

BABBITT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2011

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 Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Lassi, and Mayor Anderson.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no additions to the agenda, but Councilor Lassi and Mayor Anderson wished to make a report after the consent agenda.

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

- a) Approve minutes of Special Joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting of January 26, 2011, and the Regular meeting of February 7, 2011
- b) Approve all bills and payrolls as audited by the Audit Committee
- c) Overtime report
- d) Summary of City Funds as of January 31, 2011
- e) Correspondence:
 - i. Press Release – Lake County invests in Fiber Optic Telecommunications Project
 - ii. Qwest 2011 Construction Season
 - iii. 2011 LMC City of Excellence Awards
 - iv. 2011 CC Ludwig Leadership Award
 - v. Carlson Professional Service – Application for Abandoned Underground Storage Tank Removal.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion declared carried.

As information, Councilor Lassi reported on a party interested in a long range plan to make use of the mining property when it is no longer used as a mine.

Mayor Anderson explained the interview and hiring process used to evaluate candidates for the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position and asked this be clarified in the Babbitt Weekly News correctly.

It was Council consensus to finalize the Recreation Coordinator position document and bring it to the Recreation Commission to approve the job description.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Hoheisel, to accept the letter of resignation from Debbera Marinaro from the Council and send her a letter of appreciation for her service.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to post the vacancy for the Council position and recruit applicants for the job receiving applications until April 1st at 4:30 p.m. and conduct interviews before the regular Council meeting of April 4th beginning at 5 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Fitzpatrick, to authorize Fire Chief Ryan Scharber to bid on a fire tanker truck at a cost not to exceed \$74,000.00, and if the bid is successful, the payment will come from the Fire Equipment Fund.

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to accept the recommendation to hire a Recreation Coordinator with revisions on the new description as discussed, for a maximum of 32 hours per week and post the position receiving applications until 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 18th.

Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-03

CITY OF BABBITT SUPPORT FOR ISD #2142 TO KEEP THE BABBITT-EMBARRASS SCHOOL NAME, COLORS AND LOGO AS IS, FOR A ONE YEAR MORATORIUM

WHEREAS, the City of Babbitt is appreciative of the St. Louis County Independent School District #2142 supporting the Babbitt-Embarrass area, and

WHEREAS, the City of Babbitt recognizes and values the ISD #2142 School system, and

WHEREAS, the City of Babbitt also supports open enrollment and the joint sports programs, and

WHEREAS, the City of Babbitt speaks as an advocate for concerned citizens, parents, students, adults, and alumni about the extreme change, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon passage of this resolution, the City of Babbitt urges ISD #2142 to allow the Babbitt-Embarrass School name, logo, and colors to remain as is, sustaining these for a one year moratorium

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to pass Resolution No. 2011-03, requesting support:

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

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Anderson, to authorize signatures on the CDBG contract agreements for the Comprehensive Plan.

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

Motion declared carried.

The Babbitt Economic Development Workshop (Comprehensive Plan) will be held Wednesday, March 2, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Anderson, to authorize signatures on the Frontier Communications three year internet contract as approved by Attorney Brunfelt.

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

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Hoheisel, to authorize the purchase of a new computer for the Street Department at a total cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion declared carried.

It was Council consensus to direct staff to contact the Grand Rapids Blue Line Club to inform them of the damage to the newly finished drywall and paint in the Arena locker room at an estimated cost of \$350.00 and if there is no response, the issue will be handled by the Police Department.

As information, the 2011 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting will be held May 2, 2011 from 5 – 6 p.m.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to authorize Councilor Fitzpatrick to attend the St. Louis County Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Training in Cotton on March 22nd with expenses.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to authorize Clerk Treasurer Klegstad and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Marinaro, and any interested Councilors to attend the RAMS meeting held in Virginia March 11th beginning at 5:30 p.m. with expenses; further that the meeting be posted as a Council meeting.

Motion declared carried.

During the public input session, Bobbie Slining-Johnson thanked the Council for listening to the group opposing the Babbitt-Embarrass School name change, logo and colors.

Fire Chief Ryan Scharber mentioned a lot of snow on a portion of the Kasson Building and Street Supervisor Rich Posey said the Street Department will take a look at the situation.

Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad asked if the Council wished to appoint a Council member to the Personnel Committee and Library Board. It was Council consensus that Jim Lassi will serve on an interim basis on the Personnel Committee until a new Councilor is appointed.

An attempt will be made to send a notice to the owner of the Bryant Center that the building must be secured to eliminate inviting dangerous situations in the building.

It was moved by Anderson, 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