

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Monday, May 1, 2023

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Richard DeRosier
Ben Bautch
Shane Hoff

Excused: Dustin Goutermont

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Tim Costley, City Attorney
David Drown, Community Planner
Kitty Mayo, Lake County Press via ZOOM
Joseph Rhein, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk via ZOOM
Nelson French
Donny Thompson

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

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

Consent Agenda – Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to approve the meeting minutes from the April 17th, 2023 Regular Meeting, revised December 2022 Treasurer's Report, and January 2023 Treasurer's Report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Petitions, Requests, and Communications –

RAMS Support Letters- Council reviewed support letters written from RAMS. The first is for informational purposes that was sent to Senate Tax Committee Chair Ann Rest regarding the reductions in LGA, County aid, PILT, and the direct impact on the communities and residents of Northern MN. The second letter, to be sent to Governor Tim Walz and Commissioner Sarah Strommen is requesting support of the MN DNR and non-ferrous mining. Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff for Mayor LeBlanc to sign on behalf of the city. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MN Power Outages- The Mayor has recently contacted MN Power relating to the uncharacteristic power outages our community has had over the last few weeks. MN Power is expediting work that needs to be done to provide a new permanent source of electricity to the City of Silver Bay by installing new poles, conduit, and underground cable to connect the existing MP 13.8kV feeder to a new source at the North Shore Substation.

Congressman Pete Stauber Public Hearing on Mineral Wealth- There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, May 2nd at 1:30 p.m. at the Mt. Iron-Buhl High School for the purpose to examine the mineral wealth of the region and discuss the permitting issues that have hampered companies trying to move projects forward in Minnesota.

Rockywall Productions License Agreement- Council reviewed an email and layout map from Rockywall Productions relating to the 2023 Music in the Park Friday night concert series. License agreement is the same as 2022. Discussion regarding any problems with use of City Hall, which there have not been any reported. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to approve a License Agreement for the use of city property and building for music in the park events. MOTION CARRIED.

Rocky Taconite Domain Statement- Bay Area Historical Society- The Bay Area Historical Society has done research and contacted a Public Domain Attorney regarding the use of Rocky Taconite, copyrights, etc. Rocky Taconite is considered part of the public domain and a statement has been provided for anyone inquiring use of Rocky Taconite. Motion by Hoff, second DeRosier to provide this statement to anyone inquiring use of Rocky Taconite. MOTION CARRIED.

City Administrator –

Resolution 2023-#19 Transportation Alternative Funding- The City submitted an application to the Federal Transportation Alternative Program for the Multi-Modal Trailhead Center requesting \$600,000. Initially the city was awarded \$515,909 for Fiscal Year 2026 reimbursement, however the city was recently awarded the remaining \$84,091 to bring the award total up to the original request of \$600,000. Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to adopt Resolution 2023-#19 accepting the Transportation Alternative Funding award of \$600,000 for Fiscal Year 2026 reimbursement. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2023 - 19 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Resolution 2023-#20 USI Consulting Group Consulting Services Agreement- Fire Relief Association- Council reviewed the Consulting Services agreement with USI Consulting Group for the 2023-2024 Actuarial Services for the Fire Relief Association relating to GASB 67/68 Pensions. There were no changes from previous years with cost being \$2,700 first year and \$1,150 for the second year. Motion by Bautch, second Hoff to adopt Resolution 2023-#20- USI Consulting Group Consulting Services Agreement-Fire Relief Association. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2023 - 20 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Resolution 2023-#21 Bolton & Menk Proposal for Topographic Survey for Edison/Banks/Davis Utilities, Banks Culvert, and Potential New Roadway- Joe Rhein of Bolton and Menk presented a proposal relating to the Topographic Surveying on culverts, city utilities, and a proposed street behind the shopping center. There has been discussion in the past on improving the large culverts between Banks and Outer Drive, improvements to allow access for Lake County HRA to develop an additional apartment building on their property, improved access to the post office and other properties behind shopping center. Lake County will be reconstructing Edison Blvd from Penn Ave. to Horn; along Banks Boulevard from Horn to Davis Dr; and Davis Drive from Banks to Outer Drive. Discussion on city's responsibility regarding utilities, replacement of culverts under Banks and Outer Drive. Further discussion on changing of CSAH roads, timing of project, and needed easements. The proposed costs

