

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

November 7, 2022

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Richard DeRosier
Shane Hoff
Ben Bautch

Excused: Dustin Goutermont

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Eric Wedge, DSGW-via ZOOM
Shannon Walz, Library Director
Carolyn Hudyma
Rick Evans, Northshore Journal-via ZOOM
Kitty Mayo Lake County Press-via ZOOM

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

Agenda – Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to approve the Agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to approve the meeting minutes from the October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting and the June 2022 Treasurer's report.
MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications –

Special Olympics Minnesota's Lake Superior Lakers State Bowling Competition-Sendoff and Congratulations- There will be a sendoff on November 19th at 6:00 a.m. for two local youth, David and Dakota, who are participating in the Special Olympics state Bowling Competition in Grand Rapids. The public is encouraged to line the streets of Outer Drive. Congratulations David and Dakota!

RAMS Annual Meeting-December 15th- The annual RAMS meeting and dinner will be held December 15th in Virginia, MN. This is open to all council members who would like to attend.

RAMS Board Nomination- Shane Hoff is the current Council representative on the RAMS Board and his term is expiring on 12/31/2022. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to recommend nominating Shane Hoff to continue to serve on the RAMS Board. **MOTION CARRIED.**

General Election-November 8, 2022- Reminder that the General Election is Tuesday, November 8th.

City Administrator -

Resolution 2022-#70 IRRRB Grant Submission-Library Expansion Project- The Library Board is recommending submitting a grant to IRRRB in the amount of \$250,000 to aid in the funding of the library expansion project. Motion by Bautch second Hoff to adopt Resolution 2022-#70 IRRRB Grant Submission-Library Expansion Project. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2022 – 70 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Resolution 2022-#71 Blandin Foundation Grant Agreement- Library Expansion Project- The Library Board is recommending approval of the grant agreement from the Blandin Foundation for \$100,000 to aid in Library Expansion Project. These funds must be used toward construction and prior to October 31, 2023. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to adopt Resolution 2022-#71 Blandin Foundation Grant Agreement- Library Expansion Project. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2022 – 71 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Resolution 2022-#72 DSGW Proposal-Library Expansion Project- Council reviewed an engineering proposal from DSGW to do Architectural and Interior Design Services for the Library Expansion Project. The conceptual planned estimated the project at \$1 million, with \$600,000 in funds secured and an additional \$305,000 pending. The total proposed cost from DSGW is \$74,000. DSGW is also involved in Multi-Modal Trailhead Project and proposed meeting on same day for both projects as a cost saving measure for the City. Motion by Hoff, second DeRosier to adopt Resolution 2022-#72 DSGW Proposal-Library Expansion Project. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2022 – 72 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Resolution 2022-#73 Bolton & Menk Proposal-Library Expansion Project- Upon the recommendation from the Library Board, Council reviewed the proposal from Bolton & Menk for civil engineering services for the Library Expansion Project. The proposed total for civil engineering services is \$16,750. Additional services, if needed, would include landscape architecture, construction to admin/observations, and surveying. Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to adopt

Resolution 2022-#73 Bolton & Menk Proposal - Library Expansion Project at the initial cost of \$16,750 and review additions, if needed, at a later date. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2022 – 73 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Resolution 2022-#74 BS&A Amended Contract – Administration is requiring additional training relating to the BS&A financial system. Due to the timing of training, the Mayor authorized moving forward with training, BSA remotely conducted two days on October 31st and November 1st and will conduct two additional days the end of November. Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to adopt Resolution 2022-#74 BS&A Amended Contract for four days of remote training, at a cost of \$4000, retroactive to October 21, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2022 – 74 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Water Tower Repairs- The PUC is recommending approval of emergency repair costs of \$16,000 for a dive team and \$15,000 for a welding team to repair a break in the 750 Water Tower. The Water Department has cleaned and filled the 500 tank to be used while the 750 is repaired. A dive team is needed to shut off the 750 while the 4-way valve is welded and repaired. This will be a one-day repair. Motion by Hoff, second DeRosier to approve repairs at a cost of \$31,000. MOTION CARRIED.

FT Police Officer Hiring- Motion by Bautch, second Hoff to hire Samuel Lakey for the full-time police officer position at 95% full time officer wage, six-month probation period, and pending successful completion of psychological and physical exams and background check. MOTION CARRIED.

PT Arena Aides- Parks & Recreation Director is requesting hiring two students to work as Arena Aides during the winter months for open skating/hockey on Sundays and Wednesdays. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to hire Chase Dow and Katie Carpenter at \$11.50/hour as Arena Aides for the Arena Season. MOTION CARRIED.

Set Closed Meeting for Labor Negotiations- Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to set closed meeting for the purpose of Labor Negotiations on November 21st at 5:30 p.m. prior to regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

City Hall & Library Closed-Friday, November 25th- Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to close City Hall and the Library on Friday, November 25, 2022 (day after Thanksgiving)

and that staff be required to take floating holiday or personal time off. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

Newsletter- Mayor has been receiving many positive comments regarding the Newsletter sent out previously.

NEW BUSINESS –

Library Board Appointment- Library Board recommends appointment of Brianna Ristow to serve as a Silver Bay representative on the Library Board. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to appoint Brianna Ristow to Library Board. MOTION CARRIED.

Endless Summer Farms Reimbursement Request- The PUC is recommending approving the reimbursement request amount of \$402.37 from Endless Summer Farms for pressure reducing valve he needed to purchase to protect his business from the high-water pressures that are happening at his business. Council reviewed photos provided showing high pressures resulting in the replacement of his hot water heater. Discussion followed regarding insurance claims and deductibles. Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to approve reimbursement request of \$402.37 for Endless Summer Farms. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims – Motion by Bautch, second Hoff to approve payment of \$88,489.17 in unpaid claims and \$177,578.62 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Attest:

Lana Fralich, City Administrator