

BABBITT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 16, 2011
(not approved until next meeting)

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

Present were Councilors Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, Marinaro, and Mayor Anderson.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Klegstad and City Attorney Brunfelt (6:04 p.m.).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Marinaro, to add the additions to the agenda as follows and delete Mike O'Donnell, Union Representative for Cathy Klegstad as he could not be present:

- a) Accept retirement from Curt Koivisto from the Fire Department
- b) Hire part time Recreation employee through VCC work study program

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Lassi, to approve the consent agenda pending proper department head signatures on the bills:

- a) Approve minutes of Regular meeting of May 2, 2011
- 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 April 30, 2011

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to pay the Vermilion Sanitation bill as presented.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilor Marinaro

Motion declared carried.

Attorney Brunfelt remarked on the Fire Department lease purchase agreement for a fire tender.

The Council will begin negotiations with Teamsters Local Union No. 346 on Wednesday, August 3rd at 9 a.m.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Lassi, to make the recommended changes to the Recreation Coordinator position description regarding first responder qualifications.

Motion declared carried.

Ron Marinaro thanked the Council for their support.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Marinaro, to send Ordinance No. 200 back to the Parks & Recreation Board for their advisement and discuss it at the June 8th meeting at 5:30 p.m. with Attorney Brunfelt available to answer questions the Board may have.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Marinaro, to approve the payment for the fishing pier floats at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was consensus of the Council to have Attorney Brunfelt review Ordinance No. 195 Prohibiting Dogs at the City Beach and bring to the next meeting for advisement.

It was moved by Marinaro, supported by Lassi, to hire Jacob McNabb as a part time Recreation worker through the Vermilion Community College Work Study Program, pending his passing the background check and physical.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

John Soghigian, representing Well Being Development Board in Ely, informed the Council of the Northern Lights Clubhouse program which elevates the quality of life for people with mental illness.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Marinaro, to authorize Councilor Fitzpatrick to attend the Laurentian Vision Partnership meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 from 9 – 12:30 p.m. in Chisholm.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Marinaro, to authorize the expenditure of \$270.00 to repair the cement slab in front of the Library by Aho Concrete with the money coming out of the City Facilities Fund; the Street Department offered to remove the old cement slab.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to send out RFPs for the Municipal Building cleaning contract as presented (including the Assessor's office).

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Lassi, to authorize the request from the Babbitt Fire Relief Association to sell 3.2 beer at the Beer Gardens pending proof of insurance.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to assist the Peter Mitchell Committee with their requests for the Walleye Whamma and Peter Mitchell Fun Days Celebration.

Motion declared carried.

Ron Marinaro requested the Peter Mitchell Committee contact him personally for dumpsters as Vermilion Trail Sanitation provides these as a donation.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to authorize renewal of Rural Living Health Services lease for office space in the Municipal Center.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to accept Curt Koivisto’s retirement, with regrets, from the Babbitt Fire Department with 23 years of service and to send him a letter of thanks.

Motion declared carried.

There was no public input when called for.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Hoheisel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Klegstad, Clerk-Treasurer

Wendy F. Schlueter, Minute Recorder

Attest:

Glenn A. Anderson, Mayor