

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Monday, May 4, 2020

Present: Mayor Scott Johnson
 Carlene Perfetto
 Richard DeRosier
 Shane Hoff

Excused: Dustin Goutermont

Lana Fralich – City Administrator
 Tim Costley – City Attorney (via ZOOM video conference)
 Teri Cadeau – Lake County News Chronicle (via ZOOM video conference)
 Kathryn Mayo – North Shore Journal (via ZOOM video conference)

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. There was technical trouble with the ZOOM meeting causing the delay in the meeting start time. As a reminder we are still under the declaration for electronic meetings and all speakers must identify themselves and all votes will be done by role call.

Agenda – Motion by DeRosier, second Perfetto to approve the agenda with the revisions to remove the Treasurer’s Report – January, 2020 and add Exchange Day dates to the agenda. Aye – DeRosier, Perfetto, Hoff, Johnson. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

City Administrator

COVID-19 City Operations: The Governor’s Order has been extended to May 18, 2020. The public library is now offering curbside pickup. Outdoor rec facilities will open once they get cleaned and signs stating the social distancing rule are installed. The police and admin window security glass were installed. Our preparedness plan will be established before opening to the public. Staff members have the proper PPE and disinfecting cleaning agents available to them. We are working while maintaining social distancing throughout the departments.

Letter of Retirement from Susan Maki – PT Bartender: Susan Maki submitted her letter of resignation from the Liquor Store with a retirement date of June 1, 2020. Motion Perfetto, second Hoff to accept the resignation of Susan Maki with regret. The Council thanks her for her years of service. Aye – DeRosier, Perfetto, Hoff, Johnson. MOTION CARRIED.

Duluth Superior Community Foundation Prairie Fire Theatre Grant: The City has been awarded a \$2,500 grant for this year’s production of Prairie Fire Theatre – Tom Sawyer. Motion Hoff, second DeRosier to accept the Duluth Superior Community Foundation grant as presented. Aye – DeRosier, Perfetto, Hoff, Johnson. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2020-#31 IRRR Grant Application: The Lake Superior School District is moving forward with the Daycare Center at the Wm. M. Kelley School. Part of the District’s plan is to create a parking and drop off zone in front of the school along Banks Boulevard. The funding to do this parking/drop off zone is potentially coming from IRRR, but the City would need to

be the grant recipient to act as the fiscal agent for the funds. Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to adopt Resolution 2020-#31 approving the submittal of an IRRR grant application in the amount to cover the parking and drop off zone costs as presented. This will be a great improvement and help the community and school. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson - Aye
Member Perfetto - Aye
Member Hoff - Aye

Member Goutermont - Excused
Member DeRosier - Aye

RESOLUTION 2020 - 31 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Exchange Days: There are four Exchange Day dates, May 23, June 20, August 22, September 19, 2020. Motion DeRosier, second Hoff to approve hosting and advertising the Exchange Day dates as presented. Aye – DeRosier, Perfetto, Hoff, Johnson. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney

OLD BUSINESS

North Shore Management Board Membership Discussion: There was discussion on the North Shore Management Board Membership appointments. It was recommended to appoint an elected official as primary and a staff member as an alternate to the North Shore Management Board. The mayor will communicate that message to the Board.

Silver Creek Regarding the Silver Bay Airport: The Mayor and City Administrator had a phone conference meeting with Greg Hull from the Town of Silver Creek, FAA, MnDOT, and Bollig Engineering, who is an independent firm to discuss transferring sponsorship of the airport. The FAA and MnDOT are willing to authorize the transfer if an agreement is reached. FAA stated the debt services will not go away and they will not financially help in transferring the sponsorship. There was discussion on what the FAA and MnDOT's obligation is to make sure the maintenance and repairs last for the 20 years that coincide with the 20-year financial obligation. It seems the lifespan of useful life is inaccurate. The Town of Silver Creek feels if they take over, they'll have a financial burden for about 4-5 years before getting to a self-sustaining position and will need financial assistance from the City or other entity. The numbers that Silver Creek Township have come up with at their first proposal seem to be higher than actual. Fralich reported the current annual operating costs incurred by the City is around \$12-15,000. Bollig is working on a conceptual plan on what the Township would like to see. Fralich will work with Hull to devise a proposal to bring forth to the Township and the City Council. This subject will be re-evaluated once a new proposal has been created.

Fralich reported that she submitted a letter to the PFA (Public Facilities Authority) to get on the intended use plan and PPL (Project Priority List) for future water and sewer projects. This letter does not obligate the City to do anything, it's just a formality to get the City projects on a list for future funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Claims – Motion by DeRosier, second Perfetto to approve payment of \$276,732.19 in unpaid claims and \$153,596.64 in paid claims. Aye – DeRosier, Perfetto, Hoff, Johnson. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second Hoff to adjourn at 7:59 P.M. Aye – DeRosier, Perfetto, Hoff, Johnson. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lindsey Klemmer

Attest:



Scott M Johnson, Mayor



Lana Fralich, City Administrator