

BABBITT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

August 1, 2011

(not approved until next meeting)

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 Marinaro, Lassi, Fitzpatrick, Hoheisel, 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 Fitzpatrick, to authorize the following additions to the agenda:

- a) Duluth Metals/Franconia requests permission to install a manufactured cage to house four propane tanks for forklifts by the loading dock area
- b) Terry Aho requests an additional \$100 for cement slab work done at the Municipal Center due to price increase of cement from Seppi Brothers
- c) Permission for Carolyn Mackai to attend an Ethics Course on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, in Waite Park, MN
- d) St. Louis County Planning Commission Public Hearing held Thursday, August 11, 2011, for comments on Draft Ordinance 60

Motion declared carried.

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

- a) Approve minutes of Regular meeting of July 18, 2011
- b) Approve all bills and payrolls as audited by the Audit Committee with the exception of the Vermilion Trail Sanitation bill
- c) Overtime report
- d) Correspondence:
 - i. MN DNR Restart of State Contract Performance
 - ii. Reductions to aids/credits payable in 2011
 - c) Resumption of work activity for IRR

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to approve the payment to Vermilion Sanitation tipping fees and contractual services for \$5,894.85.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilor Marinaro

Motion declared carried.

The Police overtime report was discussed and an error had been made and corrected on an officer's time card. Chief Switajewski gave an explanation of the absence of the Police Report in the July 1st and 15th Babbitt Weekly.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Marinaro, to accept and place on file the Economic Development Coordinator position description.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Lassi, to approve and place on file the Employee evaluations as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Motion declared carried.

The Parks and Recreation Board recommended removal of the beach cable and not to install a gate as proposed by the Public Safety Committee. A gate price will be available for the next Council meeting. An update of the fishing pier floats was provided.

The Council received information about the 2011 Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Summer Conference held in Grand Rapids on August 3rd through 5th, 2011.

A 2012 Budget Study Session will be held Tuesday, August 9th at 2 p.m. including the department heads involved with the process. In addition, a Public Safety meeting is scheduled for August 9th at 5 p.m.

Councilor Fitzpatrick requested Year End Reports and Full Inventory from department heads by the first of the year; it was recommended that a study session be held for review.

Councilor Fitzpatrick said he would like to receive an update from the Zoning Officer regarding Bight Ordinance complaints.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Fitzpatrick, to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 of \$72,544.00 to Utility Systems of America.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Anderson, to allow Duluth Metals/Franconia Minerals to install a manufactured cage to house four propane tanks for forklifts by the loading dock area behind the Municipal Building.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Anderson, to pay an additional \$100 to Terry Aho (for a total of \$762.00) for concrete slab work done at the Municipal Center (due to a price increase from Seppi Brothers).

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Hoheisel, supported by Lassi, to authorize Assessor Carolyn Mackai to attend the Ethics Course held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, in Waite Park, MN.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion declared carried.

As information, there will be a St. Louis County Planning Commission Public Hearing on Thursday, August 11, 2011, for comments on Draft Ordinance 60.

During the public input session, Lucille Lassi mentioned an unsightly mobile home in Benville and was advised the Zoning Officer will check into the matter.

Councilor Fitzpatrick asked for a correction from the Babbitt Weekly News regarding the price of the fire truck.

Karl Littler of K & M Wood Products and Sandblasting was asked to bring proposed costs of leveling off the dirt pile at the end of Cottonwood Court and also a price to remove the dirt for the next Council meeting.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Fitzpatrick, to close the meeting at 6:50 p.m. for attorney/client privilege.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Anderson, supported by Fitzpatrick, to open the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

It was moved by Lassi, supported by Fitzpatrick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Motion declared carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Klegstad, Clerk-Treasurer

Wendy F. Schlueter, Minute Recorder

Attest:

Glenn A. Anderson, Mayor