

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Monday, March 3, 2025

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Richard DeRosier
Ben Bautch
James FitzGerald

Excused: Shane Hoff

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Tim Costley, City Attorney
Josh Stier, City Engineer Bolton & Menk
Kitty Mayo, Lake County Press via ZOOM
Rick Evans, Northshore Journal
Julie Jensen
Gregory Lien
Nathan Stadler
Carolyn Hudyma

Ray Parker
Erica Jensen
Michelle Stadler
John Anderson, Sawtooth 16, LLC

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

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

Consent Agenda –

February 18, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025 Regular Hearing Minutes

Exchange Days- May 17, June 7, August 16, and September 13, 2025.

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

Petitions, Requests, and Communications –

Public Comments- Erica Jensen asked that the dates for Community Clean Up in the February 18th City Council meeting minutes be corrected to May 3rd with possible senior day of May 2nd.

Mayor/Council Communication- Mayor LeBlanc provided an update on Snow Day in the Bay event that was held March 1st.

Silver Tail Riders Letter- Council reviewed apology letter from the Silver Trail Riders regarding an accident when backing the groomer into the City Shop. Repairs will be made at their expense.

City Administrator –

Resolution 2025- #2A Amendment of Official Depositors and Signors- Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to adopt Resolution 2025-#2A Amendment of Official Depositors and Signors to include the National Bank of Commerce as an official depository and authorize Wade Leblanc, Lana Fralich, and Donna McCurdy-Wolke as signors. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member FitzGerald – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2025 – 2A WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Resolution 2025- #23 CSAH 32 No Parking Area- Motion by Bautch, second DeRosier to adopt Resolution 2025-#23 CSAH 32 No Parking Area on portions of Edison Blvd. and Banks Blvd. relating to the CSAH-32 project as there is inadequate width for parking on both sides of street. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member FitzGerald – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2025 – 23 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

Resolution 2025- #24 Ordering Improvement, Approving Plans & Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the CSAH-32 Reconstruction Project- Josh Stier, Bolton & Menk, provided information regarding ordering the improvement, approving plans and specifications, and ordering advertisement for bids. The bid opening for the CSAH-32 Reconstruction project, as the required next step to follow the Statute 429 assessment process, will begin April 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. This resolution allows Lake County to advertise publicly for bids on proposed improvements. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to adopt Resolution 2025-#24 Ordering Improvement, Approving Plans & Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the CSAH-32 Reconstruction Project. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member FitzGerald – Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

RESOLUTION 2025 – 24 WAS ADOPTED: 4 aye, 0 nay, 1 excused

East Lakeview Drive Final Payment- Josh Stier, Bolton & Menk, presented a revised final pay application to council. The final pay amount is \$74,721.78 which is an increase from the draft version of \$39,845.68 presented in December 2024. The additional \$34,876.10 attributes to additional quantities for bituminous paving, aggregate class V, and costs associated with Change Order #6 for the additional ditching and rip rap stabilization work. All final paperwork has been provided by Ulland Brothers with the exception of the Warranty Bond. Motion by Bautch, second DeRosier to recommend approve final payment of \$74,721.78 to Lake County for the East Lakeview Drive improvements pending receipt of Warranty Bond. It was noted costs for project were within budget. MOTION CARRIED.

RFP for Hydrants- The city has an opportunity to purchase hydrants at a discounted cost and the PUC is recommending Bolton & Menk create a quote package to obtain pricing from local suppliers per state requirements. Motion by DeRosier, second Bautch to approve Bolton & Menk solicit quotes on behalf of the City. MOTION CARRIED.

Senior Workshop Surplus Items- Council reviewed items from the senior workshop to be declared surplus either by donation to the school for the new senior workshop area, transferred to other departments, bid sale, or obsolete. Motion by FitzGerald, second Bautch to declare the listed items as surplus. MOTION CARRIED.

City of Beaver Bay request for Police Assistance- Council reviewed a request from the City of Beaver Bay for use of the Silver Bay Police Department to conduct background checks for pre-employment with the City of Beaver Bay. Discussion followed regarding liability issues, why Lake County wouldn't do, options for BCA backgrounds, and what exactly Beaver Bay expects in a background check. Consensus of the Council to table until more information is obtained. MOTION TABLED.

City Attorney –

Sawtooth Mountain Cannabis LLC Lawsuit- A civil lawsuit has been filed against the city and referred to League of MN Cities to assign council. Julie Jensen asked for clarification on civil suit, Attorney Costley advised due to litigation Council is unable to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS – None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – None at this time.

Claims – Motion by DeRosier, second FitzGerald to approve payment of \$193,498.84 in unpaid claims and \$253,706.08 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member FitzGerald - Aye
Member DeRosier – Aye

Motion by Bautch, second FitzGerald to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson

Attest:

Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator