

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

July 20, 2009

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

Pat Kelley - excused

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Gerald Morris, City Attorney

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Consent agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the minutes of the July 6 Council meeting and the May 2009 financial report. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Lake County Letter of Support – Lake County is seeking grants to install fiber optics throughout the County, and is asking for a letter of support from the City. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Lake County fiber optic program. MOTION CARRIED.

Northeast Service Cooperative Letter of Support – The Northeast Service Cooperative is seeking grants to install fiber optics throughout Northeast Minnesota, and is asking for a letter of support from the City. It was noted that this program would bring fiber optics into the City, but not to each business and residence. No action was taken.

Mayor Johnson reported on the retirement celebration for Wayne Johnson that was held on Saturday, July 18, and thanked Johnson for his many years of public service.

Departments**City Administrator**

MN Dept. of Revenue Unallotment Aids / Credits – Fralich reported that the unallotment for the Local Government Aid was less than expected for 2009, and therefore the Budget will not need to be amended. Mayor Johnson thanked the City Employees and Department Heads for their work on the 2009 budget.

Duluth Regional Care Center Inc. Lease – At the July 6 meeting, the name, Duluth Regional Health Care Inc. was incorrect. The correct name of the organization leasing space at the Mary MacDonald Center is Duluth Regional Care Center Inc. Motion by Gustafson, second Marolt to approve the lease with Duluth Regional Care Center Inc. at the Mary MacDonald Business Center, through March 31, 2011. MOTION CARRIED.

MIAMI Conference – The Parks and Recreation Board has recommended sending Mike Guzzo and Don Thompson to the MIAMI Conference. It was noted that this item was in the budget. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to send Guzzo and Thompson to the MIAMI Conference in Grand Rapids on Sept. 9-11. MOTION CARRIED.

Golf Course Surplus Tractor – An e-mail was reviewed asking that a tractor that is no longer used at the golf course be declared as surplus property. Morris reviewed the policy on surplus property. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to declare a Worthington Tractor as surplus property. MOTION CARRIED.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Bay Days Parade – Gustafson inquired about using the City float in the Bay Days Parade, and about the City buying candy for this event. It was noted that this item was in the budget. Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto, to use the City float in the Bay Days Parade, on July 25, and to buy candy for this event. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS – No further new business was presented.

Claims – There was discussion about returning key deposits when old keys to the Mary MacDonald Center are returned to the City. There was also discussion about the Police Dept. role in the security at the Center. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to approve payment of \$75,109.39 paid claims and \$171,064.92 unpaid claims as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Scott M. Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator