

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Monday, June 21, 2021

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Shane Hoff
Dustin Goutermont
Ben Bautch

Excused: Richard DeRosier

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Tim Costley, City Attorney
Floyd Baker, Best of the North Shore
Nathan Schroeder, Northshore Mining
Keith Anderson, Northshore Mining Consultant
David Drown, Economic Development Director
Brian Gulden, Bolton & Menk via ZOOM
Scott Johnson
Karen Bzdok

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

Agenda – Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to approve the Agenda with addition of Library Clerk Technician Hire, and Temporary Library Hours. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to approve the meeting minutes from the June 7th Regular Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications

Northshore Mining – Stream Restoration Project Information – Anderson and Schroeder updated the Council on the White Rock Creek stream restoration project, requirements for the Basin Progression permit, where the stream runs, materials they will be using to slow water down and prevent erosion, culverts that will be city’s responsibility to replace, and potential start date of 2026. Council member Goutermont will be working with Anderson and Schroeder on the project planning. Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to continue working with Northshore Mining on the White Rock Creek Restoration Project. MOTION CARRIED.

Schroeder and Anderson left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

City Administrator

Resolution 2021- #23 Bolton and Menk Engineering Proposal for Water Treatment Facility and Booster Station Improvements– Miller provided information on the proposed improvements to the Water Treatment Facility. Fralich updated Council on PFA funding and timeline of March 2022 for engineering submittal to MN Dept of Health. Gulden clarified preliminary engineering costs for first part of the design, site layout, water model, and system needs. Motion by Hoff, second Goutermont to move forward with Bolton & Menk Engineering Proposal for Water Treatment Facility & Booster Station Improvements, on an hourly basis not to exceed \$77,500. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor LeBlanc – Aye
 Member Bautch – Aye
 Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye
 Member DeRosier – Absent

RESOLUTION 2021 – 23 WAS PASSED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 Absent

Miller and Gulden left meeting at 7:35 pm.

Sophiale, LLC. D/B/A North Shore Adventure Park Loan Application – Drown provided an update on the EDA's recommendation approval of a loan application from Sophiale, LLC. D/B/A North Shore Adventure Park's Taconite Community Relief Program in the amount of \$62,500. Fralich discussed the terms of loan which include a 1% interest and 25% of the loan could be forgiven if certain conditions are met, the use of the loan for improvements and parking, that North Shore Federal Credit Union did a financial review, that \$50,000 of the funds will be from IRRR where loan repayment remains with the City for future economic development use, and the remaining \$12,500 will be from 271 EDA funds. Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to approve a Taconite Community Relief Program Loan to Sophiale, LLC. D/B/A North Shore Adventure Park in the amount of \$62,500 under the terms and conditions set forth in the application. MOTION CARRIED.

Drown left meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Marina Refund – Scott Baker – Recommendation from Parks & Recreation Board to provide a full refund to the widow of Scott Baker in the amount of \$1560.00. There was discussion on the slip being filled by people on the waiting list. Motion by Bautch, second Hoff to approve full refund of \$1560.00 to Scott Baker's widow. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Lodging Tax- Baker provided a budget for Best of the North Shore as requested by Council, along with Letters of Opinion from the Attorney General regarding use of the Lodging Taxes. Discussion of City Attorney sending letter to the Attorney General and receiving approval for use of Lodging Tax for specific events such as Bay Days and a nationally known musician. Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch for City Attorney to submit letter to Attorney General. Lodging Tax decision tabled until reply is received. Ayes: Goutermont, Bautch, LeBlanc. Nay: Hoff. Absent: DeRosier. MOTION CARRIED.

Baker left meeting at 8:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Clerk Technician Hire - The personnel committee recommends the hiring of Julia Kloehn for the Part Time Library Clerk Technician position, at the starting wage of \$18.32 per hour and a 6-month probation with a start date pending. Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to approve the hire of Julia Kloehn for the Part Time Library Clerk Technician position as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Temporary Library Hours – The Library Board is recommending a temporary change of summer hours to accommodate lack of staff and new hire training. Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to approve temporary change of library hours effective immediately with normal hours returning as soon as possible but no later than July 31, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims – Motion by Hoff, second Goutermont to approve payment of \$53,102.11 in unpaid claims and \$157,523.75 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson



Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

Attest:



Lana Fralich, City Administrator