

## CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Monday, November 16, 2020

Present: Mayor Scott Johnson  
Carlene Perfetto

Excused:

Lana Fralich – City Administrator (VIA ZOOM)  
Timothy Costley – City Attorney (VIA ZOOM)  
Richard DeRosier – (VIA ZOOM)  
Shane Hoff – (VIA ZOOM)  
Dustin Goutermont (VIA ZOOM)  
Ben Bautch (VIA ZOOM)

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. noting that due to COVID-19, this meeting will be conducted virtually.

**Agenda** – Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to approve the Agenda with the addition of PUC Board Appointments, Public Works Board Appointments, Mike Johnson's Resignation Letter, under New Business; and COVID – 19 updates to communications. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson – Aye  
Member Perfetto – Aye  
Member Hoff – Absent

Member Goutermont – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Aye

**Consent Agenda** – Motion by DeRosier, second Perfetto to approve minutes from the November 2, 2020 Regular City Council Minutes, the November 12, 2020 Special City Council Meeting Minutes, and the July 2020 Treasurer's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson – Aye  
Member Perfetto – Aye  
Member Hoff – Absent

Member Goutermont – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Aye

Council Member Shane Hoff joined the meeting virtually at 7:07 p.m.

### **Petitions, Requests and Communications**

**Steel Magnolia Award** – The Council reviewed information received from Northshore Mining on the Steel Magnolia Award, which was inspired by the memory of Karen Wellington, a courageous woman and friend of the AK Steel Corporation, who battled cancer for 10 years so that her children would have a memory of their mother. The award has now been expanded to all communities of Cleveland Cliffs, including Silver Bay. Nominations are being accepted until December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**COVID-19 UPDATE** – City Hall is open for operation but the building is closed to the public until further notice.

## City Administrator

**Resolution 2020-#51 MN DNR Grant Agreement for Fire Department** – The Council reviewed and discussed a Grant Agreement from the MN DNR to purchase turnout gear for the Fire Department. Motion by DeRosier, second Perfetto to approve Resolution 2020-#51 MN DNR Grant Agreement for Fire Department. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson – Aye  
Member Perfetto – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2020-#51 - WAS ADOPTED: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent

**AWAIR Training** – The Council discussed the need to complete AWAIR training due to the normal April session being cancelled due to COVID-19. In-person training will not be conducted as originally planned, but will now be conducted virtually on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at a lower cost of this training in the amount of \$565.00. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to approve AWAIR Training, via zoom for December 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 at a cost of \$565. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont - Aye  
Member DeRosier - Aye

## City Attorney

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

**Housing Market Study** – Councilor DeRosier presented information relating to a housing study being conducted by the Lake County HRA for the Silver Bay Area. The HRA is seeking funding support from the City to share in the costs to conduct the housing study by Maxfield Research. The study will emphasize the need for housing, the type of housing best suited for City needs, update a previously outdated study, and incorporate the area of the Silver Bay school district plus outlying areas, such as Tofte & Lutsen. The study will be used to support housing development and any future funding applications for housing within the City. Motion by Perfetto, second by Goutermont to share equally in the cost of a Housing Market Study for the City of Silver Bay, conducted by Lake County HRA, so long as financial contribution to the study does not exceed the amount of \$2500. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson – Aye  
Member Perfetto – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Aye

**Resignation of Alis Stevens** –The Council received a resignation from Alis Stevens resigning from the EDA, PUC, and Liquor Commission Boards. Motion by Perfetto, second DeRosier to accept the

resignation of Alis Stevens' from the EDA, PUC and Liquor Commission Boards and thank her for her service. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson – Aye  
Member Perfetto – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Aye

**Resignation of Mike Johnson** – The Council received a resignation from Mike Johnson resigning from the PUC and Public Works Boards. Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to accept the resignation of Mike Johnson from the PUC and Public Works Board and thank him for his service. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson – Aye  
Member Perfetto – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Aye

**EDA Board Appointment** – The Council reviewed an application from Bethany Smuk to serve on the EDA Board due to the vacant seat of Alis Stevens. Bethany will serve the December 2020 meeting, and be appointed from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to appoint Bethany Smuk to the EDA Board. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson – Aye  
Member Perfetto – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Aye

**Public Works Board Appointment** – The Council reviewed an application from James FitzGerald to serve on the Public Works Board to fill the vacant seat of Mike Johnson. James will serve any December 2020 meeting, and be appointed from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023. Motion by Perfetto, second DeRosier to appoint James Fitzgerald to the Public Works Board. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson – Aye  
Member Perfetto – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Aye

**Public Utilities Commission Appointment** – The Council reviewed an application from James FitzGerald to serve on the Public Utilities Commission due to the vacant seat of Alis Stevens. James will serve the remaining December 2020 meeting, and be appointed from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2023. Motion by Hoff, second Goutermont to appoint James Fitzgerald to the Public Utilities Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson – Aye  
Member Perfetto – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Aye

**Public Works Board Appointment** – The Council reviewed an application from Nels Coleman to serve on the Public Works Board. Nels Coleman will serve the remaining December 2020 meetings, and be

appointed from January 1, 2021 -December 31 2023. Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to appoint Nels Coleman to the Public Works Board. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson – Aye  
Member Perfetto – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Aye

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**Claims:** Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto, to approve payment of \$215,120.73 in unpaid claims and \$89,117.36 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson – Aye  
Member Perfetto – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Aye

Motion by Perfetto, second DeRosier adjourn at 7:33 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Johnson – Aye  
Member Perfetto – Aye

Member Goutermont – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Aye  
Member Hoff – Aye

Minutes taken by: Devon Monteith

Attest:

  
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Scott Johnson, Mayor

  
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Lana Fralich, City Administrator