

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

February 21, 2012

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

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Tom Byrnes, Liquor Store Manager
Mitch Dow, Acting Police Chief
Catherine Hannula, Lake County News Chronicle
Anna Housey, Isabella Community Council
Sandy and Bryce Holcomb, Bob and Carol Allar, Gary and Vicky Stevens, Rich and Susan Scherdella, Karen Bock, Joe Anselment, Karl and Fran Jevning, Donna Durell, Larry and Tammy Carter, Bernie Young, Cliff and Betty Evjen, Duane Mellesmoen, Christine Travis, Kevin Berglund, Gary and Vicky Thompson, Janice Thomson, Chris Viola, Charlyse Knudson, Jerry and Sherry Stauss

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

Agenda – City Shuttle was added to New Business. Motion by J Johnson, second Marolt to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2012 Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Deer Feeding – There was discussion about allowing permits to feed deer within the City. There were comments by those in attendance, both for and against feeding. Fralich reported on her research on this issue; that the neighboring Cities around Silver Bay do not issue feeding permits and the MN DNR discourages deer feeding. There was discussion about liability issues for the City and health issues related to the deer population. Motion by Marolt to allow the City to issue permits for the feeding of deer within the City from December 15 to March 1, with a 50-pound per year feed limit. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND. There was discussion about allowing a permit only for the Veteran's Home. There was further discussion about liability and health issues. Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to amend City Code 610.01 replacing 'permit required' to 'no feeding of animals and fowl permitted', and to strike the words "without first having obtained a permit from the City Council." , and to remove City Code sections 610.02, 610.03, 610.04, 610.05, 610.06, 610.07, 610.08, 610.09, 610.10, 610.11, 610.12, 610.13 and 610.14. Perfetto and Mayor Johnson voted aye, Gustafson, J Johnson and Marolt voted nay. MOTION FAILED. There was discussion about creating a ballot question for an election vote on this issue, and the petition requirements for such a ballot question.

Mayor Johnson left at 7:38p.m., and the chair was turned over to Perfetto.

NEW BUSINESS

Pull Tab Sales, Municipal Liquor Store – The Council reviewed information from the Isabella Community Council about sale of pull-tabs at the Liquor Store. Byrnes recommended the option for the bartenders to sell the pull tabs, with the Store receiving \$200 a month plus 20% of sales over \$1,000, rather than the option of the Isabella Community Council selling pull tabs and the Store receiving only the \$200 a month. Housey discussed the local charitable activities of the Isabella Community Council. There was discussion about liability issues, auditing of pull-tab sales, and having the Community Council selling pull-tabs only during busy time periods. Motion by Gustafson, second Marolt to approve for bartenders to sell the pull tabs, with the Store receiving \$200 a month plus 20% of sales over \$1,000, upon the review of the attorney. There was further discussion about liability issues as opposed to legal issues, and union issues. MOTION WITHDRAWN. This issue was tabled to the March 5 meeting.

ATM purchase, Municipal Liquor Store – Byrnes presented information about the retrofitting or replacement of the ATM machine, and it was noted that the current machine, which is 12 years old, does not meet ADA compliance. There was discussion about the cost of the new machine and the fee income generated by the ATM machine. Motion by J Johnson, second Marolt to approve for the purchase of an ATM machine, not to exceed \$3,000, for the Liquor Store. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications continued

Press Release, Northshore Mining – The Council reviewed a press release concerning dust control measures being taken at the plant.

Open House Invitation, Lake County Fiber Optic Network – The Council reviewed an invitation to this March 1 event in Two Harbors. It has been posted that a quorum of the Council will attend.

Open House Invitation, IRRRB – The Council reviewed an invitation to this February 22 event in Eveleth. It has been posted that a quorum of the Council will attend.

Day at the Capital Brochure – The Council reviewed the brochure for this event.

City Administrator

2012 Local Board of Appeals – The Council discussed when to hold the 2012 Board of Appeals meeting, and there was a consensus to invite the County to the April 16 Council meeting, and for the County to hold the Board of Appeals meeting at that time.

Silver Trail Riders – Silver Sledder's Trail Authority – The EDA recommends sending a letter of support for amending the trail permit to open the trails to ATVs during winters when there is not enough snow to groom. Motion by Gustafson, second Marolt for the City to send a letter of support for the Silver Trail Riders - Silver Sledder's Trail Authority for amending the permit to open the trails to ATVs during winters when there is not enough snow to groom. MOTION CARRIED.

EDA Board appointment – The Economic Development Authority recommends appointing George Pope to the open seat on this board. Motion by J Johnson, second Gustafson to appoint George Pope to the Economic Development Authority. Gustafson and J Johnson voted aye, Marolt and Perfetto voted nay. MOTION DID NOT PASS.

Wastewater Training – Mike Miller attended a wastewater training in St. Cloud on February 15. It was noted that the City received only a 6-day notice of this training, and that the mayor gave approval of this cost. Motion by Marolt, second J Johnson to approve to pay the \$60 registration fee, plus normal meals and mileage for Mike Miller's attendance at a wastewater training in St. Cloud retroactive to February 15. MOTION CARRIED.

Golf Course Consumption and Display Permit – Motion by Gustafson, second J Johnson to approve the application for the Golf Course Consumption and Display Permit. MOTION CARRIED.

S.E.H. Services, Campground Proposal – The Council reviewed a site survey and conceptual design proposal from SEH Engineers for a campground near the recreation building, and noted that the Parks and Recreation Board has been provided this information and the Economic Development Authority has approved use of EDA funds for the preliminary engineering costs. There was discussion about the economic feasibility and economic impact of a campground, funding option for this project, and possible loss of the recreation park ball field. Motion by Gustafson, second J Johnson to move forward with the conceptual plan for the proposed campground. Gustafson and J Johnson voted aye, Marolt and Perfetto voted nay. MOTION DID NOT PASS.

City Attorney – The attorney was not present, and no business was brought forward on his behalf.

OLD BUSINESS – No other old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

City Shuttle – Gustafson discussed his ideas for a golf cart type of vehicle providing shuttle service within the City during summer months.

Claims – Motion by J Johnson, second Marolt to approve payment of \$78,265.29 paid claims and \$31,460.89 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by J Johnson, second Marolt to adjourn at 8:27p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Scott M Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator