

March 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, Vic Moen, and Amy Thurm. Also in attendance were representatives from ICTV, Scenic Range Newspaper, Steve Feyma, and a representative from Greenway Joint Recreation Association.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the February 6, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Margie, seconded by Amy. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Amy and seconded by Margie to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Claims for Approval List, and Correspondence to include Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board, February 2, 2017 Agenda and January 12, 2017 Minutes & January 31, 2017 Financial Report, Greenway Joint Rec. Assoc. Minutes, RAMS Update, WDIO TV Mining report, and RAMS Action Alert, RAMS Resolution and minutes, Paul Bunyan rate increase, Winter Parking Ordinance, 2017 Safety & Loss Control – Public Works, State of MN Trial Court payment (fines), 2016 DEED Accomplishments, Get Fit Itasca letter, MAOSC, and The Ranger. The Mayor noted that the Paul Bunyan rates were going to increase in rates starting in March and she also wanted the Council to consider a possible Winter Parking Ordinance for next year. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Forum: A representative from the Greenway Joint Recreation Association spoke regarding the development of a Community Foundation. She asked for a representative of LaPrairie to work on this and Amy Thurm volunteered.

Additions to Agenda: None

Reports:

Maintenance – Vic and Bill met and discussed equipment maintenance on the Terex ASV, John Deere lawn mower, and the truck brakes. Vic made a motion to approve Bill getting the maintenance done with a \$500 cap, if the maintenance estimates exceed this amount, Bill was to contact Vic for approval. Amy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney – None

Engineer – Glen gave his report that updated the Council on the Itasca County 5-Year Construction Plan, Property Development Inquiry, and the Trail from Mary Ann Drive to Veterans Park. Glen has met with Ashley Runge and Kaitlin Box, from Get Fit Itasca, to discuss grant options. The City of LaPrairie would need to acquire an easement or right-of-way from

the BNRR. He also discussed contacting MN/DOT. Lynn asked questions regarding a stop light at the intersection of the Grand Rapids Gymnastic Academy. The Council approved for Glen to contact both.

Mayor – Lynn recently attended the Mayors Meeting and she thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the Newly Elected Officials Training and emphasized how much she learned.

Clerk – None

Council – None

Committees:

Personnel – None

Park/Recreation – The rink has been closed with another successful year. Steve Feyma has agreed to join the Park and Recreation Committee.

Facilities/Equipment – None

Zoning – Margie explained the Variance information received from John Licke and the Zoning meeting on Wednesday the 8th of March.

Technology – Nathan had prepared an estimate for the Skype equipment and after reviewing this information Amy made a motion to purchase and install the equipment for Skype and Margie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Utilities – None

GreenSteps – Amy informed the Council on the GreenSteps meeting. A representative from Duluth will attend the next meeting to discuss the future. She also discussed the Farmer's Market new rules and regulations. Vic distributed information updating the Council on the Solar development.

Old Business:

A. Skype legalities – The City of Cohasset emailed the legalities of Skype at John Licke's request.

B. Zoning Maps – Fund information – The Council agreed to have the cost of the maps under the category of Office Supplies: Printed forms. This expense does not have a budgeted amount but the last time the maps were updated was 2011.

New Business:

A. The Active Living Center – John Licke legal requirements – After reviewing the legalities of donations and discussing the Active Living Center, Margie made a motion to donate a dollar a resident to The Active Living Center and Lynn seconded the motion. Vic abstained from the vote as he is on the YMCA Board. Amy explained her controversy toward this donation and abstained. The motion failed.

B. Lakes Inn Property – Request for monthly water line charge be dropped – After discussing the monthly water charge and reviewing the request for the charge to be dropped, Vic made a motion to discontinue the monthly charge and Amy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: The motion was made by Vic and seconded by Margie to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlana Hess, City Clerk

Lynn O'Brien, Mayor