

BABBITT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 22, 2012

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, Marinaro, Lassi, Fitzpatrick, and Mayor Anderson. None were absent.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

- a) Authorization to return disinfecting wipes to Noble Industries & Supply at a restocking fee of \$89.97 and return postage for the Police Department.
- b) Authorize payment to Arrowhead EMS Association for general supplies at a cost of \$165.00
- c) Authorize payment to Mesabi Range Community & Technical College at a cost of \$4,485.00 for EMT training

Motion declared carried.

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

- a) Approve minutes of Regular meeting of February 6, 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 January 31, 2012

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel , supported by Anderson , to approve the Vermilion Sanitation bill at a cost of \$360.68.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilor Marinaro

Motion declared carried.

Police Chief Chad Loewen updated the Council on the radio situation and has had the radio system re-programmed to operate off of the Ely Sheriff's tower for the time being.

Loewen stated that 13 background checks due March 1<sup>st</sup> are out for police officer applicants and intentions are to have interviews by mid March.

After lengthy discussion, it was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Marinaro, to table the IT contract proposed by Steve Peterson of Northern Consulting & Technical Services for further review with Officer Loewen and Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to authorize sending back disinfecting wipes to Noble Industries & Supplies at a restocking fee of \$89.97 and return postage as recommended by Police Chief Loewen.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to hire Matt Littler in the Ambulance Department contingent upon his passing the physical and background check.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to authorize payment to Arrowhead EMS Association at a cost of \$165.00 for a 51 XLT 2500 Dual Head ARMER 800 MHz radio.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to authorize payment to Mesabi Range Community College for \$4,485.00 for EMT training.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

Councilor Hoheisel inquired if the Ambulance Department had an extra defibrillator for the Recreation Department. Mike Rhein and Joe Scherer will get quotes for a portable unit.

Recreation Coordinator Joe Scherer was directed to contact the MN DNR regarding the Invasive Species Program at the Birch Lake boat landing site.

Scherer will also clarify with the DNR if the City would qualify for a grant for the beach area being that it is leased property. It was Council consensus to move forward on the DNR grant.

It was Council consensus to approve Scherer's request to advertise for summer help to allow time for background checks and physicals before the workers are actually needed. Scherer stated he is looking at two work study positions and five students.

It was Council consensus to authorize Scherer to advertise for quotes for City gardening.

Fire Chief Ryan Scharber updated the Council on the fire channel that the City can use for day to day operations. The new water tender will be inspected and picked up on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to authorize the revised proposal submitted by Brad Reifsteck of S.E.H. for the trunk sanitary sewer project pending approval by Attorney Brunfelt.

Motion declared carried.

Councilor Hoheisel said it was very helpful to be included in the meetings with S.E.H. regarding street/infrastructure.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to approve the building encroachment permit at the former Kasson Building in preparation of completing the sale to Teck American.

Motion declared carried.

The "Full County Assessed System" was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Lassi wanted to go on record stating he opposed the St. Louis County Assessed System. It was moved by Lassi, supported by Marinaro, to send a letter to each County Commissioner stating opposition to this decision.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried unanimously.

An invitation to “Bringing Broadband to Everyone” Open House will be held March 1<sup>st</sup> in Two Harbors; let staff know if you are interested in attending.

As a reminder, the Middle Mile Project meeting will be held March 19<sup>th</sup>.

The St. Louis Board of Appeal & Equalization Training will be held Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Cotton Community Center. The 2012 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting will be held at the City Council Chambers of the Babbitt Municipal Center on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 6 p.m.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to authorize Wendy Schlueter’s attendance at Year 3 of the Minnesota Municipal Clerk’s Institute at a cost of \$410 for MCFOA members held April 23<sup>rd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Plaza in Brooklyn Center with expenses.

Motion declared carried.

There was no public input when called for.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cathy A. Klegstad, Clerk-Treasurer

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Wendy F. Schlueter, Minute Recorder

Attest:

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Glenn A. Anderson, Mayor