

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

May 2, 2011

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

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Pete Morris, City Attorney
Nancy Grabko, Lake County HRA
Robert Fish

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

Agenda – Seasonal Employees and Airport Entitlement Transfer were added to Administrator. Deer Feeding was added to New Business. Comments from Mr. Fish was added to Communications. Motion by Gustafson, second Marolt to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2011 Council meeting and the February 2011 Treasurer's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

Lake County HRA – The Council reviewed the 2010 HRA Annual Report, and Grabko presented information about the Housing Rehabilitation projects. It was noted that AEOA, working together with this program, has purchased 53 Garden for rehabilitation, and that one or two other homes in the City will also be purchased within the next few months.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

IRRRB Business Forum – Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to approve for the Administrator and one other representative from the City to attend the IRRRB Business Forum on May 26 in Virginia. MOTION CARRIED.

Fish presented his concerns about the deer population within the City, including health concerns, property damage, deer feeding, and animal control measures being used in other area Cities. There was discussion about the natural habitat and life cycles of deer. There was discussion about the feeding of deer; including limiting the amount of feeding, outlawing feeding, and the effects of feeding on the deer population. This issue will be researched further, and was tabled. Fish also addressed concerns about unlicensed cats within the City. There was discussion about the existing ordinances, enforcement, and the importance of informing the Police dept. about violations.

City Administrator

Planning and Zoning Applications – The Council reviewed a land use application, variance application and conditional use application for installation of a 20 kkw wind turbine to be placed near the water tanks, as part of the Eco-Industrial Park project. If the ballot questions on the May 10 special election pass, this issue would go to the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 11. There was also discussion about the laws regarding the issuance of variances. Motion by J Johnson, second Perfetto that upon the approval at the May 10 special election, to authorize to submit a land use application, variance application and conditional use application to the Planning and Zoning Commission for installation of a 20 kkw wind turbine. MOTION CARRIED.

Water Operator's school – The PUC recommends sending Miller and Roswold to Waterworks Operator's School. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve for Mike Miller and Jason Roswold to attend the MN-AWWA Waterworks Operator's school in Two Harbors on May 18-20 for \$125 per person, plus meals and mileage reimbursement. MOTION CARRIED.

Memorandum of Understanding – The Council reviewed a proposed memorandum of understanding between the City and ISD #381 for use of facilities for recreational events. The Parks and Rec. director has meet with school officials about the issue of maintenance and custodial work. The Parks and Recreation Board recommend approval of this memo. Motion by J Johnson, second Gustafson to approve the memorandum of understanding between the City and ISD #381 for use of facilities for recreational events. MOTION CARRIED.

Bioenergy / Greenhouse #1 Advertisement for Bid – LHB Engineering has prepared bid documents and designs for this project. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for May 17th, and the bid opening is scheduled for May 24th at 2:00p.m. There was discussion about funding for this project and the timeline of grant funding. Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to advertise for bids for construction of the Bioenergy / Greenhouse #1. MOTION CARRIED.

Seasonal Employees – A list of employees that are recommended by the Personnel Committee to fill the seasonal employment positions was reviewed. The City will begin hiring these employees as early as May 3, with the date of hire for each individual to be determined by the department heads. Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to approve the seasonal employment hiring list at wages indicated. MOTION CARRIED.

Airport Entitlement Transfer – The Airport Commission recommends transferring \$150,000 of 2008 FAA Entitlement funds to the Duluth International Airport. The Council reviewed an e-mail from the FAA stating that these funds could not be used to offset the amount that would be required by the FAA should the City decide to close the airport. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to transfer \$150,000 of 2008 FAA Entitlement funds to the Duluth International Airport. MOTION CARRIED.

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

OLD BUSINESS – No other old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Deer Feeding – This topic was discussed as part of communications.

Claims – Motion by Marolt, second J Johnson to approve payment of \$214,238.86 in paid claims and \$14,279.74 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to adjourn at 8:05p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Scott M. Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator