

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

November 4, 2013

Present: Joanne Johnson
David Gustafson
Carlene Perfetto
Dustin Goutermont

Steven Marolt – excused

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Pete Morris, City Attorney
Mitch Dow, Police Chief
Todd Ragan, J T Starkovich, Chad Streiff, Noel Lillis – Police Officers
Kitty Mayo, Northshore Journal
Ken Vogel, Lake County News Chronicle
Frank Scherf, Division of Public Safety, Office of Traffic and Safety
Dave Johnson, Casey Geissler

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

Agenda – Closed Meeting for Labor Negotiations was added to Administrator. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to hold a closed meeting for labor negotiations on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 9:00a.m. MOTION CARRIED. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013 regular Council meeting and the September 2013 Treasurer's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Presentations

NE Minnesota Law Enforcement – Scherf presented information about the Toward Zero Deaths Program, and the participation by the Police Department on the seat belt enforcement and reporting program during May 2013. Because of the Department's outstanding participation in this program, Scherf presented a Lidar Radar Unit to the Police Department. Chief Dow thanked officers Streiff and Starkovich for their work on this project. There was discussion about maintenance and training for this unit.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Breakfast of Champions – The Council reviewed information about this December 3 event in Two Harbors recognizing the work of first responders within the county. It was noted that first responders from the Fire Dept. and Police Dept., members of the Council, and the Administrator may attend, and that the cost is \$12 per person.

Tree Lighting Ceremony – The Council reviewed information that the City Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Monday, December 2, at 5:30p.m. It will be posted that a quorum of the Council will be present, but no City business will be conducted.

2014 LCCMR Recommendation – It was noted that LCCMR is recommending to the MN Legislature for 2014 funding of \$176,000 for the greenhouse expansion project.

City Administrator

City Hall Closing – Fralich reported that the Administrative staff is requesting that City Hall be closed on November 29, the day after Thanksgiving. It was noted that staff members will be required to use floating holiday, comp. time, or vacation time on this day, and no overtime will be used. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve for City Hall to be closed on Friday, November 29, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

2014 Insurance Liability Waiver – 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 Goutermont to not waive the monetary limits on tort liability. MOTION CARRIED.

Out of State Travel Reimbursement – Council reviewed expenses for the Marina Manager to attend the Marina Manager's Training on September 21-23. It was noted that the meal expenses exceeded the allowable per diems by \$25.82, that all expenses for this training are reimbursed by the MN DNR, and that the DNR has approved of these expenses. Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to approve to reimburse the Marina Manager \$25.82 for out of state meal expenses at the Marina Manager's Training on September 21-23. MOTION CARRIED.

Lake Superior Grant Application – There was discussion about the perimeter ditching around the City, and it was noted that Reserve Mining maintained these ditches prior to 1986, and that this land is primarily owned by the County, with ditches running on some private lands. There was discussion about developing a plan for repair and maintenance of these ditches, and it was noted that this grant program would require a 25% match, with hopes that part or the entire match can come from in-kind services. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve submitting an application to Lake Superior Coastal Grant Program for \$20,000, for the perimeter ditching project and matching funds required. MOTION CARRIED.

Closed Meeting for Labor Negotiations – Discussion and action on this item took place during the agenda portion of the meeting.

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 Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve payment of \$211,779.04 in paid claims and \$33,786.31 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gustafson, second Perfetto to adjourn at 7:35p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Joanne Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator