

BABBITT CITY COUNCIL  
TWIN METALS PRESENTATION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
February 6, 2012  
REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Glenn Anderson introduced Bob McFarlin, Vice President, Public and Government Affairs of Twin Metals Minnesota at 5 p.m.

An informational power point presentation was given in the Babbitt Municipal Gymnasium to update the Council and community of Twin Metals Minnesota, LLC joint venture pursuing the development and operation of an underground copper, nickel, platinum and palladium (strategic metals) mining project in NE Minnesota. Mr. McFarlin thanked the Council for their support and also appreciation to hold the session in Babbitt.

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

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

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

The Public Hearing to review Resolution 12-02 relative to the make-up of the Board of Commissioners for the BEDA was opened at 6:11 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-02**  
**A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 09-02 RELATIVE TO**  
**THE MAKE-UP OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BABBITT, MN**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 87-30 was approved by the Babbitt City Council in 1987, and was the enabling resolution for the creation of the Babbitt Economic Development Authority ("EDA").

**WHEREAS**, the enabling Resolution for the EDA, Resolution No. 87-30, established that the Mayor and City Councilors for the City of Babbitt would comprise the Board of Commissioners for the EDA.

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, the Babbitt City Council approved Resolution No. 09-02, which amended Sections 2 and 4 of Resolution No. 87-30, to add two (2) non-City Council members to serve as Commissioners on the EDA, for a total of seven (7) Commissioners on the EDA (five City Council members and two non-City Council members).

**WHEREAS**, the Babbitt City Council now desires to revert back to the format established by the initial EDA enabling resolution, Resolution No. 87-30, with the Mayor and four (4) City Councilors of the City of Babbitt comprising the Board of Commissioners for the EDA and, thus, eliminating the two (2) non-City Council members from the EDA Board of Commissioners.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 469.093, the Babbitt City Council held a duly and properly convened public hearing regarding these proposed modifications to the make-up of the EDA Board of Commissioners.

**WHEREAS**, after giving this matter consideration, including consideration of any and all information presented at the public hearing, the Babbitt City Council has decided to proceed with this modification of the EDA Board of Commissioners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Babbitt, as follows:

Resolution No. 09-02 is hereby repealed in its entirety and the make-up of the EDA Board of Commissioners shall revert back to that which was established in the original EDA enabling resolution, Resolution No. 87-30, with the Mayor and City Councilors of the City of Babbitt comprising the Board of Commissioners for the EDA.

This Resolution becomes effective on the date of its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Councilor Marinaro, who moved for its adoption and passage, and supported by Councilor Lassi, was declared approved and adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012, by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

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

- a) Public Utilities Commission requests all departments report to them any additional water usage
- b) Approve payment to Heiman, Inc., for \$2,287.00 for fire pumper/tanker
- c) Approve payment for Municipal Center janitorial services of \$1,376.00 to Debbie Moen
- d) St. Louis County Public Works Department for Right of Way acquisition purposes on referenced projects
- e) Ferrellgas update

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to accept the consent agenda as presented:

- a) Approve minutes of Study Session of January 11, 2012, and Regular meeting of January 18, 2012
- b) Approve all bills and payrolls as audited by the Audit Committee with the exception of the Vermilion Sanitation bill
- c) Overtime reports
- d) Correspondence: St. Louis County CDBG funding recommendations

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to approve the Vermilion Sanitation bill for \$5,998.12.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilor Marinaro

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Anderson, to accept the offer of \$500.00 from Ferrellgas towards the reimbursement of removal of concrete at the former Kasson Building, and sign a general release of claims as requested by Ferrellgas, and approve proper signatures as recommended by Attorney Brunfelt.

Motion declared carried.

Police Chief Chad Loewen thanked the Council for his recent promotion; every shift for the month of February is scheduled to be staffed. Ideally, Loewen would like to see the part time officer roster increase from four to six.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Marinaro, to hire Dennis Koponen as a part time police officer pending his passing the physical and psychological exam required.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Marinaro, to modify the background application policy for part time officers with at least two years of experience utilizing the minimum post background check.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Anderson, to approve Tim Runquist's request for a six month leave of absence from the Fire Department due to a medical problem.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to send the two solar stop signs that were ordered for \$980.00 each for the stop signs at Alder Road and Central back to the company where they were purchased.

Motion declared carried.

It was consensus to remove Terry Switajewski's name from the Hibbing Community College training roster and eliminate that cost from the bill.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Fitzpatrick, to allow part time offices to work an eight (8) hour shift or be on call, receiving three hours pay plus additional hours if called out.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Anderson directed staff to send a letter to all department heads that they report to the PUC any excess or above normal water usage.

Councilor Hoheisel would like one Councilor and one member of the PUC be included in the meetings with S.E.H. and to inform staff when the meetings are held.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Lassi, to appoint Jim Mackai to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a one year term ending December 31, 2012.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to appoint Devin Lind-Chamberlin to the Recreation Advisory Committee for the three year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Fitzpatrick, to appoint Mary Muellerleile to the Recreation Advisory Committee for the two year term ending December 31, 2013.

Motion declared carried.

A letter would be sent to other applicants thanking them for their interest.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to authorize payment to Heiman, Inc., in the amount of \$2,287.00 for the fire pumper tanker truck.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Hoheisel, to authorize payment to Debbie Moen for janitorial services for the month of January in the amount of \$1,376.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to authorize the request from Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad to attend the 2012 MCFOA Conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota, at a cost of \$210.00 with expenses on March 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion declared carried.

It was suggested by Councilor Lassi to direct Klegstad to give a written report on the conference when completed.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Marinaro, to authorize proper signatures and approve the St. Louis County Aggregate Crushing, Crack Sealing, and Striping Maintenance Programs for 2012.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Anderson, to approve travel expenses for Jim Lassi to attend a meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> in Duluth for the Northshore Mining Company road relocation.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Hoheisel, to authorize signatures on the St. Louis County Public Works Department contract replacing new culverts pending approval of Attorney Brunfelt.

Motion declared carried.

During the public input session, the Council was updated on the status of the antenna repair by DSC Communications at the repeater station.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

Attest: Respectfully submitted,

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Glenn A. Anderson, Mayor

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Cathy A. Klegstad, Clerk-Treasurer

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Wendy F. Schlueter, Minute Recorder