

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

February 19, 2013

Present: Joanne Johnson
 David Gustafson
 Carlene Perfetto
 Dustin Goutermont

Steven Marolt – excused

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
 Pete Morris, City Attorney
 Kitty Mayo, Northshore Journal
 Tammy Francois, Lake County News Chronicle
 David Johnson

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

Agenda – Street Department and After Prom Request were added to Communications. Fire Chief Training was added to Administrator. Campground was added to Old Business. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2013 Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Marina Letter and Photo – The Council reviewed a letter and photo from the Marina manager about the Minneapolis Boat Show on January 31 - February 3, and it was noted that 3 new slip holders were signed up at the Show.

Day at the Capitol – The Council reviewed a memo about the information that was presented. Fralich, Johnson and Perfetto reported on the event and the meetings with the legislators. It was noted that the biofuel/food greenhouse is now the first aquaponics facility to be certified for organic produce, and that UMD is working to make this facility the first organically certified fish producer. There was discussion about the biofuel/food greenhouse expansion project, and about funding for infrastructure repairs and improvements. Mayor Johnson thanked everyone involved in this event.

Street Department – Fralich reported that Councilor Marolt wished to thank the Street Department for their snowplowing work during the recent snow storms.

After Prom Request – The Council reviewed a request for funding from the After Prom Committee and noted that this item is not in the budget and that financial contributions with tax dollars would create problems in the auditing process.

City Administrator

Resolution 2012-12 – The Council reviewed the EDA public hearing which was held at 3:00p.m. on this date, and the grant application in the amount of \$425,250 for this program. It was noted that due to changes in DEED grant requirements, the City needs to apply for owner occupied rehabilitation funding separate from Lake County. The EDA recommends approval of this application. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to adopt Resolution 2013-12, authorizing the City to make application to and accept funds from the MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development Small Cities Development Grant Program.

Member Perfetto – aye

Member Goutermont – aye

Member Gustafson – aye

Mayor Johnson – aye

Member Marolt – absent

RESOLUTION 2013-12 WAS ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Bad Check Procedures – The Council reviewed this procedure, and noted that a courtesy letter is sent, and then the issue is given to the Police Dept. to be handled as a criminal matter, as authorized by MN Statutes. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve the Bad Check Procedures. MOTION CARRIED.

Wind Turbine RFP – The Council reviewed a preliminary RFP for this project. It was noted that because this project is expected to exceed \$100,000, it will need to go through the public bidding process, and the RFP will need to be revised. This subject was tabled.

Resolution 2013-13 – It was noted that the City has been awarded \$50,000 from the Commissioners Fund Grant, and that the EDA recommends approval of this grant. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to adopt Resolution 2013-13, authorizing the City to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Minnesota through the Iron Range Resources Office of the Commissioner for the \$50,000 Commissioner Fund Grant for the biofuel/food greenhouse expansion project.

Member Perfetto – aye

Member Goutermont – aye

Member Gustafson – aye

Mayor Johnson – aye

Member Marolt – absent

RESOLUTION 2013-13 WAS ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Resolution 2013-14 – The Council reviewed this contract, and noted that the EDA recommends approval of this contract, with revisions made to the Ownership of Materials portion of the contract. In Section 11, the sentence, “The use of the mentioned materials by the City will not be restricted in any manner.” will be removed. It was further noted that references to the Lake Superior Coastal Program and the Lloyd K Johnson Foundation will be removed from the title. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2013-14, authorizing to execute the professional services agreement with Cedar Tree Enterprises, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation, for the development of the biofuel/food greenhouse expansion project within the Eco-Industrial Park, as amended.

Member Perfetto – aye

Member Goutermont – aye

Member Gustafson – aye

Mayor Johnson – aye

Member Marolt – absent

RESOLUTION 2013-14 WAS ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Fire Chief Training – The Council reviewed information about the Arson Investigation Training that the Fire Chief is requesting to attend. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve for the Fire Chief to attend the arson investigation training in St. Cloud on March 27-29, for \$250 plus hotel stay of \$79.95 per night plus tax and normal meals and mileage expenses. MOTION CARRIED.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Campground – The Council reviewed a cost estimate and drawings of the campground and building. There was discussion about funding options.

NEW BUSINESS

Eco-Park Advisory Board Appointment – The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends the appointment of Ken Smith to the Eco-Park Advisory Board. There was discussion about filling the at-large seat on this board. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to appoint Ken Smith as the Planning and Zoning Commission representative to the Eco-Park Advisory Board. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims – There was discussion about one item on the paid claims list. Motion by Gustafson, second Goutermont to approve payment of \$70,415.48 paid claims and \$23,831.02 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to adjourn at 7:31p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Joanne Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator