

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

July 15, 2013

Present: Joanne Johnson
Dustin Goutermont
David Gustafson
Carlene Perfetto
Steven Marolt

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Pete Morris, City Attorney
Charles Rathbone, Planning and Zoning Commission
Kitty Mayo, Northshore Journal
Dave Johnson

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

Agenda – Bay Days was added to Communications. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Gustafson, second Goutermont to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2013 Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Nuisances – The Council reviewed City Code 550 and 1280.05 regarding nuisance violations and enforcement of these violations. Mayor Johnson reviewed the discussion from the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission forwarded the issue of enforcement of nuisance violations to the Council. It was noted that nuisance violations are a Code violation that use Administrative Citations for the collection of the set penalties. There was discussion about communication about this issue between the Council and the Police Dept., and the procedures that the Police Chief uses within his department to enforce this issue. There was a consensus to instruct the Police Chief make this issue a higher priority within the department in order to have more timely response to nuisance violations.

Letter from Congressman Nolan – The Council reviewed a letter from Congressman Nolan supporting the City's request for maintaining the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.

Congressman Nolan Staff Meeting – It was noted that staff from Congressman Nolan's Office will meet with the public at City Hall on July 18 from 1:00p.m. until 3:00p.m.

UMD Center for Economic Development Support Letter – The Council reviewed a letter from UMD Center for Economic Development requesting support for the Small Business Development Centers. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve a letter of support for UMD Center for Economic Development Small Business Development Centers. MOTION CARRIED.

Bay Days – The Council thanked the City staff for their work at the Bay Days celebration and there was discussion about the success of this event.

City Administrator

Resolution 2013-29 – MN State Lottery Clearing Account – It was noted that the City has submitted an application for a MN State Lottery machine, and that a separate bank account for the transactions from this machine is needed. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to adopt Resolution 2013-29, to approve to open a new account at Lake Bank designated as the Minnesota State Lottery clearing account and approve the signors on the account as the Mayor, City Administrator, Deputy Clerk, Liquor Store Manager, and Full-Time Bartender.

Member Perfetto – aye
Member Goutermont – aye
Mayor Johnson – aye

Member Marolt – aye
Member Gustafson – aye

RESOLUTION 2013-29 WAS ADOPTED. 5 aye, 0 nay,

Resolution 2013-5a – Amend City Fees – The Liquor Control Commission recommends a \$50 per day charge for benefit events renting the ReUnion Hall, as opposed to the \$50 per event rental currently in the fee schedule. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to adopt Resolution 2013-5a, establishing City fees.

Member Perfetto – aye
Member Goutermont – aye
Mayor Johnson – aye

Member Marolt – aye
Member Gustafson – aye

RESOLUTION 2013-25a WAS ADOPTED. 5 aye, 0 nay,

MN Ice Arena Manager's Association Conference – The Parks and Recreation Board recommends sending the Parks and Recreation director to the fall MIAMA conference. Motion by Goutermont, second Marolt to approve for the Parks and Recreation Director to attend the MN Ice Arena Manager's Association Conference in Grand Rapids on September 3-6 for \$140 plus \$356.10 lodging and regular meals and mileage expenses.
MOTION CARRIED.

Parks and Recreation, Pony Football League – The Council reviewed a letter from the high school football coach regarding starting a pony league football program for grades 5 and 6. The Parks and Recreation Board recommends reallocating \$1,000 from the 2013 Parks and Recreation Budget for equipment purchase to establish this program. There was discussion about the start-up costs for this program, participation levels, and it was noted that this reallocation would not change the total for the 2013 Parks and Recreation budget. Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to reallocate \$1,000 in the 2013 Parks and Recreation budget to purchase equipment for a pony league football program.
MOTION CARRIED.

Tennis Court Resurfacing Project – The Council reviewed two quotes to resurface the tennis courts. The Parks and Recreation Board recommends accepting the quote from Upper Midwest Athletic Construction. The Council reviewed the budget and funding sources for this project and there was discussion about the resurfacing process. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to accept the proposal from Upper Midwest Athletic Construction the tennis court resurfacing project and move forward with preparing the contract. MOTION CARRIED.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Northshore Mining/Minnesota Power 115kv Transmission Line Project – The Council reviewed the July 11 scoping meeting for this project and noted that no public comments were received at the meeting. It was noted that all City costs for this project would be reimbursed by Minnesota Power. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt for the City to continue to be the local permitting agency for the Northshore Mining/Minnesota Power 115kv Transmission Line Project. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Claims – Motion by Marolt, second Goutermont to approve payment of \$59,520.14 in paid claims and \$76,703.56 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to adjourn at 7:50p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Joanne Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator