

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Monday, June 6, 2022

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
 Richard DeRosier
 Shane Hoff
 Ben Bautch
 Dustin Goutermont

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
 Tim Costley, City Attorney
 David Drown, EDA Director
 Kitty Mayo- Lake County Press, via ZOOM
 Christine Mallory, Northshore Journal, via ZOOM
 Joe Rhein, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk, LLC – via ZOOM
 Matt Huddleston, Lake County Administrator, left at 7:25 p.m.
 Rick Goutermont, Lake County Commissioner, left at 7:25 p.m.
 Ronelle Radle, Lake County, left at 7:25 p.m.
 Brent Almer, Northshore Journal
 Kall Mathews
 Noreen Carlson

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

Agenda – Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to approve the Agenda with March 2022 Treasurer's Report addition and move Lake County Property Valuations to Communications. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consent Agenda – Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to approve the meeting minutes from the May 16, 2022 Regular Meeting, May 23, 2022 Public Hearing, May 23, 2022 Special Meeting and March 2022 Treasurer's Report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Petitions, Requests, and Communications

William Kelley Elementary 6th Grade Request- Council reviewed letters received from 6th grade students relating to concerns about gas prices and lack of e-charging stations in Silver Bay. Discussion on locations of charging stations at AmericInn, Tettegouche, and Gooseberry State Parks. Mayor will send letter thanking students for the letters.

Lake County Property Valuations and Tax Update- Representatives from Lake County presented Council with an update on property valuations and taxes. There was discussion on if the city tax levy stayed the same what would the tax impact be based upon 2023 proposed valuations, impact of fiscal disparities, and state legislative changes that impacted tax capacity relating to utility poles and railroads. Council would like to review

the data relating to tax collected county-wide. Ronelle Radle left a summary of levy, tax rate, and values for Council to review.

City Administrator

Resolution 2022-#47 IRRR Grant for Airport Feasibility Study - Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to approve and adopt Resolution 2022-#47 to submit application and enter into IRRR Grant for Airport Feasibility Study. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2022 – 47 WAS ADOPTED: 5 aye, 0 nay, 0 excused

Resolution 2022-#48 LCCMR Submission – The City has received \$1 million of the \$3 million requested from LCCMR and the bonding bill has not yet been approved, it is recommended to resubmit an application to LCCMR for the next round of funding. Due to the deadline to submit was May 26, 2022 the City Administrator has submitted application. Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to approve and adopt Resolution 2022-#48 LCCMR Submission retroactive to May 26, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2022 – 48 WAS ADOPTED: 5 aye, 0 nay, 0 excused

Resolution 2022-#49 Veteran’s Home Cooperative Agreement - Motion by Bautch, second Hoff to approve and adopt Resolution 2022-#49 Veteran’s Home Cooperative Agreement. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2022 – 49 WAS ADOPTED: 5 aye, 0 nay, 0 excused

Boathouse Bay Public Infrastructure Bidding- City Planner is recommending moving forward with obtaining bids for the infrastructure costs for Boathouse Bay including the public utilities portion to determine if costs will fall within the parameters of the TIF. City Engineer is currently reviewing engineering plans. Motion by Hoff, second DeRosier to move ahead with advertising for infrastructure bids, pending final approval from City Engineer. MOTION CARRIED.

4th of July Fireworks- Council reviewed the 4th of July Fireworks agreement. This year the show has increased to a budget of \$10,000 thanks to a \$5,000 grant from Lovin Lake County and additional donations of \$3165 from following donors: Northshore Mining, City of Beaver Bay, Beaver Bay Township, Northshore Federal Credit Union, Park State Bank, VanHouse Construction, D&D Services, Jackson Inc., Thompson Gas, Cove Point Lodge, Four Seasons, Marjorie Jorgenson, Robert & Ruby Eckstrom, Janet Grahek, Mary Hoffman, and W. Westerlund Ehlert. The remaining funds of \$1835 will be covered by the city or any future donations. Motion by Hoff, second DeRosier to accept. MOTION CARRIED.

Mobile Food Truck City Code Amendments- Council reviewed current City Code Chapter 3, Section 345 Mobile Food Trucks/Vendors regarding the size of Food Trucks not exceeding 32' in length or 10' height. There was discussion on Mobile Food Trucks/Vendors that exceed the code dimension, current codes for parking on streets, permitting process, city code amendment process, and holding a public hearing on a code amendment. There was a consensus of the Council to add language to the code authorizing Mobile Food Trucks/Vendors who exceed the dimension be permitted on private property only or during special events as approved by Council. The City Attorney will draft the amendment. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, prior to the regular city council meeting, for the purpose of taking public comment on the city code amendment allowing Mobile Food Trucks/Vendors be permitted on private property or during a special event upon City Council approval. MOTION CARRIED.

PT Officer Hiring- Interim Chief is recommending hiring Leland Wilkinson as a PT Officer with the city. Application, psych evaluation, pre-employment physical, and background have been received. Effective date of hire will be pending the work schedule by the Interim Chief. Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to hire Leland Wilkinson as PT Officer at PT Officer wage with an effective start date to be determined by Interim Chief. MOTION CARRIED.

Joint Planning Workshop Meetings with EDA and Planning & Zoning- It is being recommended to hold monthly joint planning workshop meetings with the EDA and Planning & Zoning to review future planning of the city. Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to hold monthly joint planning workshop meetings on following dates: June 22nd, July 20th, August 17th, September 21st, and October 19th, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

Marina Seasonal Slip Refund-Earl Singh- Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to approve a refund request from Earl Singh, based upon the refund policy, with a total refund due in the amount of \$1385.81, based upon a 90% refund less an outstanding winter storage fee. MOTION CARRIED.

Temporary On-Sale Liquor License Application- Council reviewed the Temporary On-Sale Liquor License Application for the Bay Days Special Event. Location will be City Hall parking lot and possibly Liquor Store parking lot. Motion by DeRosier, second

Goutermont to approve a temporary on-sale liquor license application. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS – None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

MN Design Team Review and Communication- Mayor LeBlanc gave an update on the MN Design Team visit, there was a good turnout with many opinions heard. Discussion followed on town hall meetings, quarterly newspaper, transparency regarding projects and how to get information about the different projects happening. Consensus of Council to start the newsletter again.

Resignation Duane Robinson, Fire Department- Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to accept, with regrets, Duane Robinson's resignation from Fire Department. Council thanks Duane for his 35+ years of service to our community. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims – Motion by Bautch, second Goutermont to approve payment of \$94,000.12 in unpaid claims and \$207,470.61 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

Attest:

Lana Fralich, City Administrator