

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

October 21, 2013

Present: Joanne Johnson
 Steven Marolt
 David Gustafson
 Carlene Perfetto

Dustin Goutermont – excused

Pete Morris, City Attorney
 Michael Guzzo, Parks and Recreation Director
 Jeremy Kasapidis, Marina Manager
 Kitty Mayo, Northshore Journal

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

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

Consent Agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2013 regular Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications – No communications were presented.

City Administrator – The administrator was unable to attend this meeting, and no business was presented on her behalf.

City Attorney

Resolution 2013-43 – It was noted that a cooperative agreement with the MN DNR for the bike trail was approved in Resolution 2010-17. The Council reviewed the lease agreement . Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to adopt Resolution 2013-43, authorizing to execute a permanent easement and affidavit of landowner for the Gitchi Gami bike trail, owned by the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Member Perfetto – aye

Member Gustafson – aye

Member Marolt – aye

Mayor Johnson – aye

Member Goutermont – absent

RESOLUTION 2013- 43 was ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2013-44 – The Council reviewed a repayment schedule for equipment that is needed at the golf course. These equipment purchases would replace the Greens mower, Cushman Truckster, and the golf cart fleet, and add a Tru Turf roller. It was noted that the City will pay the upfront cost to purchase these items, and would be reimbursed \$36,616.67 by the Golf Course Club. Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to adopt Resolution 2013-44 authorizing Golf Course equipment purchase with repayment agreement.

Member Perfetto – aye
 Member Marolt – aye
 Member Goutermont – absent

Member Gustafson – aye
 Mayor Johnson – aye

RESOLUTION 2013- 44 was ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

NEW BUSINESS

Marina Rates and Discounts – The Council reviewed the October Marina update, a Certificate of Completion for the Advanced Marina Management Course, information about the Duluth and Minneapolis Boat Shows, the seasonal, weekly and daily slips and dock revenue, and the 2014 Marina slip rates. The Parks and Recreation Board recommends approval of the 2014 Marina Rates and Discount Policy. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to approve the Marina refund policy, the 2014 building and gazebo rental rates, the 2014 slip rates, and to extend the pre-paid seasonal discount rates to customers who sign up at the Duluth and Minneapolis Boat Shows. MOTION CARRIED.

Marina Pump-out Proposal – The Council reviewed a quote for \$22,493 from North Shore Oil to replace the wastewater pump out system at the Marina. It was noted that the City will pay these costs and be reimbursed, in-full, by the MN DNR. Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to accept the proposal for \$22,493 from North Shore Oil to replace the wastewater pump out system at the Marina. MOTION CARRIED.

MCCF Funds – There was discussion about the stability and future of the MCCF fund due to the current economic conditions, and it was noted that \$25,000 of EDA funds is in this program. The EDA recommends withdrawing EDA funds from the MCCF. Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to withdraw \$25,000 of EDA funds from the Minnesota Community Capital Fund. MOTION CARRIED.

Greenhouse Capital Enhancement and UMD Reimbursement – The Council reviewed a quote for \$3,600 for the electrical work needed for the grow lights in Greenhouse #1, a quote for \$7,000 to install a supplemental heat source, and a request from UMD for reimbursement for electrical savings that were not received when the City decided not to install a wind turbine. It was noted that the electrical savings from the wind turbine was in the original agreement between the City and UMD. The EDA recommends moving forward with reimbursing UMD for electrical costs, to move forward with installing a supplemental heat source in greenhouse #1, and to move forward with installation of electrical service, for grow lights and supplemental heating. There was discussion that the cost of propane for the supplemental heating furnaces will be an ongoing operating expense that will be paid by UMD. Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to accept the proposal of \$7,000 from North Shore Oil for the purchase and installation of two propane furnaces in Greenhouse #1. MOTION CARRIED. Motion by Marolt, second Perfetto to approve the proposal for \$3,600 from Duluth Electric for an electrical upgrade to Greenhouse #1. MOTION CARRIED. Motion by Perfetto, second Gustafson to reimburse the University of Minnesota, Duluth \$3,680.27 in electrical costs for Greenhouse #1. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims – Motion by Perfetto, second Marolt to approve payment of \$118,809.86 in paid claims and \$147,692.27 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem

Joanne Johnson, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator