

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

Monday, May 5, 2025

Present: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Shane Hoff
Ben Bautch

Excused: James FitzGerald
Richard DeRosier

Tim Costley, City Attorney	
Nathan Stadler, Lake County Sherriff	
Josh Stier, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk via ZOOM	
June Talus	Carolyn Hudyma
Karen Rautio	Ray Parker
Nelson French	Donny Thompson
Rick Evans, North Shore Journal	Kitty Mayo, Lake Co. Press via ZOOM

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

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

Consent Agenda –

April 21, 2025 Regular Hearing Minutes

Summer Hiring – Council reviewed the summer hires positions and wages. Start dates will be determined by Department Heads.

Liquor Store Manager Hiring Advertisement – Advertisement will be place to fill the open Liquor Store Manager position.

Rocky Wall Entertainment 2025 License Agreement – Review of license agreement for 2025 Music in the Park concert series. Noted changes were set up at noon and Rocky Wall Entertainment will be renting a covered tent that will be set up all summer for the concert series.

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

Petitions, Requests, and Communications –

Public Comments- Ray Parker expressed concern regarding dog leash rules and electric leashes. Mayor LeBlanc will meet with Chief Ernest.

Mayor/Council Communication- Member Bautch has been contacted regarding low numbers of participants in baseball program. Mayor LeBlanc stated that Clean Up recycle day was successful. Many attended, traffic flowed well, and no problems.

City Administrator –

Resolution 2025-#32 CSAH Bid Award Resolution. Council previously approved Northland Constructors bid of \$4,827,200, which was lower than engineering estimate. The City's share of the project will be approximately \$1.2 million (\$536K Sewer, \$603K Water, and \$61K Stormwater). Lake County will hold the contracts and will bill the City for its portion of utilities. Due to a formality for the 429 processes, it requires a resolution. Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to adopt Resolution 2025-#32 CSAH Bid Award Resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member FitzGerald – Absent
Member DeRosier – Absent

RESOLUTION 2025 – 30 WAS APPROVED: 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 excused

Resolution 2025-#33 PERA Police- Sean Bergman Motion by Bautch, second Hoff to adopt Resolution 2025-#33 PERA Police, declaring Part-time Police Officer Sean Bergman as a member of PERA Police and Fire Plan effective March 13, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member FitzGerald – Absent
Member DeRosier – Absent

RESOLUTION 2025 – 33 WAS APPROVED: 3 aye, 0 nay, 2 excused

MPCA Stormwater Resiliency Grant Awarded- The city has received notification it has been awarded \$324,915 in a MPCA Stormwater Resiliency grant for the culverts on Adams Blvd. as part of Phase 1 City-wide Street and Utility Improvement project. Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to accept. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS – None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – None at this time.

Member Bautch asked about repair status of broken window in mayor's office. Mayor LeBlanc will contact City Administrator.

Claims – Motion by Bautch, second Hoff to approve payment of \$83,600.87 in unpaid claims and \$248,239.81 in paid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Member FitzGerald - Absent
Member DeRosier – Absent

Motion by Hoff, second Bautch to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Attest:

Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

Lana Fralich, City Administrator