

**CITY COUNCIL**

7:00 P.M.

May 20, 2013

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

Lana Fralich, City Administrator  
Pete Morris, City Attorney  
Kitty Mayo, Northshore Journal  
Tammy Francois, Lake County News Chronicle  
Jay Hanson, Dan Goyen, North Shore Scenic Cruises

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

**Agenda** – Exchange Day was added to Communications, and Resolution 2013-22 was added to Administrator. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

**Consent Agenda** – Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2013 Council meeting, the March and April 2013 Treasurer's Reports. MOTION CARRIED.

**Petitions, Requests and Communications**

**Center for Economic Development Invitation** – The Council reviewed information about an economic development informational meeting for elected officials in Chisholm on May 29. Perfetto will plan to attend this meeting.

**Exchange Day** – It was noted that bad weather brought low participation at the May 18 exchange day. Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto, to hold a City Exchange Day on June 22, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

**City Administrator**

**North Shore Scenic Cruises** – The Council reviewed an article in Lake Superior Magazine about this new business to be operated out of the Marina, a slip rental agreement and a commercial addendum noting reduced slip rates for the first years of operation, use of concession area, and hours of operation. Hanson and Goyen presented information about the scenic cruises that will include interactive audio and video presentations. There was discussion about the cost of the tours, regular tours and special events that will be offered, employment opportunities, the location of this boat on dock B, and obtaining future funding to have the MN DNR install dock C for commercial boats. The Parks and Recreation Board and the EDA recommend approval of this agreement. Motion by Marolt, second Goutermont to approve a seasonal slip agreement and commercial addendum with North Shore Scenic Cruises. MOTION CARRIED.

**Summer Part-time Employment** – The Council reviewed a revised list of employees to fill the seasonal employment positions that is recommended by the Personnel Committee. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to approve the seasonal employment hiring list as presented, at wages indicated. MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 2013-21 – Agreement with Lake County for Wetlands LGU** – The Council reviewed an agreement between the County and City, for the County to be the local government unit for wetlands issues. It was noted that Morris has reviewed this agreement, the County has signed it, and the EDA and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend its approval. It was further noted that the City is in the process of doing a wetland delineation report for the business park. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to adopt Resolution 2013-21 authorizing to execute agreement with Lake County for the administration of the wetlands conservation act of 1991, for the City.

Member Perfetto – aye

Member Goutermont – aye

Member Marolt – aye

Member Gustafson – aye

Mayor Johnson – aye

RESOLUTION 2013-21 WAS ADOPTED. 5 aye, 0 nay

**Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies** – The Council reviewed information from ARDC about the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the combined heat and power project, and for infrastructure expansion within the business park. The EDA recommend approval of these project surveys. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to submit the project surveys for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. MOTION CARRIED.

**Biomass Thermal Energy Council** – The Council reviewed information about this non-profit association that addresses research, education, and public advocacy for the biomass industry, and it was noted that there is no cost for the City, and that the EDA recommends joining this organization. Motion by Marolt, second Gustafson to approve for the City to join the Biomass Thermal Energy Council. MOTION CARRIED.

**Airport, Crop Harvesting** – It was noted that Don Warner, who had an agreement with the City for hay harvesting at the Airport, died in April 2013. The Council reviewed the Airport Crop Harvesting agreement. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to terminate the Airport crop harvesting agreement with Don Warner and advertise for a crop harvesting agreement at the Airport. MOTION CARRIED.

**EDAM Conference** – The Council reviewed information about this economic development conference which Fralich requested to attend. Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to approve for the Administrator to attend the Economic Development Association of Minnesota summer conference in Duluth on June 26-28, for \$395. MOTION CARRIED.

**Surplus Items** – The Council reviewed a list of surplus items. It was noted that the Fire Dept. MSA items are operational but cannot be used by other fire departments. Motion by Marolt, second Goutermont to declare a 1994 Ford F150 Truck as surplus property, and to accept new minimum bids on a snow blower attachment of \$25,000, a 1976 GMC tanker, \$1,000, a Worthington Tractor, \$100, and MSA Fire Equipment, \$1 each. MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 2013-22 – Amend contract with Magney Construction for wastewater primary clarifier.** – The Council noted that the clarifier is being sand blasted and re-primed, and reviewed information from Magney Construction to paint the clarifier for \$3,265. There was discussion about the wastewater dept. budget, and it was noted that it would be more time and labor intensive for City employees to perform this work than for this amendment. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to adopt Resolution 2013-22 amending the contract to Magney Construction Inc. for the construction of the wastewater treatment facility primary clarifier rehabilitation project.

Member Perfetto – aye

Member Goutermont – aye

Member Marolt – aye

Member Gustafson – aye

Mayor Johnson – aye

**RESOLUTION 2013-22 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** – No other new business was presented.

**Claims** – Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to approve payment of \$107,840.49 in paid claims and \$57,129.23 in unpaid claims. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Council took a few moments to remember the life of John Fredrickson, and the impact that his life had on the City. John served on the Council from July 1, 1983 to September 19, 1984; he was a member of the Fire Department for 34 years, serving as Fire Chief for 24 years, and was awarded the 2012 Fire Officer of the Year from the State Fire Chief's Association. It was with thanks and memory of John Fredrickson that the meeting was adjourned.

Motion by Marolt, second Goutermont to adjourn at 7:46p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

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Joanne Johnson, Mayor

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Lana Fralich, City Administrator