

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

March 16, 2009

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

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Gerald Morris, Asst. City Attorney
John Pozniak, Primerica
Phil Bertholdi, Primerica
Nancy Shultz, S.E.H. Engineering
Forest Johnson, Lake County News Chronicle

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

Agenda – Two items were added to the agenda; a letter of appreciation for the street department under petitions, requests, & communications, and a letter from Lake County Emergency Management under the City Administrator's report. Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Kelley to approve the consent agenda items; minutes of the March 2 council meeting and the March 11 special council meeting with the Airport Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Presentations – John Pozniak and Phil Bertholdi from Primerica presented a plan to conduct personal financial needs analysis with City employees. Motion by Gustafson, second Kelley for the City to host a meeting with Primerica, for City employees, to conduct financial needs analysis. MOTION CARRIED.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, & COMMUNICATIONS

Invitation to the Iron Range Economic Alliance (IREA) Meeting – This meeting will be held on March 25 in Duluth. The City Administrator is planning to attend, and Council members are invited, as well. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt for the City Administrator and any Council members who wish to, to attend the Iron Range Economic Alliance Meeting on March 25. MOTION CARRIED.

Invitation to ARDC's "REDI" Public Wind Forum – This forum will be held on April 14 in Grand Marais. The City Administrator has been asked to make a presentation about the proposed Eco-Industrial Park. Motion by Marolt, second Kelley for the City Administrator and any Council members who wish to, to attend the ARDC "REDI" Public Wind Forum on April 14. MOTION CARRIED.

Letter of appreciation to Street Department was received from Randy and Linda Kaml.

It was mentioned that at a recent hockey tournament, there were many compliments about the arena, and the City, by out of town visitors.

DEPARTMENTS

City Administrator

Resolution 2009-17 Authorizing Award of Contract for Mary MacDonald Project –

There was discussion about the project. Nancy Schultz from SEH Engineers was present to answer questions, and give a general timeline for the project.

Motion Kelley, second Marolt to adopt Resolution 2009-17 Authorizing Award of Contract to Johnson Wilson Constructors, Inc. for the rehabilitation project of the Mary MacDonald Business Center 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.

Airport A/D Building – Approval is needed by the Council to advertise for bid solicitation on this project. Morris stated that an escrow agreement has been finalized with the Friends of North Shore Aviation for the 5% matching funds on the grant, that they have signed the agreement and the City has received a check for the amount. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to advertise for bid solicitation for the Airport Arrival/Departure building. Gustafson and Johnson voted aye. Kelley, Marolt and Perfetto voted nay. MOTION FAILED.

Rath Grantwriting Services for Fire Department – Grantwriting services are needed to prepare a grant for a pumper fire truck. There was discussion on the need for this truck, and that the grantwriting fees would come out of the Fire Department budget. Motion by Perfetto, second Kelley to enter into an agreement with Rath Grantwriting Services, to prepare a grant for a pumper fire truck. MOTION CARRIED.

Lake County Emergency Management – This agency would like to use the City Hall as an incident command center, in case of an emergency. They would install the needed phone and internet lines, at no cost to the City. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to allow Lake County Emergency Management to use City Hall as an incident command center, and install the needed equipment. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney – No other business was presented as the escrow agreement was discussed during the discussion of the Airport A/D building.

OLD BUSINESS

Local Board of Appeals – There was discussion about whether the Council should act as the local board of appeals. It was discussed that this is a complicated process that

changes each year, and a lot of ongoing training would be needed. No action was taken at this time.

MN Department of Administration Census Committees – A request has been sent, asking communities to establish census committees, to answer questions within the community about the census. There is no cost to the City for this committee. There was discussion that it would be difficult to find volunteers for this committee. No action was taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

CLAIMS – Motion Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve payment of \$87,883.85 paid claims and \$75,841.03 unpaid claims as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion Marolt, second Kelley to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Scott M. Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator