

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

4:00 P.M.

Monday, August 26, 2024

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Richard DeRosier
Dustin Goutermont
Ben Bautch

Excused: Shane Hoff

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Cole Ernest, Chief of Police
Curt Anderson
Eric & Teresa Judkins
June Talus
Carolyn Hudyma
Janey Knaffla

Shelly Rogers
Lisa Tibbetts
Tammy Alcaraz
Mary Hoffman

Mayor LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to review and take action on Resolution 2024-#44 Approval of \$6,000,000 in IRRRB Funding for Phase 1 of Citywide Street and Utility Improvement Program, to approve Mary MacDonald Lease Agreement with Bay Area Historical Society, to approve the annual renewal of the MN Lottery Agreement, approve Parks & Recreation Maintenance and Operations Manager hiring, and to approve the paid claims list.

Resolution 2024-#44 Acceptance of \$6,000,000 in IRRRB Funding for Phase 1 of Citywide Street and Utility Improvement Program. IRRRB requires a resolution regarding the funding that has been awarded via the IRRRB FY25 Mineral Tax revenue bonds. Curt Anderson wanted confirmation that the funds would not be used on the new proposed roadway. Eric Judkins asked for clarification regarding number of grants the city has received. There was discussion on the proposed project, that the funding is for the first phase of a proposed five-phase plan. Tammy Alcaraz questioned when the city will receive funds, which discussion followed that the project is a reimbursement grant, and that there is a required match. Tammy Alcaraz expressed her concern that if a special assessment is placed on homeowners many people will move out of the area and she has been in contact with Senator Hauschild and she felt that he was unaware of such an assessment. Member DeRosier asked that if residents have suggestions on alternative ways to pay for the project to bring it to the council. Shelly Rogers asked for clarification regarding homeowners not being assessed until their street was being repaired. Lisa Tibbetts requested information that was made available to residents from the October 2023 meeting. Discussion followed regarding phases, start dates of project, streets to be repaired first, CSAH road repairs, how funding will be used, driveway apron replacement, and a street fund created in years past. There was further discussion on street funding, property valuations and tax increases, state laws for assessing properties, how projects like Boathouse Bay will have a positive impact on future taxes, and that assessments are expected to receive funding. Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to adopt Resolution 2024-# 44 Acceptance of \$6,000,000 in IRRRB Funding for Phase 1 of Citywide Street and Utility Improvement Program, complete the template, and submit prior to August 30th. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
 Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2024 – 44 WAS APPROVED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Mary MacDonald Lease Agreement-Bay Area Historical Society- Council reviewed a Lease Agreement with Bay Area Historical Society for use of one room at the Mary MacDonald building for storage of historical information and work space. The required conditional use public hearing was held, no comments received, Planning & Zoning Committee recommends approval, the Mary MacDonald Committee recommends approval with the waiver of rent and security deposit, to be effective September 1, 2024 and that the Temporary License Agreement is terminated. Motion by Bautch, second DeRosier to approve the Lease Agreement for no monthly rent and waiver of the security deposit. MOTION CARRIED.

MN Lottery Annual Renewal- Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to approve the MN Lottery annual renewal at a cost of \$20.00 renewal fee. MOTION CARRIED.

Park & Rec Maintenance and Operations Manager Hire- The Personnel committee is recommending hiring Teresa Lindgren as the new Parks & Rec Maintenance Operations Manager position, at 80% of the full-wage rate, a one-year probation, pending successful completion of background check and physical, with start date to be determined. Motion by Bautch, second DeRosier to move forward with the hiring of Theresa Lindgren, pending successful completion of a background check and pre-employment physical, at 80% of the 2024 wage rate. MOTION CARRIED.

Paid Claims- Motion by Goutermont, second Bautch to approve payment of \$771,803.06 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED

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

Member Goutermont – Aye
 Member DeRosier – Aye

Curt Anderson expressed his appreciation of the Council for accepting comments from the public during the City Council meeting.

Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to adjourn at 4:37 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Attest:

Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator