MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

OF THE FIFTY LAKES CITY COUNCIL

August 8th, 2023

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Fifty Lakes City Council was held on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023, at City Hall at 6:00 pm. The following officers were present: Toni Buchite, Mayor; Gary Staples, Jill Radman, Mark Bradley, Randy Zeigler, Council Members; Ann Raph, City Clerk; Jessica Istvanovich, Deputy Clerk; Chad Wosmek, Maintenance Supervisor; Diana Johnson, Liquor Manager.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consider Agenda:

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO ADD EMERGENCY SIREN PRESENTATION BY BOB STANCER TO THE AGENDA. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Buchite requested consideration of the consent agenda. Council reviewed: Council Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting July 11th, 2023; Treasurer’s Report: Payment of bills in the amount of $199735.78 including Check No #45544 through #45652; Fire and Rescue Minutes.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business/Critical Issues:

Bob Stancer, Chair of Planning Commission, updated the council on his research of the American Signal Emergency Siren. The council discussed purchasing two sirens that would run off solar panel and batteries. The locations for these sirens will be decided after further research.

MOTION MADE BY MS. RADMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO AMERICAN SIGNAL SIRENS WHITH 110VAC 20 AMP CHARGING, SOLAR PANELS AND TWO 55’ WOODEN POLES AT THE COST OF $58,863.20. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO APPROVE RESOLTION 2023-14 TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF $50,000.00 FROM THE SOURCEWELL COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FUNDING TO BE DESIGNATED FOR EMERGENCY SIRENS.

**City of Fifty Lakes**

**Resolution 2023-14**

**State of Minnesota**

**County of Crow Wing**

**City Fifty Lakes**

 **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF $50,000 FROM THE** Sourcewell Community Solutions Funding

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**WHEREAS,** the Sourcewell Community Solutions Funding has proposed contributing $50,000 to the City of Fifty Lakes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Sourcewell Community Solutions Funding. has suggested their donation be used for Fifty Lakes Day

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Fifty Lakes agrees that said contribution would be of benefit to the citizens of Fifty Lakes,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Fifty Lakes, Minnesota hereby acknowledges and agrees to accept said donation of $50,000 from the Sourcewell Community Solutions Funding on behalf of the citizens of Fifty Lakes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Fifty Lakes designates said donation for Emergency Sirens.

**ADOPTED** this 8th day of August 2023

Toni Buchite, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann M. Raph

City Clerk-Treasurer

When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO APPROVE MOVING THE CITY OF FIFTY LAKES GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT TO PINE RIVER STATE BANK WITH SIGNERS ANN RAPH, TONI BUCHITE AND MARK BRADLEY AND THE ATM AND LOTTERY CHECKING ACCOUNTS TO PINE RIVER STATE BANK WITH SIGNERS ANN RAPH AND DIANA JOHNSON. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning: The Planning Commission held their regular meeting in July at which there was one public hearing. A variance request to enclose a pre-existing deck with in the OHW level setback on the property located 40535 Westman Bay Road was approved. Regarding the Horvath Tower, the most recent aeronautical study conducted by the FAA has determined a light is not required at the top of the proposed tower. The existing CUP is not required to be amended and the applicant intends to proceed with applying for a land use permit. The planning commission will be reviewing ordinances regarding park dedication fees, recreational vehicles, and shoreline grading.

Parks:

MOTION MADE BY MR. ZEIGLER AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM BLUE WATER WELLS OF $2,245.00 TO CONNECT WATER IN THE PARK PAVILION. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried. The newly assembled park committee will be meeting once a month to strategize fundraising ideas for future park expansion.

Public Safety: Jesse Anderson, Assistant Fire Chief, reported 5 medical calls and 2 fire calls for the month of July.

Road Construction and Maintenance:

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF B. BRIGHT AT $24.00 PER HOUR AS A SEASONAL/ON CALL MAINTENANCE WORKER. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MS. RADMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM MCCOY CONSTRCTON AND FORESTRY TO REPAIR THE JOHN DEERE 210LJ AT $5,814.22 PLUS THE COST OF DELIVERY TO NOT EXCEED A GRAND TOTAL OF $6,300.00 WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM MR. BRADLEY. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Liquor Store: Ms. Johnson reported a 54% gross profit in July. Ms. Johnson updated the council on her research into installing a hood vent in the bar kitchen.

Mayor’s Report:

 The Council reviewed Remote City Meetings legal requirements and policies.

MOTION MADE BY MR. ZEIGLER AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO ALLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS TO VOTE AT 3 MEETINGS PER YEAR REMOTELY VIA INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The council discussed adopting an ordinance prohibiting adult use cannabis on city property. The council requested Ms. Raph to prepare a draft ordinance for council consideration at the next meeting. The council discussed renewing two CDS at Pine River State Bank with interest rates earning at 1.25% to 5.01%.

MOTION MADE BY MR. STAPLES AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO RENEW CDS #65010717 FOR $30,211.36 AND #65010726 FOR $30,378.99AT PINE RIVER STATE BANK WITH AN ITEREST RATE OF 5.01%. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MS. RADMAN AND MR. STAPLES TO move THE FIRE AND RESCUE CAPITAL FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND OF $15,000.00 INTO A CD AT PINE RIVER STATE BANK WITH AN INTEREST RATE OF 5.01%. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO REVISE PAGE 10 OF THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK TO ADD JUNETEENTH (JUNE 19TH) AS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY. When polled: Mayor Buchite, Mr. Bradley, Ms. Radman and Mr. Zeigler voted aye. Mr. Staples voted nay. Motion carried.

Purchasing/ Personal:

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO SEND MS. RAPH TO THE LEAGUE OF MN CITIES CLERKS ACADEMY ON SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2023 AND SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2023 IN STAPLES, MN WITH MILAGE AND HOTEL REEMBERSMENT. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO ALLOW ANY MEMBER OF COUNCIL OR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF THE CITY OF FIFTY LAKES TO ATTEND THE OPEN MEETING LAW AND DATA PRACTICES CLASS PROVIDED BY SOURCEWELL ON SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023 IN STAPLES, MN WITH MILAGE REEMBERSENT. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn: MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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 Jessica Istvanovich, Deputy Clerk