

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

July 6, 2009

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

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Gerald Morris, City Attorney
John Hippchen, RS&H Engineering
Darren Christopher, RS&H Engineering

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

Agenda – Budget Workshop Schedule was added to the City Administrator’s report. Motion by Kelley, second Marolt to approve the agenda as amended.
MOTION CARRIED.

Consent agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Kelley to approve the minutes of the June 15 regular Council meeting, the June 19 special Council meeting, the March 2009 financial report and the April 2009 financial report.
MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

City Hall Landscaping – The Council thanked Maxwell’s Nursery and the Fralich family for the donation of new shrubs in front of City Hall.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life – Motion by Kelley, second Gustafson to approve the use of the City Hall restrooms for the Relay for Life event on July 31. MOTION CARRIED.

Departments**City Administrator**

Airport Arrival/Departure Building – There was a bid opening for this project on June 23. The bids were reviewed. The low bid of \$199,321 was submitted by Home Menders Inc. The total cost of the project would be \$230,821. The FAA funds for 95% of the project have already been set aside, and the City’s 5% matching funds would come to \$11,541. Motion by Gustafson, second Kelley to approve the RS&H Engineering Work Order 2009-01 for the Airport Arrival /

Departure building. Gustafson, Kelley and Johnson voted aye, Perfetto and Marolt voted nay. MOTION CARRIED.

It was discussed that resolutions for the contract with HMI and the signing of the FAA grant will be presented at the next regular meeting.

Pay Equity – The Minnesota Dept. of Management and Budget has sent an official notice that the City is in compliance with pay equity standards, and this notice will be posted.

Ice Storm Clean Up – At the special meeting of June 19, the Council entered into contract with North Shore Tree and Stump for the removal of 14 stumps, not to exceed \$500. There were, however, 5 additional stumps that needed removal by North Shore Tree and Stump, which increased the total to \$575. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve an additional \$75 be added to the contract with North Shore Tree and Stump. MOTION CARRIED.

Duluth Regional Health Care Inc. lease – The lease with DRHCI at the Mary MacDonald Business Center was reviewed. The Mary MacDonald Building Committee has recommended to the Council the approval of this lease. Motion by Kelley, second Gustafson, to approve the lease with Duluth Regional Health Care Inc. at the Mary MacDonald Business Center, through March 31, 2011. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2009–35 – There was discussion about the change orders to the Mary MacDonald Rehabilitation Project. The current change orders bring the contract total to \$635,955. There was also discussion about use of the remaining grant funds when the project is completed. Motion by Kelley, second Perfetto to adopt Resolution 2009-35 authorizing to amend the contract to Johnson Wilson Constructors, Inc. for the rehabilitation project of the Mary MacDonald Business Center to expand the scope of the project.

Roll call vote:

Member Gustafson – aye

Member Perfetto – aye

Member Kelley – aye

Member Marolt – aye

Mayor Johnson – aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED. 5 aye, 0 nay

There was discussion about a comprehensive Public Works plan. The Public Works Commission has discussed this issue at their meeting. No additional information was available at this time. The Council tabled this issue.

City Budget Workshop Schedule – It was noted that a City Budget Workshop is scheduled for Monday, July 20 at 5:00p.m. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to hold a City Budget Workshop on Monday, August 3 at 5:00p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Liquor Store Sunday Opening – The Liquor Commission has recommended to the Council to allow the Liquor Store to be open on Sunday's with the times of operation, date opening, and all other decisions regarding this issue to be left to the discretion of the Liquor Store Manager. The Council discussed and accepted this recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS – No other new business was presented.

Claims – Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to approve payment of \$146,560.71 paid claims and \$120,211.46 unpaid claims as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

The Council thanked the Fire Dept. for their work for the July 4th fireworks display

Motion by Perfetto, second Kelley to adjourn at 7:35p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Scott M. Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator