

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

June 7, 2010

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

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Pete Morris, City Attorney
Gary Thompson, Zoning Administrator / Building Inspector
Matt Miller, Lake County Assessor's office
Matt Suoja, Lake County News Chronicle

Bob Kind, Gary Stevens, Ray and Harriet VanDenHeuvel,
Elwood and Carol Youngberg, Charles and Tina Wall, Ruth Koepke,
Chris Mattila, Clifford Struve, Louis Stefanich

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

Agenda –Motion by Gustafson, second Marolt to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Gustafson, second J Johnson to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010 regular Council meeting, and the April 2010 Financial Report.
MOTION CARRIED.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Lake County Assessor – Mayor Johnson thanked Matt Miller for attending the meeting, at the Council's request, to present information and answer questions regarding property valuations in the City. Miller discussed the valuation system that is based on real estate sale prices, and reported that a 10% value increase was given to properties within the City, since 2008. He also stated that the State has eliminated the gap between the assessed value and the taxable value. The average home assessment in the City is \$101,000. There was discussion on the indirect connection between assessed value, the market value, and taxes payable. It was stated that the County does a physical assessment of 1/5 of the properties in the City each year. The June 14 County meeting on the valuation and classification of properties was also discussed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Resolution 2010-31 Appointment of Election Judges – Motion by J Johnson, second Marolt to adopt Resolution 2010-31, Approving Election Judges for the 2010 Minnesota State Primary (Tuesday, August 10, 2010 from 7:00A.M. to 8:00P.M.) and the General Election (Tuesday, November 2, 2010, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00P.M.)

Member Marolt – aye Member Johnson – aye Member Gustafson – aye
 Member Perfetto – aye Mayor Johnson – aye
RESOLUTION 2010-31 was ADOPTED. 5 aye, 0 nay

Temporary Liquor License – Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the application to issue a Temporary On-sale Liquor License to the Municipal Liquor Store on July 23-24 at the parking lot of the Municipal Liquor Store for Bay Days.

MOTION CARRIED.

Fire Service Contract Renewal, Beaver Bay Township – The 3-year contract for fire service to the Township was reviewed. It was noted that the annual fee has increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000 due to increased calls for assistance to outlying areas. The Beaver Bay Township Board has reviewed and approved this contract. Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to adopt Resolution 2010-35 authorizing a fire protection contract with the Town of Beaver Bay.

Member Marolt – aye Member Johnson – aye Member Gustafson – aye
 Member Perfetto – aye Mayor Johnson – aye
RESOLUTION 2010-35 was ADOPTED. 5 aye, 0 nay

Building Official Training Request, Thompson, – The Council reviewed information on the Minnesota Mechanical Code Update training for building officials in Hermantown on June 9. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to approve for Thompson to attend the Building Official's training in Hermantown on June 9 for \$90 plus usual travel expenses. MOTION CARRIED. There was discussion on the policy to have all non-overnight training requests over \$50 be approved by the Council, and whether that dollar amount should be raised. There was also discussion on whether Thompson's role as building official should be kept as is, with the City paying training and supply expenses, or if this position should come with a retainer, and the building official paying all needed expenses. It was noted that documentation should be written for either option, as none now exists. Fralich, Thompson and Morris will work on this issue, which was tabled to the next meeting.

Eco-Industrial Park Bio-Energy Facility – The Eco-Industrial Park Bio-Energy (greenhouse) facility and the funding from the State for this project were discussed. The need for conceptual plans and creating biologies for the projects within this plan, which must be developed in order to advance to the engineering portion of the project was also discussed. The contracts with Free Renewable Energy Enterprises, Round River Renewables and Cedar Tree Enterprises for this portion of this project were reviewed. The EDA has reviewed these contracts and recommends their approval.

Resolution 2010-32 Free Renewable Energy Enterprises – Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2010-32, authorizing to execute the development agreement with Free Renewable Energy Enterprises, LLC, for the conceptual design of a bio-energy facility/greenhouse within the Eco-Industrial Park.

Member Marolt – aye Member Johnson – aye Member Gustafson – aye
 Member Perfetto – aye Mayor Johnson – aye
RESOLUTION 2010-32 was ADOPTED. 5 aye, 0 nay

Resolution 2010-33 Round River Renewables – Motion by Marolt, second J Johnson to adopt Resolution 2010-33, authorizing to execute the development agreement with Round River Renewables, LLC, for the conceptual design of a bio-energy facility/greenhouse within the Eco-Industrial Park.

Member Marolt – aye Member Johnson – aye Member Gustafson – aye
 Member Perfetto – aye Mayor Johnson – aye
RESOLUTION 2010-33 was ADOPTED. 5 aye, 0 nay

Resolution 2010-34 Cedar Tree Enterprises – Motion by J Johnson, second Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2010-34, authorizing to execute the development agreement with Cedar Tree Enterprises, LLC, for the conceptual design of a bio-energy facility/greenhouse within the Eco-Industrial Park.

Member Marolt – aye Member Johnson – aye Member Gustafson – aye
 Member Perfetto – aye Mayor Johnson – aye
RESOLUTION 2010-34 was ADOPTED. 5 aye, 0 nay

CITY ATTORNEY – No other business was presented by the attorney.

OLD BUSINESS – No other old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Claims – Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to approve payment of \$94,323.85 paid claims, and \$43,774.00 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to adjourn at 8:00p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Scott M. Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator