

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Monday, March 15, 2021

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc

Shane Hoff

Richard DeRosier

Ben Bautch

Dustin Goutermont (excused from meeting at 7:15 p.m.)

Lana Fralich, City Administrator

Tim Costley, City Attorney

Faron Meeks, Bay Days Committee (left meeting at 7:10 p.m.)

Jenn VanHouse, Bay Days Committee (left meeting at 7:10 p.m.)

David Klemmer, Black Beach Mini Golf LLC (left meeting at 7:10 p.m.)

Andrew Grice, Bergan-KDV – Via ZOOM (left meeting at 7:37 p.m.)

Sarah Carling, Community & Economic Development Associates – Via ZOOM (left meeting at 8:03 p.m.)

Lynn Dyer, ICS Builds – Via ZOOM (left meeting at 8:38 p.m.)

Glenn Chiodo, ICS Builds – Via ZOOM (left meeting at 8:38 p.m.)

Kitty Mayo, North Shore Journal – Via ZOOM

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

Agenda – Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to approve the agenda with the addition to 6e. Fire Department Hires and move items 4b., 6a. and 6b. after Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to approve the meeting minutes from the March 1st Regular Council meeting and the December 2020 Treasurer's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications

Memorial Bench for Trenton Thompson – Ellie Korpi submitted a letter of request for permission to place a memorial bench for Trenton Thompson overlooking the lake at the Silver Bay Marina. The letter was forwarded to Kevin Johnson with the MN DNR, asking for the State's permission. A response has not been received yet. Motion Hoff, second Bautch to accept the donation of the memorial bench and refer it to the Park and Recreation Department to work with the MN DNR and Korpi for final details. MOTION CARRIED.

2021 Bay Days Celebration – Meeks presented Council with the Bay Days Committee plans for the 2021 Bay Days Celebration. They have procured a band and have decided this will not be an All-Class Reunion due to COVID-19 guidelines. The committee recognizes this may not be a year they will make money but feel it's important for the community to hold the celebration. The council unanimously expressed their support and thanks the Bay Days Committee for their hard work coordinating the event.

Public Presentations

Bergan-KDV 2020 Audit Presentation – Grice presented the 2020 year-end audit of financial statement and communications letter prepared by Bergan-KDV. The City received a clear and unqualified opinion from an independent auditor, which is the highest rating it can achieve. There was

discussion on Net Income and Cash Investment. The Council reviewed the audit and thanked the administrative staff and department heads for their work on the audit and budget. Motion DeRosier, second Bautch to accept the 2020 year-end audit as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

NE MN Historical Mine Tour – Carling, presented the Northeast Minnesota Historical Mine Tour Project. The tour will go from Crosby Ironton to Silver Bay, will market and promote the mine communities through photos & videos, create new interactive and mobile friendly ESRI and Google maps, and create new interpretive signage at mine areas that include a QR code link to the interactive map. This project will showcase the community for future economic development opportunities as well. They are requesting a minimum of \$1,000 marketing contribution per interpretive sign and a letter of support to the Northeast Minnesota Mine Tour Project. There was discussion on how many signs and funding the project. Motion DeRosier, second Hoff to approve sending a letter of support to the Northeast Minnesota Mine Tour Project and revisit the marketing contribution at a later date. MOTION CARRIED.

ISD#381 Listening Session Report – Dyer and Chiodo presented their report from the Lake Superior Independent School District's planning listening session. Chiodo reported external and internal common themes from the questionnaires that were completed by students and faculty between the Silver Bay and the Two Harbors schools. Dyer reported on the identified facility needs in the district. Council thanked them for the work they did on the Listening Session.

City Administrator

Black Beach Mini Golf LLC/David Klemmer Purchase & Development Agreement – Council reviewed and discussed the Purchase and Development Agreement with Black Beach Mini Golf LLC for the purchase of Lot 6, Block 2 in the Silver Bay Business Park. Black Beach Mini Golf LLC is requesting to construct a mini golf course with a Point of Sale building and a 26 car parking lot with a hookup for food trucks that would include a sewer hookup and potable water. The earnest money has been received in the Administration Office. Motion Goutermont, second Hoff to approve the Purchase and Development Agreement with Black Beach Mini Golf LLC/David Klemmer as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

Resolution 2021-#17 Black Beach Mini Golf LLC Conditional Use Permit – Motion Bautch, second Hoff to approve the Black Beach Mini Golf LLC Conditional Use Permit as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2021 - 17 WAS ADOPTED: 5 aye, 0 nay, 0 excused

Summer PT Employment – Groundskeeper/Cemetery Caretaker – The Street Department would like to add a summer employment Groundskeeper position to oversee all the mowing and cemetery.

Motion Hoff, second Bautch to approve the addition and advertisement of a Summer PT Groundskeeper/Cemetery Caretaker position as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Lobbyist – Council reviewed two proposals for lobbying efforts for the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions to help secure funding for the Trailhead Center, East Lakeview Drive, and the lodging tax use change. Costin Group Minnesota, Inc. and Conservation Strategies, Inc., both submitted similar costs associated with their proposal. There was discussion regarding the investment of \$30,000 in order to potentially obtain over \$3 million for city projects. Motion DeRosier, second Hoff, to accept the proposal from Costin Group Minnesota, Inc. for a two-year contract in the amount of \$1,250 per month provided the City Administrator confirms there are no reimbursable expenses. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

Fire Department Hires – The Fire Department recommends hiring Troy LeBlanc and Spencer Tiboni for the vacant volunteer fire department positions. Per policy, this item is tabled until the next regular Council meeting when all members are present.

City Attorney

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Park and Recreation Board Appointment – The Park and Recreation Board is recommending the appointment of Gene LaFond to serve in the vacant Park and Recreation Board position. Motion Hoff, second DeRosier to appoint Gene LaFond to serve in the vacant Park and Recreation Board position. MOTION CARRIED.

The City Administrator reported the Public Utilities Committee is in need of people to serve on the committee.

Claims – Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to approve payment of \$49,023.96 in unpaid claims and \$68,884.77 in paid claims. There was discussion on the Lake County Chamber of Commerce payment for the video and the sponsorship of the Legislative Days at the Capitol. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Attest:

Minutes taken by: Lindsey Klemmer



Wade LeBlanc, Mayor



Lana Fralich, City Administrator