of the topographic survey is \$8,550 for city utilities, \$4,900 for culverts, and \$6,850 for the proposed street with a total cost of \$20,300. Motion by Hoff, second DeRosier to adopt Resolution 2023-#21 Bolton & Menk Proposal for Topographic Survey for Edison/Banks/Davis Utilities, Banks Culvert, and Potential New Roadway with a total cost of \$20,300. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2023 - 21 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Resolution 2023-#22 Bolton & Menk Proposal for Hydraulic Risk Assessment of Banks Boulevard Culvert- Joe Rhein of Bolton and Menk presented the proposal for a Hydraulic Risk assessment of the Banks Blvd culvert. The assessment will take the field data and provide specific size culverts, perimeter size and slope needed based on rainfall scenarios. Discussion regarding the differences between the Topographic Survey and Hydraulic Risk assessment, the culvert on Outer Drive being included in the assessment, and impact on the new Trailhead Multi-Modal area. The proposed cost is \$6,750. Motion by Bautch, second Hoff to adopt Resolution 2023-#22- Bolton & Menk Proposal for Hydraulic Risk Assessment of Banks Boulevard Culvert. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2023 - 22 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

J&M Fireworks Proposal- Council reviewed the fireworks proposal from J&M Fireworks for July 4th City celebration and the July 7th Bay Days event. The cost is \$7,500 for each show with the cost paid by donations received, a matching grant from Lovin Lake Co. and reimbursement from Bay Days for their cost of the July 7th show along with event insurance. The fire department will do the show displays. Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to approve the Fireworks Proposal with J&M Fireworks for a total contract of \$15,000. MOTION CARRIED.

Summer Hires- Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to accept the hiring of Hunter Dow, Parks & Recreation Aide-Groundskeeping; Lynn Prouty and Tor Soderstrom as Library Aides with all hires at the wage of \$13.00/hr pending completion of background checks. Applications are still being accepted and new hires will be brought forth at next meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Police Officer Hiring- The Personnel Committee is recommending hiring Daniel Mooers for the full-time police officer with a starting wage rate at the full police officer wage of \$31.62, and a 6-month probation, due to his years of law enforcement experience. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to hire Daniel Mooers as full-time police officer at full wage rate and a six-month probation period, pending successful completion of a background check, physical, and psychological exam. MOTION CARRIED.

Lake County Chamber Membership- David Drown, EDA Director, previously signed up the City of Silver Bay as a member of the Lake County Chamber and personally paid the fee. The fee for an annual membership is \$103. Discussion on the benefits of being a member of Lake County Chamber. Motion

by Bautch, second DeRosier to continue with a City of Silver Bay membership to the Lake County Chamber for the 2023 membership rate of \$103. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney –

City Codes, Policies, and Permit Update-The City Attorney is beginning to work on updating the City Code and matching our policies and permitting. This is outside of the normal retainer scope and costs will be maintained separately with hourly billing at a cost of \$225/hour. Motion by Hoff, second DeRosier to accept. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS –

Airport Feasibility Study-Set Special Meeting- Bollig Engineering has completed the feasibility study regarding the municipal airport and options for the future. Representatives of Bollig would like to present the results at a special meeting to include representatives from City of Beaver Bay, Crystal Bay Township, Stoney River Township, Silver Creek Townshiop, Beaver Bay Township, and Lake County. This will be an informational meeting for discussion only with no action being taken by any entity. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to set up Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 17th at 1:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS –

Claims – Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to approve payment of \$100,911.35 in unpaid claims and \$359,318.36 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Absent
Member DeRosier – Aye

Motion by Bautch, second DeRosier to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson



Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

Attest:



Lana Fralich, City Administrator