

BABBITT CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 2, 2012

The Regular meeting of the Babbitt City Council was called to order this date at 6:04 p.m. by Mayor Anderson.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

- a) Approve minutes of Regular meeting of March 19, 2012
- b) Approve all bills and payrolls as audited by the Audit Committee with the exception of the Vermilion Sanitation bill and Fire/Ambulance reference no's. 12, 13, 14, 15, and no's. 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
- c) Overtime report
- d) Correspondence: Grant-in-Aid Workshop at Tower Area DNR Office April 17, 2012

Ayes: Councilors Hoheisel, Marinaro, Fitzpatrick, 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 in the amount of \$5,872.09.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilor Marinaro

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Anderson, to approve the Election Judge application and wage increase for election judges from \$8.00/hour to \$10/hour and the head election judge from \$10/hour to \$12/hour.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Anderson, to authorize the Babbitt Police Department to place abandoned and forfeited impound vehicles up for auction through "DoBid" (all paperwork is complete on the current vehicle to be auctioned).

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to pay a \$40 stipend per month for full time Police Officer cell phone bills as recommended by the Public Safety Committee.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Hoheisel, to approve the Emergency Response Plan as prepared by the Public Safety Committee.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Lassi, to proceed with installing a donated pole from Minnesota Power to replace the current pole which is in very poor condition; further to ask Minnesota Power if they could remove the Civil Defense equipment from the old pole and install it on the new pole at a minimal cost.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Anderson, to grant a wage increase to Recreation Coordinator Joe Scherer from \$16.22 per hour to \$17.43 per hour retroactive January 1, 2012.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilor Marinaro

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Hoheisel, to approve the Assistant Recreation Coordinator job description as presented.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Anderson, to grant a wage increase to Assistant Recreation Coordinator Tony Merhar from \$10 per hour to \$11.00 per hour retroactive January 1, 2012, not to exceed 32 hours per week.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to allow the Babbitt Embarrass Ministerial Association to utilize the Municipal Gymnasium and Council Chambers for the National Day of Prayer on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Hoheisel, to authorize Councilor Fitzpatrick to attend the LMC 2012 Annual Conference and Marketplace in Duluth with expenses.

Motion declared carried.

Nissa Koivisto, President of the Babbitt Figure Skaters Club updated the Council on skating attendance at the Ice Arena for the 2011-12 season and stated progress has been made in interested skaters and other towns possibly using the Arena. Councilor Hoheisel thanked the Figure Skating Club for their cooperation and flexibility of rearranging their schedules to accommodate the added hockey tournaments.

The meeting was recessed at 6:42 p.m. and reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

A discussion was held regarding a stipend for Fire Chief Ryan Scharber and Assistant Fire Chief Trent McDowell.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick to allow a \$40 stipend per month to Scharber and McDowell for cell phone bills as recommended by the Public Safety Committee.

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

Nays: Councilor Hoheisel

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Marinaro, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 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