

BABBITT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2012

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

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad and Attorney Brunfelt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

- a) Approve Resolution 2012-04 Authorizing Sponsorship for ATV, Snowmobile and Cross Country Ski Trails
- b) Fire Department – offer for used water tender

Motion declared carried.

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

- a) Approve minutes of Regular meeting of April 2, 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) Correspondence: 2-hour and 4-hour options for elected officials, Planning Commission members, and Lake Country Power invitation

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to approve the payment of \$365.75 to Vermilion Sanitation.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilor Marinaro

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Fitzpatrick, to authorize the Transfer of Funds as requested by Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad:

2nd Quarter Recreation Apportionment - \$26,783.50
2nd Quarter Library Apportionment - \$22,826.00
2nd Quarter Library Rent Apportionment - \$4,896.50
Gov't. Office Equipment Apportionment - \$1,000.00
City Facilities Apportionment - \$117,621.00
Permanent Improvement Apportionment - \$25,000.00

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Lassi, to authorize the purchase of a 2012 Dodge Charger as a replacement for the 2008 Crown Victoria police vehicle at a state bid price of \$30,164.00, as recommended by Police Chief Loewen and Police Officer Heikkila.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

Councilor Hoheisel thanked the officers for their efforts in research.

After discussion, it was moved by Lassi, supported by Marinaro, to allow a 10 mile or 15 minute travel response time from the officer's residence to the Babbitt Police Department replacing the 6 mile radius or 10 minute response time.

Motion declared carried.

As information, Chief Loewen reported to the Council that Duluth Superior Communications credited the City of Babbitt for work on the repeater station that was ineffective.

The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to schedule a meeting with Attorney Brunfelt, Mayor Anderson, and Police Chief Loewen to review the contract with Northern Minnesota Consulting and Technical Services. Loewen also mentioned a new process with citations.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Lassi, to authorize the Fire Department to build a 32'x32' two stall garage with man door at a cost not to exceed \$13,500 for material paid from the Permanent Improvement Fund . All labor will be donated for the project.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Marinaro, to authorize Fire Chief Ryan Scharber to sell the 1978 water tender at a price of \$2,000.00 with the proceeds to be placed in the Fire Equipment Fund.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

Scharber stated that the sidewalk on the front of the building is crumbling; he will get together with Street Supervisor Posey to find a remedy.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to authorize the purchase of a new JD X740 lawnmower for the Street Department from Pokegama Lawn & Sport in the amount of \$7,618.05 budgeted for from the Street Equipment Fund as recommended by the Public Works Committee. The other bid received was \$9,458.44 from Duluth Lawn and Sport.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to approve the requests from the Walleye Whamma Fishing Contest Committee as recommended by the Recreation Advisory Board.

Motion declared carried.

Staff was directed to request quotes to repair the wall in the Library.

Councilor Fitzpatrick updated the Council on the ALS meeting he attended.

Two proposals for codification of City ordinances were received: “General Code” and “LMC & American Legal Publishing Corporation” – after review, it was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Anderson, to accept the bid from the League of Minnesota Cities at a cost of \$7,675.00 to be paid from the Government Fund.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Anderson, to accept the amendment to the City Personnel Policy:

23.10 Possession of Guns or other Weapons in the Workplace

The City of Babbitt prohibits employees (with the exception of Police Officers) from possessing guns or other weapons while on duty. Violating this policy could lead to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

Motion declared carried.

The Ely Area Community Foundation grant application was received by the Council and will be forwarded to other departments or organizations for their review.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPONSORSHIP
ATV, SNOWMOBILE and CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS
OPERATED BY
Babbitt ATV and Snowmobile Club**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Babbitt shall act as the legal sponsor for applications for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the maintenance of ATV, snowmobile and cross-country ski trails managed by the Babbitt ATV and Snowmobile Club.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, the City of Babbitt may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the trail agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons are hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the following projects:

City of Babbitt – Clerk-Treasurer
Birch Lake Plantation Ski Trail – Ski Trail Administrator
Stony Spur ATV Trail – ATV Trail Administrator
Stony Spur Snowmobile Trail – Snowmobile Trail Administrator
Taconite Spur Snowmobile Trail – Snowmobile Trail Administrator

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilor Fitzpatrick, and upon the motion, supported by Mayor Anderson, was adopted this 16th day of April, 2012, by the following roll call:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

Fire Chief Ryan Scharber stated the proceeds from the sale of unused items in the Fire Hall would be placed in the Fire Equipment Fund.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Klegstad, Clerk-Treasurer

Wendy F. Schlueter, Minute Recorder

Attest:

Glenn A. Anderson, Mayor