

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

September 19, 2022

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Richard DeRosier
Shane Hoff
Ben Bautch

Excused: Dustin Goutermont

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Tim Costley, City Attorney
David Drown, Community Planner
Rick Evans, Northshore Journal, via ZOOM
Kitty Mayo, Lake County Press, via ZOOM
Ruth Koepke
Curt Anderson
Carolyn Hudyma
Karen Rautio

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

Mayor LeBlanc stated that the Public Hearing for Boathouse Bay Subsidy is going to be rescheduled for a future date once all information is received. No public comments were taken.

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

Consent Agenda – Motion by Hoff, second DeRosier to approve the meeting minutes from the September 6th Budget Workshop and September 6th, 2022 Regular Meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications –

MN House and Senate Legislative Candidate Public Forum- There will be a public forum at the Hibbing High School Auditorium on Wednesday, September 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to learn more about the candidates for MN House and Senate representing Silver Bay. It will also be available via Facebook Live.

City Administrator -

Resolution 2022-#64 Proposed Budget- Council reviewed the proposed budget for FY 2023 along with a Lake County estimation of impact on property taxes, a vehicle replacement schedule, the Truth-in-Taxation Meeting Certification Form setting the date of December 5th at 7:00pm, a Supplemental Summary Form, and a summary of what was included within the budget. There was discussion on assessed values, impacts on properties, fiscal disparities, projects, impact of

Northshore Mining, operational cost changes, setting up a storm water fund, and noted that adjustments to the budgets can still be made before final budgets are completed. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to adopt Resolution 2022-#64 Proposed 2023 Budget revenue and expenditure budget in the grand total amount of \$27,496,135 in revenue and \$27,850,645 in expenses. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2022 – 64 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Resolution 2022-#65 Proposed Levy – Council reviewed the levy based upon the proposed budget, which kept the levy at a 0% increase for 2023. Motion by Hoff, second DeRosier to approve Resolution 2022-#65 the proposed 2022 collectible 2023 Tax Levy in the amount of \$1,648,110. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2022 – #65 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

New Construction Housing Subsidy Program- Council reviewed the Home Subsidy contract terms recommended by EDA. Homeowners will have one year to complete project to receive a one-time cash grant of 10% of home's assessed value or 15% of home's assessed value if the owner agrees to occupy the home as their primary residence and obtain Lake County property tax homestead status continuously for ten years. Discussion followed regarding number of interested applicants in program, collecting tax via a tax abatement agreement with City, School, and County; which has not been completed yet, collecting tax to cover the cost, timeline for applications and building, and risks associated with program. City Attorney recommends completing the tax abatement public hearings as soon as possible. Curt Anderson asked if new homes will be built within the city's existing utilities. Motion by Hoff, second DeRosier to approve contract. MOTION CARRIED.

Downtown Design Proposal- EDA is recommending Damon Farber Landscape Architects proposal relating to the development of downtown. This would be completed by the same consultant who helped conceptually design Bayview Park, Jordan van der Hagen. The costs, not to exceed \$15,000, will be paid with EDA funds. The final plans would then be incorporated into the city codes. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to move forward with Damon Farber Landscape Architects in the amount of up to \$15,000. MOTION CARRIED.

Lake County HRA Draft Agreement- Penn Avenue Housing Project- Council reviewed a tentative agreement drafted by David Drown, and reviewed by the EDA and Lake County HRA regarding developing housing along Penn Avenue. The City Attorney will review and make final adjustments. Drown provided an overview of project; land is given to City by HRA and the City has three years to develop housing. Curt Anderson questioned if there are any plans to move Penn Ave. to accommodate housing, which Drown replied no plans to move roads. No decision needed by Council until final agreement has been completed and presented to HRA.

CLEO and Command Academy Training- Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to approve Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO and Command training for Cole Ernest, as requested upon his promotion to Chief of Police. The training is in Little Falls from January 30th-Feb. 3rd, 2023 at a cost of \$775, which includes lodging and meals. Mileage reimbursement would be in accordance to city policy. MOTION CARRIED.

CentralSquare-Police Civil Citation Program Set Up- The Chief of Police is recommending moving to a cloud-based Civil Citation program to allow for invoicing thru the new BSA system software and citations can be paid online. There is a one-time cost of \$975. Motion by Bautch, second DeRosier to approve CentralSquare-Police Civil Citation Program at a cost of \$975. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Curt Anderson asked if there were any updates on Boathouse Bay project, Drown updated that the project is moving ahead slowly.

Claims – Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to approve payment of \$59,301.25 in unpaid claims and \$290,752.60 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

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

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Attest:



Wade LeBlanc, Mayor



Lana Fralich, City Administrator