swanson

The Council went into closed session at 6:46p.m., to discuss the City Administrator's contract renewal, the session went into recess from 7:01p.m until 7:09p.m.. The attorney reviewed the criteria for holding a closed session. No action was taken in the closed session. Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to adjourn the closed session at 7:12p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:13p.m.

Agenda – City Administrators Contract was added to old business. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2012 budget workshop, the August 6, 2012 Council meeting and the August 13, 2012 special Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Beaver Bay Assistance – The Council reviewed a letter from the City of Beaver Bay requesting that Public Utility Dept. employees temporarily assist them in the operation of their water and sewer systems. It was noted that the City is not taking responsibility or liability for the Beaver Bay water and sewer systems. There was a consensus to grant this temporary assistance.

City Administrator

Land Use Application, Wilderness Family Naturals – The Council reviewed a land use application from Wilderness Family Naturals, a tenant at the Mary MacDonald Center, to install an exterior business sign. It was noted that the Zoning Administrator has reviewed this application and recommends its approval, and that the City, as the property owner, must approve of this land use. There was discussion that showing the content of the sign, through a drawing or picture, is generally included in all applications, and that the Council would like to see this item before granting approval. This issue was tabled.

Marina Managers Conference – The Council reviewed information about this conference in Fort Lauderdale Florida on November 4-8. It was noted that the City has received a \$3,500 grant from the DNR for this conference, and that the remainder of the cost will come from the Marina budget. There was discussion about the Marina budget, and the timing and location of the conference.

Motion by J Johnson, second Gustafson to approve the request for the Marina manager to attend the Marina managers conference in Fort Lauderdale Florida on November 4-8 for \$2,995 plus air fare, mileage and meals. MOTION CARRIED.

Tourist Information Center – The Council reviewed an invoice from Ken Krueger for painting the tourist information center. It was noted that this item is not in the budget. There was discussion about the budget, and about developing a contract with the Historical Society for use of the tourist information center. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to approve the request to pay \$800 for the labor to paint the tourist information center. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2012-35 – The Council reviewed information for a DNR grant for wildfire fire protection equipment, and it was noted that this grant would cover 50% of the cost, with the remainder coming from the Fire Dept. equipment fund budget. Motion by J Johnson, second Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2012-35 authorizing to execute a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources grant agreement for fire protection equipment.

Member Johnson – aye
Member Gustafson – aye
Member Marolt – absent

Member Perfetto – aye
Mayor Johnson – aye

RESOLUTION 2012-35 WAS ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Amendment, Cedartree Enterprises contract – The Council reviewed a payment modification change to the contract with Cedartree Enterprises for land use planning. It was noted that \$2,000 would be paid now, and \$2,000 at the completion of the project, instead of the \$4,000 at the completion of the project. There was discussion about the plans to use these funds for Bruce Carman to attend an Eco-park conference in Massachusetts. There was discussion about the benefits of this conference, and the possibility of also sending the Administrator to this conference. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the payment modification change in the land use planning contract with Cedartree Enterprises. MOTION CARRIED.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ballot Questions – The Council reviewed two proposed ballot questions for the November 6 general election, for the establishment of a public utility for the Eco-park combined heat and power plant, and bonding for this project. It was noted that the Attorney has reviewed, and the EDA recommends approval of these ballot questions. There was discussion about the wording of the questions. Motion by J Johnson, second Perfetto to approve City Ballot Questions 1 and 2 for the November 6 general election. MOTION CARRIED.

City Administrator Contract – Mayor Johnson reviewed the proposed contract. There was discussion about the terms of the contract. Motion by J Johnson, second Perfetto to approve the employment contract with the City Administrator, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake County Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan – The Council reviewed the 2012 updated County plan. It was noted that the City would need to approve a mitigation plan in order to receive FEMA mitigation funds for the June 19-20 flooding event. The Council members will continue to review the plan, and this item was tabled.

Support Letter for Legislative Sponsorship – The Council reviewed a letter in support of Senate Bill S.3352, which would provide a tax credit for commercial and industrial properties using thermal biomass systems. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson for the City to send a letter of support for Senate Bill S.3352. MOTION CARRIED.

Superior National Forest Scenic Byway Interpretive Plan – The Council reviewed the plan, and the recommendations for the City that are in the plan. There was discussion about the signs proposed within the plan, and about scenic byway funding.

Claims – There was discussion about one item on the paid claims list. Motion by J Johnson, second Gustafson to approve payment of \$74,447.08 in paid claims and \$50,234.47 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to adjourn at 7:51p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Scott M Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator