

## CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Monday, February 3, 2025

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc  
Shane Hoff  
Ben Bautch  
James FitzGerald

Excused: Richard DeRosier

Tim Costley, City Attorney  
Joshua Stier, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk  
Micaiah Schubert, Silver Bay Police Dept.  
Joshua Collotzi, Silver Bay Police Dept.  
Nathan Stadler, Lake County Sheriff  
Ben J. Oseien, MN Rural Water Assc.  
June Talus  
Karen Rautio  
Rick Evans, North Shore Journal  
Tammy Alcaraz  
John Anderson, Sawtooth 16, LLC

Michelle Stadler  
Bob Klug, MN Rural Water Assc.  
Carolyn Hudyma  
Marcia Oates  
Troy LeBlanc  
Ray Parker

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

**Agenda** – The Agenda was presented with no changes.

**Consent Agenda** –

**January 21, 2025 Public Hearing Minutes**

**January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Treasurer's Report – November 2024**

**Snow Day in the Bay License Agreement**

**PUC Board Appointments**

Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to approve the consent agenda items. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Petitions, Requests, and Communications** –

**Public Comments-** Marcia Oates expressed thank you to the City for the excellent communication regarding the recent water breaks in the City.

**Mayor/Council Communication-** Mayor LeBlanc stated that the city water break on January 26 – 27<sup>th</sup> was an all hands on deck event. He expressed his thanks to city staff, police department, citizens in the community and MN Rural Water Association who pitched in to help. Mayor LeBlanc also noted that

the use of Social Media to spread misinformation does not help the community and he is available to speak with anyone who has concerns regarding the city.

**MN Rural Water Association-** Bob Klug and Ben Oseien, MN Rural Water Association provided information regarding the MN Rural Water Association, a nonprofit group that provides communities smaller than 10,000 water/wastewater support when needed, they also provide training free of charge, and technical assistance. They recently provided help to the city during the water breaks on January 26-27<sup>th</sup>. They commended the city staff, mayor, citizens who came together to help during the break. They expressed that the city is one of the best in the State to work with and to have five breaks with water shut off on only one section of a street was amazing. They are requesting a letter of support from the city to provide for federal funding to continue providing services to small communities. Motion by Bautch, second Hoff to send letter of support. MOTION CARRIED.

Tammy Alcaraz asked why some people did not receive alerts from the County. Sheriff Stadler explained that public can sign up on the Lake County website.

Bob Klug and Ben Oseien left at 7:17 p.m.

**City Administrator –**

**Resolution 2025- #15 2025 Stormwater Resiliency Grant-** Joshua Stier, City Engineer presented information regarding grants available from the League of MN Cities to help offset costs for cities to apply for funding. The city will be submitting an application to cover the grant proposal by Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$5000 to write the grant to the MN Pollution Control Agency's Stormwater Resiliency Program for culverts on Adams Blvd. as part of Phase 1 of City-wide Street and Utility Program. Motion by Hoff, second FitzGerald to adopt Resolution 2025-#15 2025 Stormwater Resiliency Grant. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member FitzGerald – Aye  
Member DeRosier – Absent

RESOLUTION 2025 - 15 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

**Bolton & Menk Stormwater Resiliency Grant Proposal-** Motion by Bautch, second Hoff to approve proposal from Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$5000 to submit a grant, on behalf of the city, to seek additional funding for replacement of culverts on Adams Blvd., as part of the City-wide Street and Utility Program. MOTION CARRIED.

**Pay Equity Compliance-** Council reviewed the Pay Equity compliance documents. The information is compliant per the state based on the T-test results. Motion by FitzGerald, second Bautch to accept, retroactive to January 30, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

**City Attorney** – Nothing at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None at this time.

**Claims** – Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to approve payment of \$288,798.41 in unpaid claims and \$205,866.35 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member FitzGerald - Aye  
Member DeRosier – Absent

Tammy Alcaraz asked if there was any information regarding recent power outage in the City. June Talus commented that she called MN Power to report outage and within a few minutes of power restoration she received a call from MN Power confirming her power was back on.

Motion by FitzGerald, second Bautch to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Attest:

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Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

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Lana Fralich, City Administrator