

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

March 18, 2013

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

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Pete Morris, City Attorney
Mitch Dow, Police Chief
Rick Goutermont, Peter Walsh, Lake County Commissioners
Carey Johnson, - Lake County Sheriff
Michael Bosl, - KDV Auditors
Danielle DeNeui, Scott Blood, Shelley Fredrickson, Karen Erickson - Lake County Ambulance
Jeremy Kasapidis, Chris Bellanger, Gary Kiernan, Justin Mayne - Lake County rescue squad
David Johnson

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

Agenda – Golf Course Bridge was removed from Administrator. Motion by Goutermont, second Marolt to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 Council meeting and the December 2012 treasurer's report. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Presentations

2012 Audit – Bosl presented the 2012 year-end audit of financial statement and communications letter prepared by KDV. The City received a clear and unqualified opinion from an independent auditor, which is the highest rating it can achieve. The Council reviewed the audit and thanked the administrative staff and department heads for their work on the audit and budget.

Lake County Ambulance Service – DeNeui gave an overview of the Ambulance Service, and recent changes to the staff scheduling system. There was discussion about the ambulance service response time when the first ambulance in the City is on a call, and it was noted that the second ambulance in the City is then staffed by volunteers and the second ambulance from Two Harbors will travel to Gooseberry to await any call. There was also discussion about the ambulance coverage area, funding for this service, communication between the ambulance service and other emergency departments such as Police, Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management; the role that first responders can have if a third person is needed on an ambulance call, recruiting volunteers within the City, emergency medical dispatching, and the Police Dept. refilling supplies from the ambulance

service after a medical call. There was further discussion about the application to become an advanced life support system, and adding paramedics to the staff.

Petitions, Requests and Communications – No communications were presented.

City Administrator

MIAMA Spring Conference – The Parks and Recreation Board recommends sending one department employee to this conference. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to approve for one Parks and Rec. employee to attend the MIAMA spring conference in St. Paul on May 7, for \$15, one nights lodging of \$115 plus tax and regular meals and mileage expenses. MOTION CARRIED.

Exchange Day – There was discussion about advertising for the exchange day. Motion by Gustafson, second Goutermont to hold the City Exchange Day on May 18, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

Seasonal Employees – The Council reviewed an advertisement for seasonal employment positions and there was discussion about funding for these positions and the potential need for spring workers. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to advertise for the seasonal employment positions listed. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2013-16 – The Council reviewed an application to Minnesota Power's wind power grant program, and noted that the application is for \$20,000, and that this program is currently accepting applications. Motion by Marolt, second Goutermont to adopt Resolution 2013-16, authorizing to make application and accept funds from Minnesota Power Community Wind Power grant program.

Member Perfetto – aye
Member Marolt – aye
Mayor Johnson – aye

Member Goutermont – aye
Member Gustafson – aye

RESOLUTION 2013-16 WAS ADOPTED. 5 aye, 0 nay

City Attorney

Good Governance – The Council reviewed the 'A good start to good governance' publication from the League of Minnesota Cities, and Morris reviewed good governance practices, including the role of City Councilors, issues regarding e-mails and social media, and bias and prejudice issues in the decision making process.

OLD BUSINESS – No other old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Northshore Mining Minnesota Power Electrical Substation Upgrade – The Council reviewed plans for a transmission line and new substation on Northshore Mining property, an agreement for Northshore Mining to hire Minnesota Power for this project, and an agreement with Minnesota Power for the City to be the lead permitting agency for this

project. Fralich and Morris reviewed the timeline, process and scope of this project, and it was noted that all City expenses will be paid by Minnesota Power. Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to approve an agreement with Minnesota Power for the City to be the lead permitting agency for the Northshore Switching Station Project, and to solicit for consulting services. MOTION CARRIED.

Board Appointments – The EDA recommends the appointment of Seth Thun to the Eco-Park Advisory Board, and the Parks and Recreation Board recommends the appointment of Jodi Kasapidis to this board. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to appoint Seth Thun to the Eco-Park Advisory Board, and to appoint Jodi Kasapidis to the Parks and Recreation Board. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims – Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to approve payment of \$58,319.04 paid claims and \$42,787.19 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to adjourn at 8:37p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Joanne Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator