

CITY OF BABBITT PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 21, 2011

The Public Hearing of the Babbitt City Council was called to order at 6 p.m. to approve Resolution 2011-16 adopting the CDBG Grant application.

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

Also present were City Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad and City Attorney Brunfelt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Following discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-16

WHEREAS, St. Louis County is preparing a Consolidated Plan/Action Plan to meet application requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and other Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs, and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has requested CDBG-eligible projects from participating communities for inclusion in the Action Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Babbitt has conducted public hearing(s) on November 7, 2011, in regard to the Infrastructure Improvement Project and City of Babbitt CDBG application for the project, and

WHEREAS, it is found that the project meets the low to moderate income federal objective of the CDBG program and is prioritized by the community as a high priority need.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Babbitt CDBG application related to the Infrastructure Improvement Project is hereby authorized to be submitted to St. Louis County for inclusion in St. Louis County's Consolidated Plan/Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and that the Mayor and the City Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute all documents, agreements, or contracts which result from this application to St. Louis County.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Hoheisel, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-16.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to authorize the additions to the agenda as follows:

- a) Payment of \$1,800 from the Recreation Fund to the Fire Relief Association for the 6x6 wheeler
- b) Tanker truck

Motion declared carried.

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

- a) Approve minutes of Regular meeting of November 7, 2011
- b) Approve all bills and payrolls as audited by the Audit Committee with the exception of the Vermilion Sanitation bill
- c) Overtime report
- d) Summary of City Funds as of 10/31/11

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Hoheisel, to approve the payment to Vermilion Trail Sanitation.

Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, and Mayor Anderson
Nays: None
Abstain: Councilor Marinaro

Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-19
CITY OF BABBITT
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR 2012 FIRE PROTECTION AND
WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, BABBITT, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, pursuant to an advertisement for bids for the 2012 Fire Protection and Watermain Improvements Project, bids were received, opened, and tabulated according to the law, and the following bids were received complying with the advertisement:

<u>CONTRACTORS</u>	<u>BID</u>
C & C Winger, Inc.	Base = \$139,318.75 Alt A = <u>22,565.00</u> \$161,883.75
Hibbing Excavating, Inc.	Base = \$201,427.00 Alt A = <u>25,237.40</u> \$226,664.40
Utility Systems of America	Base = \$139,775.00 Alt A = <u>16,149.50</u> \$155,924.50
Waters and Sons Excavating	Base = \$164,002.00 Alt A = <u>24,824.00</u> \$188,826.00

*All bidders presented the five percent bid bond required.

AND WHEREAS, it appears that Utility Systems of America is the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BABBITT, MINNESOTA:

1. The Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to enter into the attached contract with Utility Systems of America, in the name of the City of Babbitt for the 2012 Fire Protection and Watermain Improvements Project, according to the plans and specifications therefore approved by the City Council and on file in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer.
2. The City Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to return forthwith to all bidders the deposits made with their bids, except that the deposits of the successful bidder and the next lowest bidder shall be retained until a contract has been signed.

It was moved by Councilor Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, that the above resolution be adopted this 21st day of November, 2011.

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Anderson, to send the solar powered stop signs back to the Public Safety Committee to determine the feasibility of placing signs at the two referenced intersections.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to authorize the purchase of a motorized cot for the Ambulance at a cost of \$11,538.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Marinaro, to rescind the motion from the meeting of November 7, 2011, increasing the rollout fees from \$10 to \$12 per mile.

Motion declared with Councilor Hoheisel abstaining.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to authorize 142 uncollectible ambulance bills totaling \$31,544.21, to be written off.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to authorize the payment of \$1,364.64 from the City Facilities Fund (407) into the Recreation Fund (217) for work completed on the north wing of the Municipal Center.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

Recreation Coordinator Joe Scherer was thanked for the coordination of the north wing improvements.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Anderson, to authorize the payment of \$1,800.00 from the Recreation Fund (217) to the Firemen's Relief Association to pay for the 6x6 wheeler.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, for Recreation Coordinator Scherer and Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad to work on an addendum to the figure skating agreement regarding having an adult on site due to the concussion training required by law.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to authorize the Recreation Department to schedule open skating Sunday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Fridays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., looking into an additional Vermilion Community College work study student, with the proceeds going into the Arena Fund on a trial basis for one month, effective immediately.

Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-18

**ADOPTING THE 2011 BABBITT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN,
REPLACING THE PREVIOUS 1998 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the 2011 Comprehensive Plan has been prepared by the City of Babbitt Planning Commission, in conjunction with the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission and various members of the community for the purpose of providing community-based policies and guidelines which enable public officials to enhance the future by implementing planning through regulation, capital improvements and re-development; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan contains maps, guidelines, goals and action steps relating to the future growth of the community; and

WHEREAS, the planning process for establishment of the aforementioned Comprehensive Plan involved citizen participation and input, public meetings and hearings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Babbitt Planning Commission has recommended adoption of the 2011 Comprehensive Plan which replaces the previous 1998 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that it is in the best interests of the City of Babbitt to adopt said Comprehensive Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Babbitt, that the 2011 Babbitt Comprehensive Plan, replacing the previous 1998 City Comprehensive Plan, is hereby adopted.

The foregoing resolution, offered by Councilor Lassi, supported by Councilor Fitzpatrick, was declared adopted this 21st day of November, 2011 by the following roll call:

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Anderson, to approve the Spectrum Development agreement with changes as recommended by Attorney Brunfelt.

Motion declared carried.

The IRRRB will hold a meeting on December 14th to award grant funding.

Councilor Fitzpatrick updated the Council on the Minnesota Local Government Information Forum he attended in Hibbing, Minnesota.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to issue a license to the Iron Range Radio Control Flying Club to use the field west of the ballpark and east of the Conservation Club for a one year trial.

Motion declared carried.

Municipal Center cleaning contract insurance data was received as information by the Council.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to authorize a payment of \$50,000.00 for the fire tanker chassis with the payment coming from the Fire Equipment Fund.

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

Motion declared carried.

It was Council consensus to allow MN DOT space to plug in a grader or truck at the City Garage for additional grading of the Tomahawk Road due to the reroute for highway upgrade on Highway #1 as requested by Monica Curtiss, Area Supervisor for Transportation Operations.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Hoheisel, to approve the liquor licenses applied for by Tank's Bar & Bowling; proof of insurance has been received.

Ayes: Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, and Mayor Anderson
Nays: None
Abstain: Councilor Marinaro

Motion declared carried.

Cliffs Mining Services sent information that the termination date for the Recreational Trail License with the ATV/Snowmobile Club due to the Highway 623 relocation has been extended until spring/early summer of 2012.

The FCC narrowband mandate was reviewed and will be in place December of 2012.

The Council declined to participate in the Northeastern Minnesota sponsorship program.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Fitzpatrick, to adopt the GASB 54 policy regarding fund balances and procedures.

Motion declared carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad and any interested Councilors may attend the Blandin Foundation meeting Thursday, December 1, in Ely, Minnesota.

Councilor Hoheisel reminded the group that the department heads' updates for 2011 will be held at the next Council meeting of December 5th.

The Truth in Taxation hearing will be held Monday, December 5th, 2011 at 6 p.m.

There was no public input when called for by Mayor Anderson.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Lassi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Klegstad, Clerk-Treasurer

Wendy F. Schlueter, Minute Recorder

Attest:

Glenn A. Anderson, Mayor