

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

November 21, 2011

Present: David Gustafson
Joanne Johnson
Carlene Perfetto

Steven Marolt – excused
Scott M. Johnson – excused

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Pete Morris, City Attorney
Tom Clifford, County Commissioner

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

Agenda – Commissioner Clifford was added to Petitions, Requests and Communications. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011 regular Council meeting and the October 2011 Treasurer's Report.

MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Commissioner Clifford – Clifford noted that the active living group has recommended painting crosswalk markings near the municipal liquor store on Outer Drive, which is a County road. There was discussion about the active living group recommendations to mark this crosswalk, mark crosswalks in front of the school and in front of the shopping center, and place bike racks on private property at the shopping center. This issue was referred to the Parks and Recreation Board. Clifford then presented information about getting support from the City for a Tourist Information Center in Beaver Bay, at the corner of Highway 61 and County Road 4. There was discussion about the location of the Center, the centers in the City and in Beaver Bay that are currently run by the Historical Society, the Gitchi-Gami bike trail, and the timeline and funding for this project. The Council took no action on this issue at this time.

City Administrator

Resolution 2011- 45, IRRRB Grant, Greenhouse #1 – The Council reviewed the grant agreement. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to adopt Resolution 2011-45, authorizing to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Minnesota through the Iron Range Resources office of the commissioner for the \$50,000 commissioner fund grant for the Bio-Energy Facility and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the agreement.

Member Johnson – aye Member Perfetto – aye Member Gustafson – aye

Mayor Johnson – absent Member Marolt – absent

RESOLUTION 2011-45 was ADOPTED. 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent

Resolution 2011- 46, DNR Cooperative Agreement, Marina – The Council reviewed the agreement. It was noted that this is a three year agreement, that the annual amount has increased to \$45,000, and that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends its approval. There was discussion about the Marina budget. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2011-46, authorizing to execute Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources cooperative agreement for Marina management.

Member Johnson – aye Member Perfetto – aye Member Gustafson – aye

Mayor Johnson – absent Member Marolt – absent

RESOLUTION 2011-46 was ADOPTED. 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent

Resolution 2011- 47, DNR joint Agreement, Public Access – The Council reviewed the agreement. It was noted that this is a three year agreement that is retroactive to July 1, 2011, that the annual amount has increased to \$1,800, and that the Parks and Recreation Board recommends its approval. Perfetto reviewed the discussion from the Parks and Recreation Board concerning this issue. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2011-47, authorizing to execute Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources joint agreement for maintenance of the Silver Bay public access.

Member Johnson – aye Member Perfetto – aye Member Gustafson – aye

Mayor Johnson – absent Member Marolt – absent

RESOLUTION 2011-47 was ADOPTED. 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent

2012 Insurance Liability Waiver Form – The Council reviewed the Insurance Liability Coverage Waiver Form, and it was noted that in the past the Council has not waived the monetary limits on tort liability. Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to not waive the monetary limits on tort liability. MOTION CARRIED.

Day at the Capital – The Council reviewed information about the Day at the Capital event that will be held on February 29 through March 1, 2012. There was discussion about the costs of the event, who would be attending, and the topics to bring before the legislators. This issue was tabled to the next meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Parking petition – The Council reviewed a memo prepared by the attorney about this issue, and the sections of the City Code that deal with parking. It was noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission, Public Works Commission, Safety Committee and the Police Department have reviewed this issue, and there is a consensus to enforce the current Code statutes, and not make any changes to the Code. The issue of Home Occupation Permits, as it relates to parking issues, was referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS – No further new business was presented.

Claims – Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve payment of \$69,832.24 in paid claims and \$43,568.49 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to adjourn at 7:34p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Joanne Johnson, Acting Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator