

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

October 15, 2012

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

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
 Pete Morris, City Attorney
 Kitty Mayo, North Shore Journal
 Tammy Francois, Lake County News Chronicle
 Robert Fish

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

Agenda – Proclamation for John Fredrickson was added to communications. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.
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Consent Agenda – Motion by J Johnson, second Perfetto to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2012 Council meeting and the August 2012 Treasurer’s Report. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Tree Lighting Ceremony – The Council reviewed information that the City Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Monday, December 3, at 5:30p.m. It will be posted that a quorum of the Council will be present, but no City business will be conducted.

Lake County Broadband Letter of Support and Appointment to Steering Committee – The Council reviewed an e-mail asking for a letter of support for this project, and asking Councilor Perfetto to serve on the steering committee. Motion by Marolt, second Gustafson to appoint Perfetto to the Lake County Broadband Steering Committee. MOTION CARRIED. There was a consensus to send a letter of support for the application to the Blandin Broadband Community.

Proclamation, John Fredrickson – It was noted that Fire Chief Fredrickson has been awarded the Fire Officer of the Year from the State Fire Chief’s Association, and that this award would also come with a \$2,000 grant for the Fire Dept. Mayor Johnson and the Council thanked Fredrickson for his 33 years of service on the Fire Department. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to issue a proclamation of recognition to John Fredrickson. MOTION CARRIED.

City Administrator

Employee Health and Dental Insurance – It was noted that Minnesota statutes state that public employers are to sponsor non-ERISA plans, which the Local 49ers plan is non-conforming. Although employees can participate within their union in the Local 49ers plan, the City as a whole cannot sponsor the plan as it could result in the city being liable for claims. Motion by Perfetto,

second Johnson to rescind the motion of October 1, approving 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. It was noted that the employees would continue with the present insurance plan and will need to contribute towards the premiums. There was discussion about future insurance options.

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

OLD BUSINESS – No other old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Eco Park Codes and Design Guidelines – The Council reviewed the following documents; a City Code change to add Code 230.16, creating an Eco-Park Advisory Board, a City Code change to add Code 1210.16, which would rezone the business park to a mixed-use zoning, and the Eco-Park Development and Design Considerations. The EDA and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend adoption of these documents. There was discussion about the role of the Advisory Board. The Council will review these documents, and this issue was tabled.

Claims – Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to approve payment of \$83,092.00 in paid claims and \$116,449.75 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Fish and the Council discussed the issue of deer within the City. There was discussion about safety issues regarding having a bow deer hunt in the City.

Motion by Perfetto, second J Johnson to adjourn at 7:23p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Scott M Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator