

February 6, 2017

Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Lynn O'Brien called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Margie Ritter, Tony Donahue, Vic Moen, and Amy Thurm. Also in attendance were representatives from ICTV, Scenic Range Newspaper, and Kaitlin Box from Get Fit Itasca.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the January 3, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Margie, seconded by Amy. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Tony and seconded by Vic to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Claims for Approval List, Treasurer's Report, and Correspondence to include Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board invoice, membership letter, January 12, 2017 Agenda and Minutes & Financial Report from December and Advisory Committee, Trails Task Force Meeting Minutes Dec. & Jan., Greenway Joint Rec. Assoc. minutes, Collaborative Opportunities Team Meeting Nov. and Jan. minutes, LD council meeting-open meeting law, RAMS Board Meeting Notice, agenda, and minutes, IREA Advisor and dues, 2017 Safety & Loss Control Workshop, and Cable Commission Agenda and finances, Mediacom Franchise fee payment, and Paul Bunyan 4th Qtr. TV franchise fees. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk will attend the 2017 Safety & Loss Control Workshop.

Public Forum: None

Additions to Agenda: The check was received from the League of Minnesota Cities for the truck repairs which will be discussed during Maintenance Reports.

Reports:

Maintenance – Truck estimates & Acknowledgement of Claim - The Mayor explained the truck incident submitted to the insurance, the two estimates that Bill received on the repairs, and the insurance adjuster's decision to use Dale's Auto Body, and that the check for \$790.50 has been received from the insurance company. Tony made the motion to accept the estimate from Dale's Auto Body for the repairs and Amy seconded the motion. Vic mentioned he found no fault with Bill on this and how icy road conditions were. Bill has the approval of the Council to have the truck repaired whenever he decides is best. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney – None

Engineer – Glen informed the Council that the (DEED) Grant had been closed on the 2015 LaPrairie Project.

Mayor – Mayor O’Brien reminded Council of the March 20, 2017 Public Hearing on the Hunting Ordinance. She also informed everyone that a lanyard was found on Steinhart Circle with a key on it and to call the Clerk at 326-8898 to identify and claim. The Mayor was planning to attend the Range Mayor’s meeting and the Newly Elected Official’s Training.

Clerk – None

Council – Tony explained that he will be working out of town until May. He thought he could possibly call in on Mondays nights.

Committees:

Personnel – Margie and Lynn talked to the rink attendant. He told them the rink has had good attendance.

Park/Recreation – Tony also checked on the rink and there are 10 – 20 + kids using the rink a night. We have had a suggestion that our flag pole needs to be painted. Tony will address this at the next Park/Recreation meeting.

Facilities/Equipment – None

Zoning – Margie stated that the public is welcome to the Public Hearing scheduled for February 8, 2017 for the Conditional Use Permit for the Verizon cell tower on the Edwards property. She also informed the Council that letters went to all residents who have property within 500 ft. of the proposed site.

Technology – After discussion, it was agreed that Nathan will get an estimate to use Skype for the Council Meetings and the City Clerk will research the legalities for the next meeting.

Utilities – There will be a meeting this month with PUC.

GreenSteps – The next GreenSteps Meeting was scheduled for February 15, 2017 at 4:00.

Old Business:

A. Domestic Animal Control Facility Agreement – After reviewing all the data from other cities and addressing the cost, Tony made the motion to use the Sheriff Department for our Domestic Animal Control and Margie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Update on Proposed Trail from Mary Ann Drive to Veterans Memorial Park - Glen gave a report on the proposed trail between Mary Ann Drive and Veterans Park in Grand Rapids. SEH

personnel did a site visit and prepared a preliminary project cost estimate. He explained some background information and distributed a map showing the general route. The map identifies a few potential “issues” which will be addressed later as the development moves forward. The preliminary cost total was \$403,000 and this does not include any costs associated with potential “issues”. Mayor O’Brien stated that without grants this cannot be done and she would not ask the residents for this. Glen asked Kaitlin Box from Get Fit Itasca to talk about the possibility of grants. She explained that there were grants that Get Fit Itasca would be working on and that a meeting would be scheduled. The Mayor explained that she would like herself and Amy to be involved in this meeting. After discussion, the Council approved SEH to meet with Get Fit Itasca to review grant options and other preliminary project developments matters. Glen thought he could report back to the Council the first meeting in March.

New Business:

A. SEH – update maps – Zoning Request approximately \$450 – After discussion of updating the maps a motion was made by Vic and seconded by Tony to update the maps for \$450. The Clerk will check on which account this will be taken out of. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Alternative for Delegated Meetings – Vic attends Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board meetings and would like to get an alternate to attend in his absence. Tony volunteered to be the alternate and Lynn will help if needed.

C. First Call – donation – After discussion of the importance of this Vic made the motion to donate \$250 to First Call and Margie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Worker’s Comp. premium options – The Council reviewed the premium options for the payment of Worker’s Compensation. Tony made the motion to pay the \$244 premium and Amy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: The motion was made by Margie and seconded by Amy to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlana Hess, City Clerk

Lynn O’Brien, Mayor