

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

December 4, 2017

Present: Scott M. Johnson
Carlene Perfetto
Dustin Goutermont
Richard DeRosier
Shane Hoff

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Tim Costley, City Attorney
Jamey Malcomb, Lake County News Chronicle
Chris Toal, Wilderness Products

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

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

Consent Agenda – Motion by Hoff, second Perfetto to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017 regular Council meeting and the July 2017 treasurer's report.
MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment on 2018 Budget and Levy – The administrator summarized the 2018 budget, the 7.4% levy increase, and it was noted that the net tax capacity rose 1.7%. It was noted that funding for the Liquor Store, Water / Sewer funds and the Mary MacDonald center do not come from property taxes. There was discussion about the capital improvement projects. Toal inquired about increases on his business tax statement, from the County Auditor, on leased spaced in the Mary MacDonald Center. The Council reviewed property valuation and taxes, which is calculated by Lake County. There was no one else from the public in attendance related to the budget and levy, and no written comments were received.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Shop with a Hero Event – The Council thanked the local businesses who contributed to this December 9 event where members of the Fire and Police Departments share a breakfast with local kids and then take them shopping for Christmas presents for themselves and their families.

City Administrator

Fire Department Officers – The Council reviewed the recommendation from the Fire Department for the 2018 officers. Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to appoint Michael Rowlee, Jr. as Fire Chief, Faron Meeks as 1st Assistant Chief, Rick Goutermont as 2nd Assistant Chief, and Eric Berquist as Captain of the Fire Department. 5 aye, 0 nay.
MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2017-41 – The Council reviewed an amendment with the DNR for the operation of the Marina and it was noted that this is a one-year amendment, and that the only major change was the training budget increased to \$2,000. Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to adopt Resolution 2017-41, authorizing to amend the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Cooperative Agreement for Marina management.

Member Hoff – aye
Member Perfetto – aye
Mayor Johnson – aye

Member Goutermont – aye
Member DeRosier – aye

RESOLUTION 2017-41 was ADOPTED. 5 aye, 0 nay

Airport Hangar Renewals – Motion by Hoff, second Goutermont to approve two-year airport hangar lease renewal agreements with Terry Olson, Greg Sutton, Anthony Kramer, Timothy Christman and Jeremiah Mitchell. MOTION CARRIED. It was noted that there are two other hangars that are not currently being used for airplanes, and that the tenants have been asked to vacate these hangars unless they are used for aviation purposes.

2017 Water and Sewer Rates – The Council reviewed the Public Utilities budget and upcoming projects, and there was a consensus to not increase the rates in 2018. There was discussion about rate reviews and projects that might cause rate increases in the future. Motion by Perfetto, second DeRosier to not change the current water and sewer rates, for the period of one year, beginning January 1, 2018. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS – No other old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Claims – Motion by Perfetto, second Hoff to approve payment of \$109,731.02 paid claims and \$57,147.27 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem



Scott M Johnson, Mayor



Lana Fralich, City Administrator