

BABBITT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 18, 2012

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

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

Also present were City Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad and Attorney Mike Kearney.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Lassi, to authorize the additions to the agenda:

- a) Ely Blue Line would like to hold tournaments in the Babbitt Ice Arena
- b) Outdoor ice rink

Motion declared carried.

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

- a) Approve minutes of Regular meeting of January 4, 2012
- 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 December 31, 2011
- e) Correspondence: MN DNR – Capital Improvements Projects (forwarded to Dave Soular)

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Lassi, to approve the Vermilion Sanitation bill of \$448.82.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilor Marinaro

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to authorize signatures and approve the Spectrum Development Agreement.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Anderson, adopt Ordinance 208, changing the structure of the Parks and Recreation Board to two members of the Council, two citizens at large, and one member of the school district.

Motion was rescinded.

After further discussion, it was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to adopt Ordinance 208 with modifications of three citizens at large, eliminating the mandatory status of a member of the school district.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

After discussion, it was Council consensus to post the three citizen vacant positions and to notify the current members of the change.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Anderson to appoint Councilor Fitzpatrick on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Fitzpatrick, to appoint Councilor Hoheisel on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Motion declared carried.

At this time, Jim Zupancich expressed displeasure that the members on the Parks and Recreation Board were not notified of the change.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to hold a Public Hearing at 6 p.m., Monday, February 6, 2012, regarding the Babbitt Economic Development Authority membership resolution change.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Marinaro, to adopt the background check procedure (with corrections) to be used in the Police Officer hiring process.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to authorize the use of the Municipal Gymnasium for the Miss Babbitt Contest June 13th through 15th, 2012, as requested by Devin Lind-Chamberlin.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to approve the agreement with the Ely Blue Line Club contingent upon paying \$1,000.00 rental fee plus a \$500 refundable damage deposit and the City listed as an additional insured (Recreation Coordinator Scherer and Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad will work on the contract).

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Marinaro, to open the outdoor skating rink behind the Municipal Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; further requesting the Police Department to turn the outdoor rink lights on as required and shutting them off at 10 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

The rink was flooded with the cooperation of the Fire, Street and Recreation Departments.

A Council/Library Study Session is scheduled for Monday, January 30, at noon.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to designate Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Klegstad as responsible for overseeing non-audit services.

Motion declared carried.

The Council received as information a request from the Iron Range Youth in Action for sponsorship.

The Area Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting will be held at the Joint Powers Garage in Ely on January 23rd from 1 – 3 p.m.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Lassi, to direct staff to send a letter opposing the proposed County Bridge #516 closure over the Embarrass River on Kaunonen Lake Road (Highway #796); Ambulance Supervisor Mike Rhein will attend the meeting held at the Waasa Town Hall on Thursday, January 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Lassi, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer \$80,000.00 from the Ambulance Operating Fund to the Ambulance Equipment Fund.

Motion declared carried.

Ron Marinaro spoke on behalf of the Public Safety Committee their decision to repost for part time police officers.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Hoheisel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Klegstad, Clerk-Treasurer

Wendy F. Schlueter, Minute Recorder

Attest:

Glenn A. Anderson, Mayor