

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

October 1, 2012

Present: Scott M. Johnson
 Steven Marolt
 Joanne Johnson
 Carlene Perfetto

David Gustafson – excused

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
 Pete Morris, City Attorney
 Mike Guzzo, Jeremy Kasapidis, Parks/Rec. Dept.
 George Pope, SBATA
 Kitty Mayo, North Shore Journal
 LaReesa Sandretsky, Lake County News Chronicle
 Jack Swanson

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

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

Consent Agenda – Motion by J Johnson, second Perfetto to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2012 Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications – No communications were presented.

City Administrator

Marina – The Council reviewed the 2013 Marina slip rates, the seasonal slip refund policy, and the Marina building and Gazebo rental rates that are recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board. The Council further reviewed the slip rental income for the past seven seasons. There was discussion about the 2012 budget, winter in-water storage rates, the refund policy, and the Great Lakes Cruising Club event of August 15-17, 2013. Motion by J Johnson, second Marolt to approve the 2013 Marina slip rates, the seasonal slip refund policy, and the Marina building and Gazebo rental rates. MOTION CARRIED. The Parks and Recreation Board recommend sending one staff member to the Minneapolis Boat Show to promote the Marina. The Council reviewed a DNR study done in 2000 about the economic impact of the Marina on the community. There was discussion about promotion of the Marina and City at this event, the projected slip rentals for 2013, and possible funding from SBATA for this event. It was noted that this expense is not in the budget. Motion by J Johnson, second Marolt to approve for one staff member to attend the Minneapolis Boat Show on January 31 - February 3, 2013, for a \$875 booth fee, 3 nights lodging, and regular meals and mileage. MOTION CARRIED.

Mary MacDonald Access Road – It was noted that the road to the new parking area, which is included in the Mary MacDonald ball field project, would pass through school district property. The Council reviewed a user agreement with the school district for the use of this road. It was noted that the attorney and school superintendent have reviewed this document, and that the City would be responsible for the construction and maintenance of this road. There was discussion about

vehicle and pedestrian access to the ball field and playground. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to approve a user agreement between the City and ISD 381, for use of a road on school property, next to the Mary MacDonald ball field, pending the approval of the ISD 381 School Board.

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2012-44 – It was noted that DEED funding for the Banks Blvd. project was not received, and therefore, the application to the IRRRB Public Works Grant for matching funds, passed in Resolution 2012-39, will not be submitted. There was discussion about the need for grow lights for produce, a pelletizer, and window screens for the biofuel/food greenhouse, and it was noted that matching funds would come from UMD. Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to adopt Resolution 2012-44, authorizing the City to make application and accept funds from the Iron Range Resources Public Works Infrastructure Grant Program for the Biofuel, Food Greenhouse lighting and food expansion project.

Member Johnson – aye

Member Perfetto – aye

Mayor Johnson – aye

Member Marolt – aye

Member Gustafson – absent

RESOLUTION 2012-44 WAS ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Snowplowing Policy – The Public Works Commission recommends approval of this updated policy. There was discussion about insurance issues and the use of sand and road salt. Motion by J Johnson, second Marolt to approve the Snowplowing/Ice Control Policy and Street Department Snowplowing Route. MOTION CARRIED.

Employee Health and Dental Insurance – It was noted that the current insurance rates will increase in 2013 resulting in employees paying a portion of the premiums. The insurance review team has researched this issue, contacted the Local 49ers Union and the Teamsters Union, and presented 3 options to the employees. It was further noted that 14 employees voted to switch to the Local 49ers Union plan, and 8 employees voted to stay with the current plan.

Marolt left at this time, to answer a Fire Dept. call.

There was further discussion about the different plans, and it was noted that this was an employee-driven decision, and Mayor Johnson thanked the employees for their part in this process. The change is for all employees, including non-union employees, employees of the Teamsters Union, and employees of the Local 49ers Union. Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to approve the memo of understanding with the Local 49ers Union, the Teamsters Union, and all non-union employees regarding the employee health and dental insurance. MOTION CARRIED.

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 J Johnson, second Perfetto to approve payment of \$105,688.06 in paid claims and \$84,674.31 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to adjourn at 7:42p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Scott M Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator