

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, Sept 7, 2021

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Richard DeRosier
Dustin Goutermont
Ben Bautch

Excused: Shane Hoff

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Tim Costley, City Attorney
Dan Cahill Matthews, Makers Market – left at 7:35 p.m.
Joe Rhein, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk Engineering
Eric Judkins – left at 7:35 p.m.
Teresa Schulz – left at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to approve the Agenda with additions of June 2021 Treasurer's Report and Sewer Jet Purchase. MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to approve the meeting minutes from the August 16th Regular Council meeting, August 23rd and 27th Special Meetings and June 2021 Treasurer's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications –

Maker Market Events- Dan Cahill Matthews – Dan Cahill Matthews, Friends of Finland presented information regarding a Makers Market (similar to a Farmer's Market) with a request to use City Hall parking lot to test local interest beginning Saturday, Sept 11, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and have 3-4 more events this Fall. Makers Market was previously held at North Shore Adventure Park area but received feedback that parking was a problem, so by moving it to City Hall parking lot they are hoping to generate more interest and continue with bigger events next year. There was discussion on the potential competition of business, potential use of the city hall for lavatories, licensing & insurance requirements, and who is responsible to confirm vendors have licenses needed. Costley will draft short-term lease for vendors to sign. Consensus of the Council was that it is a great idea and a welcomed addition to the City. Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to allow the City Hall parking lot only to be used by Friends of Finland to hold Maker's Markets beginning Saturday, Sept 11th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to continue this Fall and Council will revisit the request in the Spring to possibly continue in 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

City Administrator –

Resolution 2021- #26 Bolton & Menk, Inc. Engineering Services - East Lakeview Drive – Joe Rhein presented a proposal from Bolton & Menk, Inc. to provide engineering services for upgrades and reconstruction of East Lakeview Drive that has been identified to be funded through MnDOT and MnDNR. A grant to IRRR will be submitted to assist in the engineering funding, but a portion will be required by city. Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to accept the Bolton & Menk, Inc. proposal for engineering services for the reconstruction of East Lakeview Drive for an amount not to exceed

\$203,000 for engineering services, plus estimated geotechnical fees of \$15,000 for a total cost of \$218,000. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

Resolution 2021- #27 Bolton & Menk, Inc. Engineering Services – Black Beach Park – Joe Rhein presented a proposal from Bolton & Menk, Inc to provide engineering services to create a site improvement plan for Black Beach Park as required by North Shore Mining prior to approving any improvements being made. Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to accept Bolton & Menk, Inc. proposal for engineering services to complete the engineered site plan as requested by Northshore Mining for an amount not to exceed \$34,000. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

Resolution 2021- #28 Bolton & Menk, Inc. Engineering Services – Multi Modal Trailhead Center – Joe Rhein presented a proposal from Bolton & Menk, Inc to provide engineering services to complete a Topographic Survey of the proposed property to be developed for the Multi-Modal Trailhead Center. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to accept Bolton & Menk, Inc proposal for engineering services to complete a Topographic Survey of the property proposed for the Multi-Modal Trailhead Center for an amount not to exceed \$22,000. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

Memorandum of Understanding- Teamsters Local Union No. 346 – Council reviewed a MOU with the Teamsters regarding temporary changes with Police Department while in transition phase of hiring and training new officers. The city will first fill scheduled vacant shifts with the Chief and Part-time officers, and unfilled shifts will be offered to full-time officers in accordance with the union contract. Pay for experienced part-time officers will increase to current full-time rate of \$30.62/hr., retroactive to August 30th, 2021. If needed, Lake County can be contacted to fill open shifts and city will be invoiced. The MOU will expire when the Police Department is fully staffed and new hires have been trained or 6-months from signed MOU, whichever comes first. There was further discussion that this rate increase is for experienced officers who are working with other agencies that are assisting the city, and that new part-timers would remain at the current pay rate for part-time officers of \$21.79. Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to accept MOU agreement with Teamsters Local Union No. 346. Ayes: Bautch, Goutermont, DeRosier, LeBlanc, Absent: Hoff. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2021- #29 PERA for Alex McGrath – Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to authorize Alex McGrath, PT Patrol Officer, be included into Police and Fire PERA. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

Resolution 2021- #30 IRRR Grant Submission for East Lakeview Drive – Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to submit application and enter into grant agreement with IRRR for funding to offset costs for the reconstruction of East Lakeview Drive. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Wastewater Sewer Jet Purchase – Mike Miller is requesting to purchase a new sewer jet to replace current one that is no longer working. Credit would be received for old one plus a deduction for the equipment being a demo model thus lowering the cost to the City to \$74,914. Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to approve purchase of new Wastewater Sewer Jet at cost of \$74,914 to be covered by Wastewater fund and to declare old Sewer Jet as surplus with trade in value of \$8500. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims – Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to approve payment of \$225,704.34 in unpaid claims and \$186,619.74 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Attest:



Wade LeBlanc, Mayor


Lana Fralich, City Administrator