

BABBITT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2011

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 Hoheisel, Lassi, Marinaro, Fitzpatrick, and Mayor Anderson. None were absent. Also present was Attorney Brunfelt (6:02 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Lassi, to approve the additions to the agenda as follows:

- a) Fire Hall proposals to run hot water lines in Ambulance bay
- b) CGMC Action Alert

Motion declared carried.

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

- a) Approve minutes of Regular meeting of January 3, 2011, and Special Council meeting of January 12, 2011
- b) Approve all bills and payrolls as audited by the Audit Committee
- c) Overtime report
- d) Summary of City Funds as of 12/31/2010
- e) Correspondence:
 - i. Benchmark Engineering expressing interest in providing services to the City of Babbitt (provided the City with two aerial maps of Babbitt)
 - ii. St. Louis County update from Melanie S. Ford, County Attorney
 - iii. St. Louis County Public Works Department – possible strike
 - iv. St. Louis County – CDBG funding recommendations

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to authorize the following transfer of funds:

1st Quarter Library Apportionment - \$22,445.25
1st Quarter Library Rent Apportionment - \$4,834.75
1st Quarter Recreation Apportionment - \$23,887.75

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to authorize proper signatures on the nonaudit services by Walker, Giroux & Hahne.

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Marinaro, to authorize the purchase of a new computer and printer for the Administration office at a cost not to exceed \$1,700.00.

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Anderson, to accept the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer job descriptions with changes discussed.

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

Motion declared carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 205
AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR,
FINANCE DIRECTOR AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICES OF
CLERK/TREASURER AND DEPUTY CLERK TREASURER

The City Council of Babbitt, Minnesota ordains:

Sec. 1 The office of City Administrator and Finance Director for the City of Babbitt is hereby abolished:

Sec. 2 The City of Babbitt hereby combines the positions of Clerk and Treasurer pursuant to MSS 412.591. The combined position shall be known as Clerk/Treasurer. The duties of the Clerk/Treasurer shall be as prescribed by statute and as designated by the City Council.

Sec. 3 The office of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Babbitt is hereby established. The Deputy Clerk/Treasurer shall assist the Clerk/Treasurer in the performance of bookkeeping duties, and shall perform the duties as designated by the City Council. The Deputy Clerk/Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Clerk/Treasurer in the absence of the Clerk/Treasurer.

Sec. 4 An annual audit of the City's financial affairs shall be conducted with the minimum procedures prescribed by the State Auditor.

The foregoing ordinance, offered by Councilor Lassi, and upon his motion, supported by Councilor Hoheisel, was declared adopted this 19th day of January, 2011, by the following roll call:

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Hoheisel, to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to attend the MCFOA 2011 Conference March 16 thru 18 with expenses.

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Hoheisel, to advertise the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position and accept applications until noon February 4th; the personnel Committee will review the applications on February 4th and choose the top five for interviews. Interviews will be held before the Council meeting on February 7th.

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Marinaro, to allow Cathy Klegstad to join the Supervisors' Union 320 and direct Attorney Brunfelt to iron out the contract language with Union Representative Mike O'Donnell.

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Hoheisel, to raise the Ambulance fees to \$750 from \$550 and loaded mileage from \$10 per mile to \$14 per mile as recommended by the Public Safety Committee.

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Hoheisel, to appoint Don Negley to the Library Board term ending December 31, 2013).

Motion declared carried.

The vacancies on the Planning Commission and Economic Development Authority will be tabled until the first part of March to re-advertise, due to lack of candidates.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Hoheisel, to table the hiring of part-time police officers until a Public Safety Committee meeting is held on January 26th at 8 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Fitzpatrick, to set the 2010-11 ice fees for Arena users at \$4,500 for the Figure Skating Club and \$1,500 for East Range Hockey.

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Anderson, to accept the proposal from Steve's Handyman Service for \$1,385.00 to install hot water lines in the Ambulance Bay. The proposal from Brandau Plumbing and Heating was \$1,500.00.

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Marinaro, to direct City staff to contact an electrician to replace the ballast at the Library.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Lassi, to authorize and approve a raffle ticket drawing by the Babbitt Conservation Club held September 24, 2011, abiding by all pertinent laws.

Motion declared carried.

The request to make a donation to the Iron Range Youth in Action was received as information.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Marinaro, to hold a Public Works Committee meeting January 28th, at 9 a.m. to discuss the St. Louis County aggregate crushing, crack sealing and striping maintenance programs.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Fitzpatrick, to accept the quote from Northern Refrigeration to replace the coaxial heat exchanger in heat pump #6 (Rural Living/City Hall area).

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Hoheisel, to authorize signatures on the Agreement for Professional Services from ARDC.

Motion declared carried.

The CDBG Community Planning Grant for Babbitt contract is forthcoming.

The Babbitt Public Visioning Session is scheduled Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Center.

RESOLUTION 2011-02

CITY OF BABBITT LGA SUPPORT

WHEREAS, LGA is a state funded property tax relief program that helps reduce the property tax burden on homeowners and businesses in Babbitt, and

WHEREAS, higher property taxes and lower services will make Babbitt even less competitive in jobs and economic growth compared to suburban cities and cities in other states, and

WHEREAS, LGA has already been cut over \$1 billion statewide since 2003, causing city property taxes to rise by 59% and disproportionately hurting cities in greater Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, without LGA property taxes would have to be increased by 48.3% or city services would have to be cut even more in Babbitt, and

WHEREAS, Babbitt has set its budget based on the \$374,561 the state has already certified that Babbitt will receive in LGA for 2011, and

WHEREAS, Babbitt will be several months into its budget year before the Legislature acts on the state budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE City of Babbitt urges the Legislature to keep its promise and pay the City the \$374,561 of LGA already certified to Babbitt for 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislature maintain funding for LGA at its current funding level for 2011 and 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, upon passage, this resolution be forwarded to the State Chamber of Commerce, the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Senate Majority Leader, and to members of the State Legislature representing the City of Babbitt, signed by the Babbitt City Council on January 19 2011.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Hoheisel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn A. Anderson, Mayor

Cathy A. Klegstad, Clerk-Treasurer

Wendy F. Schlueter, Minute Recorder