

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

January 17, 2017

Present: Scott M. Johnson
Dustin Goutermont
Carlene Perfetto
Richard DeRosier

Shane Hoff – excused

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Tim Costley, Attorney

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

Agenda – RAMS Meeting was added to communications, Golf Course Consumption and Display Permit was added to Administrator, and Fire Engine was removed from old business. Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 annual Council meeting and the January 11, 2017 special Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

RAMS Meeting – It was noted that RAMS is meeting with the MN Pollution Control about wild rice / sulfate standards, in Mt. Iron on January 31, and a City representative is invited to attend.

City Administrator

Capitol Days – The Council reviewed the events of this March 28-30 event, the cost of these events and the brochure, and the issues that will be brought to the legislators. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve for Fralich, Johnson, DeRosier, Hoff and Goutermont to attend the Capitol Days event in St. Paul on March 28-30 for a hotel stay of \$189 + tax for Tuesday and \$159 + tax for Wednesday, Legislative dinner for \$35, Legislative breakfast for \$30, per person, plus regular meals and mileage. MOTION CARRIED.

Mary MacDonald Lease Renewal – The Council reviewed this one year lease renewal for Heavy Duty Designs. Motion by Perfetto, second DeRosier to approve a one year lease renewal for Heavy Duty Designs, to lease one room at the Mary MacDonald Business Center. MOTION CARRIED.

Administrative Assistant Position – The Council reviewed a resignation from Lisa Topp as the Administrative Assistant, effective March 31, 2017 and noted that she is requesting a 6 month leave of absence. The Personnel Committee has reviewed this request, and do not recommend a leave of absence because the leave is for purposes other than medical leave or a work-related injury and is not convenient for the City. Motion by DeRosier,

second Goutermont to accept the resignation of Lisa Topp as the administrative assistant. MOTION CARRIED. There was discussion about the leave of absence policy in the Personnel Policy. Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to deny the request from Lisa Topp for a six month leave of absence. Johnson, Goutermont and DeRosier voted aye, Perfetto voted nay. MOTION CARRIED. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to advertise for the position of administrative assistant. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2017-08 – The Council reviewed a memo and sample resolution from the League of Minnesota Cities about their efforts to obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislators for street and road funding. Motion by DeRosier, second Perfetto to adopt Resolution 2017-08, supporting dedicated State funding for City Streets.

Member Perfetto – aye

Member Goutermont – aye

Member DeRosier – aye

Member Hoff – absent

Mayor Johnson – aye

RESOLUTION 2017-08 WAS ADOPTED. 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Prairie Fire Theatre Grant – The Council reviewed funding for the Prairie Fire Theatre 2017 production of Alladin and his magic lamp. There was discussion about the success of this program. Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to apply for a \$2,450 grant from the Duluth Superior Community Foundation, Silver Bay Charitable Fund, for the Prairie Fire Theatre production. MOTION CARRIED.

Golf Course Consumption and Display Permit – Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to approve the application for the Golf Course Consumption and Display Permit. MOTION CARRIED.

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

OLD BUSINESS – No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation Board Appointment – The Council reviewed an e-mail from the Lake Superior School District stating that the school board has appointed board member Crystal LeBlanc as the school representative on the Parks and Recreation Board. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to appoint Crystal LeBlanc as the school district representative to the Parks and Recreation Board. MOTION CARRIED. The Council thanked Joe Nicklay for his service on this board.

Claims – Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve payment of \$105,020.12 paid claims for 2016, \$51,467.35 paid claims for 2017 and \$26,204.29 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem



Scott M Johnson, Mayor



Lana Fralich, City Administrator