MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

OF THE FIFTY LAKES CITY COUNCIL

October 10th, 2023

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Fifty Lakes City Council was held on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023, at City Hall at 6:00 pm. The following officers were present: Toni Buchite, Mayor; Jill Radman, Mark Bradley, Randy Zeigler, (Gary Staples absent) Council Members; Ann Raph, City Clerk; Jessica Istvanovich, Deputy Clerk; Diana Johnson, Liquor Manager.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consider Agenda:

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO ADD RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY UNDER PARKS, UPDATE ON BRUSH DUMP AND DEER LANE DNR TREE REMOVAL UNDER ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, AND APPROVAL TO CANCEL CHECK # 45020 TO J. RADMAN UNDER PURCHASING AND PERSONNEL TO THE AGENDA. When polled: All members voted aye. (Mr. Staples absent) Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Buchite requested consideration of the consent agenda. Council reviewed: Council Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting September 12th, 2023; Treasurer’s Report: Payment of bills in the amount of $446,004.05 including Check No #50047 through #50134; Fire and Rescue Minutes; Resolution 2023-16 and Resolution 2023-17 – Donations from Fifty Lakes Fire Relief

**City of Fifty Lakes**

**Resolution 2023-16**

**State of Minnesota**

**County of Crow Wing**

**City Fifty Lakes**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF $1,700 FROM THE** Fifty Lakes Fire Relief Association.

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**WHEREAS,** the Fifty Lakes Fire Relief Assoc. has proposed contributing $7,500 to the City of Fifty Lakes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fifty Lakes Fire Relief Assoc. has suggested their donation be used for fire truck payment,

**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 $1,700 from the Fifty Lakes Fire Relief Assoc. 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 Fifty Lakes Day

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of October 2023

Toni Buchite, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann M. Raph

City Clerk-Treasurer

**City of Fifty Lakes**

**Resolution 2023-17**

**State of Minnesota**

**County of Crow Wing**

**City Fifty Lakes**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF $5,000 FROM THE** Fifty Lakes Fire Relief Association.

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**WHEREAS,** the Fifty Lakes Fire Relief Assoc. has proposed contributing $5,000 to the City of Fifty Lakes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fifty Lakes Fire Relief Assoc. has suggested their donation be used for park projects,

**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 $5,000 from the Fifty Lakes Fire Relief Assoc. 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 Fifty Lakes Day

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ATTEST:

Ann M. Raph

City Clerk-Treasurer

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. When polled: All members voted aye (Mr. Staples absent). Motion carried.

New Business/Critical Issues:

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO REDEEM CD #5635 AT $100,000, CD #5637 AT $114,063.09, AND CD #100,000 AT FIRST WESTERN BANK TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE ROADS AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT AND RENEW CD #7507 FOR $143,586.35 AT 5.25% RATE FOR 1 YEAR AT FIRST WESTERN BANK. When polled: All members voted aye (Mr. Staples absent). Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MS. RADMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO REDEEM CD #7517 FOR $20,000 AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND OPEN A CD AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT THE RATE OF 5% FOR 9 MONTHS. When polled: All members voted aye (Mr. Staples absent). Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO TAKE $100,000 FROM ROADS AND MAINTANCE ACCOUNT AND OPEN A CD AT FIRST WESTERN BANK AT THE RATE OF 5.25% FOR 1 YEAR. When polled: All members voted aye (Mr. Staples absent). Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning: The Planning Commission did not hold their regular meeting in September. The planning commission will be reviewing ordinances regarding park dedication fees, recreational vehicles, food trucks and shoreline grading in the next couple of months.

Parks:

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO PURCHASE A 5FT BY 4FT SIGN FROM K & M SIGNS INC FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO BE INSTALLED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING. When polled: All members voted aye (Mr. Staples absent). Motion carried.

The Council discussed what was needed to complete the park pavilion bathroom and a ribbon ceremony for the opening of the pickleball court.

Public Safety: The Fire and Rescue department had 2 medical and 1 fire call for the month of September. The City of Emily has agreed to cost share with The City of Fifty Lakes for the installation of a warning siren on CR 136.

Road Construction and Maintenance: The Council discussed the lack of a tree border at the logging location on Deer Lane. The Council will have the Forestry Committee investigate the issue.

Liquor Store: The bar has a 56.1% gross profit for the month of September. Booyah 2023 is on October 14th.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND MS. BUCHITE TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS FROM B. GRECULA AND C. SULLIVAN STARTING AT MINIMUM WAGE, PENDING BACKGROUND CHECKS. When polled: All members vote aye (Mr. Staples absent). Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO TAKE $30,000 FROM THE LIQUOR STORE ACCOUNT TO APPLY TOWARDS THE LOAN FROM WHICH THE CITY WILL PUT INTO A CD AT FIRST WESTERN BANK AT A RATE OF 5.25% FOR 1 YEAR. When polled: All members voted aye (Mr. Staples absent). Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO TAKE $30,000 FROM THE LIQUOR STORE ACCOUNT TO OPEN A CD AT FIRST WESTERN BANK AT THE RATE OF 5.17% FOR 6 MONTHS. When polled: All members voted aye (Mr. Staples absent). Motion carried.

Mayor’s Report:

MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM TREMOLO FOR AN AUDIO SYSTEM IN THE COUNICL CHAMBERS AT A COST OF $1,189.34. When polled: All members voted aye (Mr. Staples absent). Motion carried.

The council discussed creating a committee to create a plan going forward for the Fire Hall and Community Center Building and expanding city property. The council reviewed a draft of the new city website that is being designed by Tremolo.

Purchasing/ Personal: The council discussed scheduling annual employment reviews.

MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO REVIEW ADMINISTRATIVE, MUNICIPLE LIQUOR AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT HEADS AT THE DECEMBER 12TH COUNCIL MEETING. When polled: All members voted aye (Mr. Staples absent). Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO APPROVE CANCELING CHECK # 45020 FOR $886.56 TO JILL RADMAN AND REISSUE, LESS THE $32.00 CANCELATION FEE, A CHECK OF $854.56. When polled: All members voted aye (Mr. Staples absent). Motion carried.

Adjourn: MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

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Jessica Istvanovich, Deputy Clerk