

## CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

February 16, 2010

Present: Scott M. Johnson  
David Gustafson  
Carlene Perfetto

Joanne Johnson – excused  
Steven Marolt – excused

Lana Fralich, City Administrator  
Pete Morris, City Attorney  
Dr. Tom Clifford, Lake County Commissioner  
Carey Johnson, Lake County Sheriff  
Matt Suoja, Lake County News Chronicle

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

**Agenda** – LMC letter was added to Communications. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

**Consent Agenda** – Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2010 Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

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

**Board of Equalization** – The Board of Equalization meeting for the City will be held at the Lake County Courthouse on April 22, from 8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m. It was noted that this meeting deals with home/property valuations, and not 2010 taxes. There was discussion on the County holding this meeting within the City, in future years.

**Lake County / Two Harbors Gathering** – This meeting will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Superior Lodge. Mayor Johnson will be the spokesperson for the City. The issues to be included in the presentation for the City were discussed, with those areas being, the Eco-Industrial Park, LGA cuts, the Marina, regionalization of the Airport, the number of North Shore mining employees living outside of the community, and the importance of local government entities working together.

**St. Urho Request** – A letter was reviewed requesting that the City participate in the St. Urho's day parade on March 13. It was noted that there are already plans to participate and use the Silver Bay float.

**LMC Letter** – The Council reviewed a letter detailing the Governor's proposed cuts to Local Government Aid for 2010. This proposal would include a cut of \$158,000 in LGA for the City, in addition to the \$110,000 that has already been cut. It was noted that at this time these cuts are only a proposal. There was discussion on how the City would potentially deal with additional LGA cuts.

**City Administrator**

**Resolution 2010-10a Amended** – Resolution 2010-10 has been amended to add a revenue item. The total revenue for the budget is \$5,639,702 with a total expenditure of \$6,150,734. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to adopt Resolution 2010-10a amendment for fiscal year 2009 budget retroactive to December 31, 2009.

Member Gustafson – aye

Member Perfetto – aye

Mayor Johnson – aye

Member Marolt – absent

Member Johnson – absent

RESOLUTION 2010-10a was ADOPTED.

3 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent

**Planning and Zoning Applications and Fees** – The Council reviewed the application process and fee schedule for the following Planning and Zoning permits; Land Use, Variance, Conditional Use, Rezoning, Home Use Occupation and Building. The application process was discussed. The fees were discussed, as was the need for the fees to cover the expenses to process the applications. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of these applications and fees. Mayor Johnson thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Attorney and the administrative staff for their work on this issue. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the Planning and Zoning applications and fees. MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 2010-5** – The Council reviewed the revised City Fee schedule. It was noted that the Cemetery and Public Works fees have been modified, the fees for the ReUnion Hall have been added, and the Planning and Zoning fees have been added. The Planning and Zoning Commission and the Public Works Commission recommend approval of these fees. There was discussion about liquor license fees, and it was noted that the licensing process and fees are currently being reviewed. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2010-5 establishing City Fees.

Member Gustafson – aye

Member Perfetto – aye

Mayor Johnson – aye

Member Marolt – absent

Member Johnson – absent

RESOLUTION 2010-5 was ADOPTED.

3 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent

**Golf Course Consumption and Display renewal permit** – The Council reviewed the consumption and display permit for the Silver Bay Golf Course. It was noted that the Golf Course has already provided a check to accompany the application. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the renewal of consumption and display permit for the Silver Bay Country Club, Golf Club & Restaurant. MOTION CARRIED.

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

OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

**Claims** – Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve payment of \$77,859.73 paid claims, and \$68,887.11 in unpaid claims, and an additional \$6,000 unpaid claim to Cedar Tree Enterprises for grant writing applications. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson recessed the meeting at 7:25p.m.  
Mayor Johnson reopened the meeting at 7:34p.m.

Commissioner Clifford came at this time.

**Petitions, Requests and Communications** continued.

**Communication System** – Commissioner Clifford and Sheriff Johnson reviewed the new radio communications system that the County will be implementing. The FCC requires all radio frequencies to switch from a wideband to a narrowband by the end of 2012. A study and cost analysis for the County has been completed and was discussed. The ARMER system was discussed, and it was noted that most counties within the State would be using this system. Funding for this new system was discussed, including applying for grants and the State using 911 fees. Unfunded mandates from the State and Federal Governments were discussed. The cost to the City to buy new radios was discussed. Other items discussed were the use of cell phones vs. radio use, the areas of coverage for the current system and the new system, and the timeline for this project.

Commissioner Clifford addressed the Council on the following issues. The results of a health care study in the County were discussed. Cuts to Local Government Aid were discussed. The Banks Boulevard project and the Safe Routes to School Grant were discussed. Grant money for a community garden as part of the Active Living action plan was discussed. This item was forwarded to the Parks/Recreation Board. Signage on Outer Drive for the observation area was discussed. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to request that Lake County put up signs on Outer Drive for the observation area that is on North Shore Mining property. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to adjourn at 8:15p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

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Scott M. Johnson, Mayor

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Lana Fralich, City Administrator