

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

November 18, 2013

Present: Joanne Johnson
David Gustafson
Carlene Perfetto
Dustin Goutermont

Steven Marolt – excused

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Pete Morris, City Attorney
Kitty Mayo, Northshore Journal
Ken Vogel, Lake County News Chronicle

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

Agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2013 regular Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Day at the Capitol – It was noted that the Day at the Capitol will be held on March 12-13, 2014 and there was discussion on who would be attending and what topics to bring to the legislators.

City Administrator

Healthy Foods Healthy Living Grant Submission – The Council reviewed the grant application for funding of up to \$50,000 for the greenhouse #1 vertical farming project. It was noted that the EDA recommends approval of this grant application, and that the application has already been submitted by the November 15 deadline. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve for the City to make application to the Healthy Foods Healthy Lives Grant program.
MOTION CARRIED.

Silicon Energy Letter of Intent – The Council reviewed a nonbinding letter of intent to move forward with providing solar power to greenhouse #1 and City buildings. The EDA recommends approval of this letter of intent. There was discussion about the Made In Minnesota Incentive program, and which City buildings would be good candidates for solar power. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve a nonbinding letter of intent with Silicon Energy to move forward with providing solar power to greenhouse #1 and City buildings.
MOTION CARRIED.

TZD Training – It was noted that Officer Streiff attended the TZD training on November 13-15 in St. Cloud, that there was no cost to the City for this training, and that the Mayor approved for this training. There was discussion about department heads obtaining prior approval for travel. Motion by Gustafson, second Goutermont to approve for Officer Streiff attended the Toward Zero Deaths training on November 13-15 in St. Cloud. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney – No other business was presented by the attorney.

OLD BUSINESS – No other old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Officers – The Council reviewed the vote and recommendation from the Fire Department for the 2014 officers. Motion by Goutermont, second Gustafson to appoint Mike Rowlee as Fire Chief, Jody Reineccius as 1st Assistant, Jon Redfield as 2nd Assistant, and Feron Meeks as Captain of the Fire Department. MOTION CARRIED.

Board / Commission Reappointments – The Council thanked all of the volunteer board and commission members, and there was discussion about the open positions on the EDA, Library Board and the Public Works Commission. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to reappoint Marie Frey to the Public Works Commission, Mervel Hanson to the Public Utilities Commission, Charles Rathbone to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Wade LeBlanc to the Economic Development Authority, Pat Betzler to the Cable TV Advisory Committee, and Linda Sathre and Morris Manning to the Library Board. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims – Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve payment of \$75,924.90 in paid claims and \$34,601.34 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to adjourn at 7:13p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Joanne Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator