

BABBITT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

August 15, 2011

(not approved until next meeting)

The Regular meeting of the Babbitt City Council was called to order at 6 p.m. this date by Mayor Anderson.

Present for roll call were Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Marinaro, and Mayor Anderson. None were absent.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad and City Attorney Brunfelt (6:02 p.m.).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to authorize the following addition to the agenda:

- a) Babbitt Fire Relief Association would like permission to purchase a new side by side ATV and donate it to the City (will sell the 6x6 and rescue sled with proceeds going towards the purchase), as recommended by Fire Chief Ryan Scharber.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to approve the consent agenda:

- a) Approve minutes of Regular meeting of August 1, 2011, Special meeting of August 3, 2011, and Special meeting of August 9, 2011
- b) Approve all bills and payrolls as audited by the Audit Committee with the exception of the Vermilion Trail Sanitation bill
- c) Overtime report
- d) Correspondence:
  - i. Twin Metals update
  - ii. Babbitt Weekly News ad price charges
  - iii. Community Development Block Grant meeting
- e) Summary of City Funds as of July 31, 2011

Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Marinaro, and Mayor Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to approve the Vermilion Trail Sanitation tipping fee bill of \$458.96.

Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, and Mayor Anderson

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilor Marinaro

Motion declared carried.

Attorney Brunfelt reported on the discussion with the Union 346 Representative and a date will be determined for negotiations.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Hoheisel, to approve the amended lease agreement as presented with Rural Living Environments and authorize proper signatures.

Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Marinaro, and Mayor Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

Fire Chief Ryan Scharber requested permission for the Babbitt Fire Relief Association to purchase a new side by side ATV and donate it to the City (tentatively selling the 6x6 and rescue sled with proceeds going towards the purchase). After a recommendation from Councilor Hoheisel that the Recreation Department may have need of the 6x6, it was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to authorize Scharber to move forward with selling the old ATV and offer it to the Recreation Department first.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to request information from the Parks and Recreation Board regarding Arena usage, number of participants projected, revenue, etc., before making a decision on the Arena.

Motion declared carried.

It was Council consensus that the revenue from the advertisements on the boards be divided 50/50 to the Arena and Figure Skating Club.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to request the Street Department build a gate for the picnic side of the beach at a cost approximately of \$500.00 from the Permanent Improvement Fund.

Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Marinaro, and Mayor Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Marinaro, to authorize K & M to start leveling the large pile of earth located on the vacant lot on Cottonwood Court for a maximum of 20 hours with the 45 ton Rubberbull loader at a cost of \$100 per hour to enable the Council to determine progress and the payment to come out of the Street Capital Improvement Fund.

Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Marinaro, and Mayor Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

A Council Study Session will be held on August 31 at 9 a.m. to review inventory and yearly reports for all departments and possible Union negotiations.

A letter from Mayor Anderson proposing assistance from St. Louis County will be sent to Commissioner Forsman.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick to forward the issue of a siren at the beach to the Public Safety Committee.

Motion declared carried.

The Council received ARDC Preliminary Budget and 2012 Tax Levy as information.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Anderson, to authorize any interested Councilors or staff to attend the 2011 LMC Regional meeting in Gilbert on September 2.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Lassi, to set a public hearing to discuss the budget December 5 at 6 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-07**

**ESTABLISHING 2012 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS**

**AND THE PROPOSED ANNUAL TAX LEVY**

**FOR 2011, COLLECTIBLE IN 2012**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Babbitt that the following 2012 proposed budget amounts be set for the appropriate commission, department and fund:

Government	170,647
Administration	165,181
Council	37,191
Assessor	29,839
Planning & Zoning	2,985
Police	412,106
Fire	102,882
Street	261,749
Civil Defense	10,600
Cable Commission	150
Recycling	4,050
Recreation	107,134
Library	110,890
Street Equipment Fund	30,000
Street Capital Improvement Fund	80,000
Police Equipment Fund	15,000
Fire Equipment Fund	30,000
Arena Capital	10,000
Arena Operating	39,730
Recreation Equipment Fund	5,000
Office Equipment Fund	1,000
Peter Mitchell Celebration	750
City Beautification	6,830
City Facilities	117,621
Permanent Improvement Fund	25,000
Street Lights & Repair	26,000
Entrance Sign	300

Park Lights & Repair	2,100	
Retiree’s Insurance	1,080	(reimbursed)
Cemetery	5,000	
 TOTAL BUDGET	 1,810,815	

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proposed annual Tax Levy for the Year 2011, collectible in 2012, for the City of Babbitt shall be as follows:

General Fund & Net Tax Levy	813,827
-----------------------------	---------

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Hoheisel, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-07 Establishing 2012 Budgets.

- Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Marinaro, and Mayor Anderson
- Nays: None
- Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

During the public input session, Jim Johnson of S.E.H. reminded the Council of the CDBG meeting held in Mt. Iron on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, from 1 - 3 p.m. Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad was directed to attend.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Hoheisel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy A. Klegstad, Clerk-Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy F. Schlueter, Minute Recorder

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Glenn A. Anderson, Mayor