MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

OF THE FIFTY LAKES CITY COUNCIL

November 14th, 2023

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Fifty Lakes City Council was held on Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, at City Hall at 6:00 pm. The following officers were present:

Mayor: Toni Buchite; Council Members: Jill Radman, Mark Bradley, Randy Zeigler, Gary Staples

Staff: Ann Raph, City Clerk; Justin Burslie, Planning & Zoning Administrator; Chad Wosmek, Maintenance Supervisor; Diana Buchite, Liquor Manager

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consider Agenda:

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO ADD ACCEPTING RESIGNATION LETTER FROM J. BRADLEY UNDER FIRE & RESCUE, UPDATE ON CITY AUDITOR AND CROW WING COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION UNDER MAYOR’S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PHONE STIPEND FOR J. ISTVANOVICH UNDER PURCHASING AND PERSONNEL 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 October 10th, 2023; Treasurer’s Report: Payment of bills in the amount of $345,399.74 including Check No #50135 through #50237; Fire and Rescue Minutes.

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

New Business/Critical Issues:

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18 TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF IDEAL TOWNSHIP, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNSOTA, TO IMPROVE THEIR TRANSFER STATION. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**CITY OF FIFTY LAKES**

**CROW WING COUNTY**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF IDEAL TOWNSHIP, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA, TO IMPROVE THEIR TRANSFER STATION**

**WHEREAS,** the Transfer Station serves the public without regard to Township residence;

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of Ideal Township to continue to serve the broader community;

**WHEREAS**, the Transfer Station works closely with Crow Wing County in maintaining the Station in its collection and disposal of waste products;

**WHEREAS**, the Transfer Station does serve our residents.

**NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OR COUNCIL OF CITY OF FIFTY LAKES, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Support the efforts of Ideal Township in improving its Transfer Station in seeking a grant from Sourcewell’s Community Impact Fund to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Station.

Adopted by the Town Board or City Council of City of Fifty Lakes on November 14th, 2023.

Toni Buchite, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann M. Raph, City Clerk

Planning and Zoning: The planning commission reviewed draft ordinance language regarding the following: Park Dedication Fees, Recreational Vehicles, Food Trucks, Right of Inspections. Mr. Burslie updated the council on the cell phone tower stating that Horvath Communications has informed the city that Verizon’s installation timeline for the Kego Lake Tower has been moved to 2025. The planning commission has three vacancies and applications will be accepted until 1pm on December 6th, 2023.

Parks:

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO PURCHASE A 36” X 28.8” SIGN WITH AN AUTOMOTIVE UV CLEAR-COAT FROM K & M SIGNS INC FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO BE INSTALLED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING AT A COST OF $460.00 When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Safety/ Fire & Rescue: The Fire and Rescue department had 5 medical and 1 fire call for the month of October. MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM J. BRADLEY AS A MEMBER OF FIFTY LAKES FIRST RESPONDER. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Road Construction and Maintenance: The Council discussed possible sites for a brush dump site and land options for future expansion of the city. Roads slated to be graveled in the spring of 2024: Meyer Lake Road, North Eagle Lake Road, River Lane, Pistol Lake Trail, and Majestic Road.

Liquor Store: The bar has a 48% gross profit for the month of October.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO ALLOW D. BUCHITE TO SWITCH THE CREDIT CARD PROVIDER FROM HEARTLAND TO CARDPOINTE. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO CHARGE A CONVIENCE FEE OF 2.5% FOR ALL CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS STARTING DECEMBER 1ST, 2023. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO PURCHASE A NEW NVR SURVEILLANCE RECORDING SYSTEM AND 16TB HARD DRIVE FROM TREMOLO COMMUNICATIONS AT A COST OF $1,017.98. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO HAVE THE LIQUOR STORE PAY THE REMAINDER OF $26,000.00 OF INDEBTEDNESS TO THE CITY TO BE PUT INTO THE CITY GENERAL FUND.

When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor’s Report:

MOTION MADE BY MS. RADMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO PURCHASE AN AUDIO SYSTEM FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND INSTALLATION FROM TREMOLO COMMUNICATIONS AT A COST OF $1,789.34. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The council discussed future improvements/ new buildings of the Fire Hall, Community Center and Maintenance buildings and the possibility of starting to designate funds for future improvements. The council was notified that the Lakers Lions Bags to Benches program is dissolving at the end of November and wishes to Thank the Lakers Lions for their wonderful work as the city has received 3 benches from the program. The council discussed the possibilities of looking for volunteers to keep the program going for the bins in Fifty Lakes.

MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUM OF $9,259.00.

When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MS. RADMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO PURCHASE A MINNESOTA FLAG TO BE FLOWN UNDER THE AMERICAN FLAG ON THE FLAGPOLE. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM AMBROZ PHOTOGRAPHY TO PREP AND PAINT “THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE” ON THE WALL OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. When polled: All members vote aye. Motion carried.

Purchasing/ Personal:

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW DESKTOP COMPUTER FOR THE CLERK’S OFFICE TO NOT EXCEED $900.00. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The council discussed the new Minnesota statue, Earned Sick and Safe Time, which employees will qualify for it and how to accurately record hours.

MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO ACCEPT THE CITY OF FIFTYLAKES TIME OFF REQUEST FORM FOR ALL EMPLOYEES. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MS. RADMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO PURCHASE TWO TIME CLOCKS FOR THE CITY HALL AND MAINTENCE BUILDING. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO APPROVE THE CELL PHONE STIPEND TO J. ISTVANOVICH OF $35 PER MONTH. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Open Forum: Resident, John Kjera, expressed with the Council his concerns for the delay in the Horvath/ Verizon Cell Tower project. Mr. Kjera suggests the city write a letter to Pete Stauber and two other Senators about the need for a cell tower in the area.

Adjourn: MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Jessica Istvanovich, Deputy Clerk