

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Monday, August 5, 2024

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Richard DeRosier
Dustin Goutermont
Shane Hoff
Ben Bautch

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Chief Cole Ernest, Silver Bay Police Department
Rick Evans, Northshore Journal
Anne Marie Moseman
Kelsie Johnson
Debbie Russell
Laurie Larson
Steve & Cheryl Marolt
Noreen Carlson
Dean Floen

Julie Jensen
Nathan Stadler
Curt Johnson
Annette Lewis
Renee Pearson
Donnie Thompson

Mayor LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to approve the Agenda with addition of League of MN Cities Letters and Department of Education funding. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consent Agenda – Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to approve the meeting minutes from the July 15, 2024 Regular Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Petitions, Requests, and Communications –

Public Comments- None at this time.

FEMA Contact- Matt Pollman, Lake County Emergency Manager advised the city that FEMA is in the area and talking to homeowners regarding their property damage from the flood. Homeowners may apply online at disasterassistance.gov, by calling the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362, or Lake County at 773-844-6449.

Election Candidacy Filing- Reminder that candidacy filing for Mayor or Councilor will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13th.

Primary Election= August 13th- Primary elections will be held on Tuesday, August 13th at the ReUnion Hall, 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

LMC Letters- LMC notified the city that Senator Grant Hauschild and Representative Roger Skraba have been selected as a League of MN Cities Legislators of Distinction for 2024.

Department of Education Funding for Library Project- The city received notification that the previously denied grant application has now been allocated \$50,000 for the library project.

City Administrator –

Resolution 2024-#2B Updating Signatories- Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to adopt Resolution 2024-#2B Updating Bank Signatories with the addition of Donna McCurdy-Wolke. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2024 – 2B WAS APPROVED: 5 aye, 0 nay, 0 excused

Resolution 2024-#8A Election Judge Amendment - Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to adopt Resolution 2024-#8A Election Judge Amendment to reflect election judges for the 2024 Primary and General Elections. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2024 – 8A WAS APPROVED: 5 aye, 0 nay, 0 excused

Resolution 2024-#41 City Code Amendment of Chapter 5, Nuisances & Offenses, Section 550, Weeds, Grass, and Junk and the Addition of Section 551, Unsheltered Storage. – Discussion regarding creating a committee to review proposed code changes based on input from the public hearing, inclusion of city residents on committee, additional public hearings after changes, how the proposed amendments were drafted by LMC which governs all municipalities, releasing the proposed code changes before ready which caused confusion and panic among residents. Council asked that residents read the entire code before making assumptions. Further discussion regarding habitual problem properties, exchange days, and use of Neighborhood Revitalization Grants to help pay for dumpster. Councilor DeRosier reviewed the wording in the current code for weeds, grass, and junk, and then also reviewed the current code for riding bicycles. Discussion regarding forming a committee of two council members, city attorney, and chief of police to review language of proposed amendment. Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to table Resolution 2024-#41 City Code Amendment of Chapter 5, Nuisances & Offenses, Section 550 Weeds, Grass, and Junk and the Addition of Section 551, Unsheltered Storage. MOTION TABLED

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2024 – 41 WAS TABLED: 5 aye, 0 nay, 0 excused

Resolution 2024-#7A Amendment of the City Fine Schedule - Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to table Resolution 2024-#7A Amendment of the City Fine Schedule. MOTION TABLED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2024 – 7A WAS TABLED: 5 aye, 0 nay, 0 excused

Resolution 2024-#42 Authorizing Award and Contract for Annual Sidewalk Replacement with Steven A. VanHouse Construction – The Street Superintendent is recommending accepting the only bid received in the amount of \$98,014.61 from Steven A. VanHouse Construction for the annual sidewalk replacement, which is within the 2024 planned budget. Curt Anderson questioned the value of sidewalk replacement. Anne Marie Moseman questioned why replace sidewalks if they will be replaced during the city-wide street improvement project. Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to adopt Resolution 2024-#42 Authorizing Award and Contract for Annual Sidewalk Replacement with Steve A. VanHouse Construction. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2024 – 42 WAS APPROVED: 5 aye, 0 nay, 0 excused

Resolution 2024-#43 Vet's Home Cooperative Agreement Renewal for use of ReUnion Hall – The Cooperative Agreement with the State of MN, Veteran's Affairs to use ReUnion Hall in emergency need was reviewed. Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to adopt Resolution 2024-#43 Vet's Home Cooperative Agreement for use of ReUnion Hall. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2024 – 43 WAS APPROVED: 5 aye, 0 nay, 0 excused

PT Bartender Hire- Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to hire Bridget Taylor as PT Bartender at \$16.60/hour, effective 7/20/24. It was noted that Bridget is the sister of Liquor Manager Han Taylor and she will fill shifts that are not covered by other part-time staff. MOTION CARRIED.

LMC Clerks Academy Training- Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to approve Donna McCurdy-Wolke, Finance Manager, to attend Clerks Academy Training on September 5th-6th in St. Paul. The cost of training is \$250, with a 2-night hotel stay at \$149/night plus tax/fees, meals, and mileage. MOTION CARRIED.

2001 Ford F-350 Surplus for Trade-In- Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier declare 2001 Ford F-350 as surplus for \$5000 trade in value toward purchase of a new vehicle as part of the 2024 budget. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

Portable Toilets at Snowmobile Club (Hiker's) Parking Lot- Mayor LeBlanc has emailed Superior Hiking Trail Association asking for help paying for portable toilets. He is asking to table until next meeting. Discussion followed regarding trail being closed, motorhome parked in parking lot. Sherriff

Stadler explained it is County property and no camping signs will be put up, DNR granted permission to RV owner to stay for 14 days. MOTION TABLED.

Lake County CSAH Improvements-Davis Drive- Lake County is requesting a decision regarding Davis Drive. Administrator talked with Lake County Highway Engineer and City Engineer on timing, and it is recommended to delay adding Davis Drive at this time until after the new booster station gets added and until a decision gets made on the proposed road behind Shopping Center. Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to not include Davis Drive in the 2025 CSAH project at this time. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS –.

Solicitation of Lawn Mowing Contractors- Discussion regarding soliciting contractors who would be interested in mowing and abate blight properties when the need arises. Motion by Goutermont, second Hoff to begin process of soliciting bids for mowing and abate blight properties. MOTION CARRIED.

Claims – Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to approve payment of \$407,481.10 in paid claims and \$373,495.22 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

Motion by Bautch, second Goutermont to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Attest:

Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator