

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2018

The Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Werner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. Present for the meeting: Mayor John Werner; City Councilors John Goman, Greg Andrews, Suzanne Herstad and Bob Quade; Clerk/Treasurer Toni Blomdahl; and attached list of public.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** Trisha Hashey, 4182 West Calvary Rd was here to voice her concern over the speed of traffic on West Calvary Rd. Trisha stated it is not just cars going fast, but big trucks and buses as well and there are no sidewalks on the road so kids riding their bikes and walking aren't safe. John W. stated he will speak with the sheriff about putting extra emphasis on patrolling that road. Bob stated it is not just the paved roads, but gravel roads too, have delivery trucks, garbage trucks, and busses going too fast.

Nellie asked for an update on the Animal Control Officer. John G. stated we have hired a new officer that will be available on call.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Email from Mark Gilbertson and Joan's response – We received an email from Mark Gilbertson in reference to the "Gary Wilson Field" sign that was dilapidated. Mark asked if the City would allow private residents to fix the signs. Joan emailed Mark to tell him the sign is not City Property. Mark's last email noted the sign has been replaced. Bob stated he called the Duluth Police Department today to see if they new who replaced the sign, but they weren't sure.
- MN Rural Waters Association (MRWA) Operator Equipment Expo September 12. John W. stated he and John G. attended last year and it was very informative.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: July 9, 2018 Council minutes

Rice Lake Fire Department Bylaws adoption

Safety Committee Policy Statement adoption

Ordinance #49 Nuisance

Executed Claim:

General fund checks – 12678 thru 12707 462E-464E

Fair Housing Authority – none

Bob made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a second by Suzanne. All vote in favor. Motion passed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Insulation for City Hall Roof:** John W. stated we received a proposal from Gardner to add closed cell insulation to the roof project in the amount of \$17,602 to help seal the flat roof and eliminate any roof penetrations and provide extra insulation. Suzanne asked if the concern is condensation between the heated space and the metal panels. Cindy Endicott asked if this was done on the Public Works and Fire Hall buildings. John W. stated no but those were different scenarios and they are concerned about condensation. The Council was reluctant to approve the additional expenditure but agreed it was necessary to do it at this time instead of realizing we need to do it later. A motion was made by John G. to approve the proposal from Gardner in the amount of \$17,602 with a second by Greg. All vote in favor. Motion carried.

**Rezone for Twin Ports Aerial:** Suzanne stated the Planning Commission held a public hearing to rezone property at 3912 and 3916 East Calvary Rd. to commercial. Suzanne stated the request meets

our Comprehensive Plan but the properties are exceeding the 60% maximum lot coverage. Suzanne stated the property owners are willing to work with Teresa to get their lot coverage into compliance and the Commission is in favor of the rezone but would like the property in compliance. A motion was made by Greg to approve the Rezone and Findings of Fact as presented with a second by Bob. All vote in favor. Motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**PFA documents and bond documents:** Toni presented Council with the PFA documents and bond documents that need to be signed to move forward with the Lift Station 6 and 7 removal project. John W. stated the City's is taking a loan in the amount of \$55,005 from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and will be getting a Water Infrastructure Fund Grant in the amount of \$220,019 to remove two Lift Stations and we need to bond for the \$55,005 to back the loan from the PFA. Greg stated these two lift stations are a source of I&I and this project has been in the works for ten plus years. John W. stated no tax monies are levied for this project and the contractor will honor the bid and all subcontractors will honor their bids as the funding documents have taken longer than anticipated. John G. stated the restoration may be pushed back to spring of 2019 to allow the ground to settle. Nellie stated, in previous discussions, the Council noted they are not familiar with the contractor and she wanted to know if we were building in contingencies for that. John W. stated they have authorized the engineers to be on site for the whole project to oversee the work. Suzanne made a motion to proceed with signing the PFA and bond documents with a second by John G. All vote in favor. Motion carried.

**Resolution 18-07-17 Authorizing the Issuance and sale of a \$55,005 GO Revenue Note, Series 2018A, and Providing for its Payment:** Toni presented Council with Resolution 18-07-17 to authorize the issuance of a bond for Lift Station 6 and 7 removal. Greg made a motion to approve Resolution 18-07-17 with a second by Bob. All vote in favor. Motion carried.

**August calendar:** Toni shared a copy of the August.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- John G. stated we have policies in place for Confined Space and Lock Out Tag Out, so we can move forward with utility repairs. John stated previously to repair a manhole it was about \$4,000 – 6,000 but now we can do it for about \$200 with the equipment we've purchased. John stated he and John W. have priced out a new truck for the road department for next year, depending on budgets.
- Suzanne stated she and John G. attended a Safety Committee meeting and staff is working on safety checklists. Suzanne stated the Planning Commission held a public hearing for a rezone on the 17<sup>th</sup> as stated earlier and approved a Home Occupation for Christiansen Saunas but no expansion of the business.
- Greg stated he attended the Planning Commission meeting and it was contentious with the Home Business, but it basically came down to road traffic and speed on a gravel road. Greg stated he attended the DUWAC meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup> and they worked on finalizing the MOU.
- Bob was at the Commission meeting too and we have talked about getting extra sheriff patrols, but if the sheriff was coming to set up a speed trap, it wouldn't be on the side roads. Bob stated he won't make the MIC meeting this month as it's on the same date as our Budget Meeting.
- John W. stated Kwik Trip is building and building fast and there has been much interest on the adjoining 17.5 acres. John stated the roadside mowing is almost done. John stated the Deputy Clerk has been working on getting donations for Neighborhood Night Out and has gotten root beer donated from the OP and ice cream donated from Darrel Johnson and he got a banner donated from Summit Signs. Bob asked about the concerns from Woodland Days. John stated he received no complaints. Bob stated it was a good turnout with a lot of kids there. John stated he spoke with OP and they are going to rename it to Rice Lake Days next year as it is held in Rice Lake not Woodland. John thanked the City Hall cleaning crew as they are doing a great job and the building looks great. John stated people have been asking about the property

on Rice Lake Rd that the City received from Wells Fargo along with a check for \$8,000 to clean up the property. John stated we have no plans for development as of now and the Fire Department has been training in the building but won't burn the building down.

Having nothing further to discuss, John G. made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Suzanne. Mayor Werner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



John Werner, Mayor

8-10-18

Date



Toni Blomdahl, Clerk/Treasurer

8-10-18

Date

**Council Meeting  
Date: July 23, 2018**

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| 2  | Carlye Lindcott | Kingston Rd.  |                             |         |
| 3  | Nelle Scheffle  | HS Rd         |                             |         |
| 4  | Ann Twining     | Schultz Rd    |                             |         |
| 5  | Wendy Wurst     | —             |                             |         |
| 6  | Dan Ed Neasby   | W Calvary Rd  |                             |         |
| 7  | Kathleen Dingle | W Calvary Rd  |                             |         |
| 8  | Randy Oldham    | River Road RD |                             |         |
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