MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

OF THE FIFTY LAKES CITY COUNCIL

October 8th, 2024

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Fifty Lakes City Council was held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, at City Hall at 6:00 pm. The following officers were present: Toni Buchite, Mayor; Mark Bradley, Gary Staples, Jill Radman and Randy Zeigler, Council Members; Ann Raph, City Clerk; Jessica Istvanovich, Deputy Clerk, Chad Wosmek, Maintenance Supervisor; Jesse Anderson, Fire Chief.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Buchite requested 2 deletions to the October Agenda.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO REMOVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18TH SPECIAL MEETING UNDER CONSENT AGENDA AND PENNISULA ROAD RIP RAP UNDER ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Open Forum:

Consent Agenda: Mayor Buchite requested consideration of the consent agenda. Council reviewed: Council Meeting Minutes for September 10th budget meeting and September 10th regular meeting; Treasurer’s Report: Payment of bills in the amount of $141,161.51 including Check No# 51223 through No #51314; Renew CDs ending in #40784 and #40793; Fire and Rescue Minutes.

M**OTION MADE MS. RADMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO MOVE CD #40784 ($100,000.00) TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT 4.75% APR FOR 7 MONTHS AND MOVE CD #40793 ($30,000.00) TO PINE RIVER STATE BANK AT 4.22% APR FOR 19 MONTHS.** When polled: All members vote aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE RENEWAL OF CDS #40784 AND #40793.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business/Critical Issues:

Planning and Zoning: Ms. Soderlund reported the planning commission held their regular meeting in September at which there was a recommendation to council. The City of Fifty Lakes received a variance application from Philip Wanty, 41615 E Eagle Lake Road for a lakeside deck. During the review of this application and the submission of a certificate of survey, staff discovered that a land use permit issued in July of 2024 (LU 32-24) for a screen porch on the roadside of the legal non-conforming dwelling did not meet bluff setbacks. During the review of land use permit 32-24 no survey was required, and conditions on the parcel did not suggest that the proposed screen porch would be non-conforming. The property owner acted in good faith by submitting an application and the permit was subsequently issued by the city. The property owner now has an illegal non-conforming addition on his property. An after-the-fact variance is needed to bring the property into compliance. The planning commission is recommending that the City Council waive the associated fee.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR BUCHITE AND SECODED BY MR. BRADLEY TO WAIVE THE $450.00 FEE ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUIRED AFTER-THE-FACT VARIANCE APLICATION FOR PHILIP WANTY, 41615 E EAGLE LAKE RD.** When polled: All members vote aye. Motion carried.

Parks: **MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO APPROVE THE STATE OF MINNESOTA GRANT CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH OFFICIAL SIGNERS TO BE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK.** When polled: All members vote aye. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Mr. Anderson stated the Fire and Rescue Department had 7 medical calls and 1 fire for the month of September.

Road Construction and Maintenance: The council discussed when to close the park pavilion bathroom for winter. Mr. Wosmek is very happy with the dust guard company used this year, the product is doing very well, and he would like to continue with this company in 2025.

Liquor Store: Liquor profit and loss report was reviewed with a gross profit of 62.9% in the month of August. The bar’s net profit for the year is 6.9%. Ms. Raph updated the council on the progress being made in the on and off sale involving staff training, cleaning, rearranging merchandise and repairs. The council and attendees took a quick tour to have a visual of the changes.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MAYOR BUCHITE TO APPROVE SELLING THE SINGLE AUTO FRYER AND MISCELLANEOUS BAR ITEMS FOUND IN THE BACKROOM.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS FROM CINDY BISPING, NAN BARES-BRENDLE AND PATTY OLSON.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO APPROVE HIRING AMY ROLLAND AND TAMRAH DEHN AS PART TIME BARTEDERS AT $10.85 PER HOUR.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM JAG INTERIOR SOLUTIONS FOR CARPET TILES IN THE MUNICIPAL BAR FOR $6,440.28 USING SOURCEWELL GRANT MONEY WITH AN ADDITIONAL $200.00 TO COVER THE COST IF CARPET REMOVING EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED**. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The council briefly looked at 3 painting quotes designated for the bar/ off sale/ manager’s office. Quotes will be reviewed at the November meeting.

Mayor’s Report:

Purchasing/Personnel: The council reviewed liquor manager applications. The council decided to continue to advertise for the positions until November 7th and all new applicants will be reviewed at the November 12th council meeting.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO ADD MARK BRADLEY TO THE SECURITY ALARM CALL LIST: CHAD WOSMEK (1), MARK BRADLEY (2), ANN RAPH (3).** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO REMOVED DIANA BUCHITE FROM THE ATM AND LOTTERY CHECKING ACCOUNT AND ADD JESSICA ISTVANOVICH TO THE ATM AND LOTTERY CHECKING ACCOUNT**. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. ZEIGLER AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR A CLEANING SERVICE FOR THE MUNICIPAL BAR AND CITY HALL.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATIONS FOR INTERM MANAGEMENT STAFF AS FOLLOWS: ANN RAPH ADDITIONAL $5.00 PER HOUR, KIM TUCHEK ADDITIONAL $3.00 PER HOUR AND JESSICA ISTVANOVICH ADDITIONAL $2.00 PER HOUR FOR UP TO BUT NOT EXCEEDING 40 HOURS PER WEEK**. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO APPROVE ON/OFF SALE CONSULTING SERVICES FROM KATHY MURRER AT $60.00 PER HOUR.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: The council reviewed the feasibility study quotes.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. STAPLES AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM BOLTON AND MENK FOR A FEASIBIITY STUDY AT A COST OF $10,000.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried. Ms. Raph asked council for clarification on a complaint and the response they would like to issue to the complainant. The Council advised Ms. Raph to reply that the policy on bar closing times will be reviewed and followed. Ms. Radman commented that she brought up last month the cities policy on purchasing and obtaining bids over $1,000 be placed in the city paper. Ms. Raph will ask other cities what their purchasing policy contains.

Open Forum: Jesse Anderson informed council Keith Fitzpatrick has the questions ready for meet the candidate night on October 15th at the community center.

Adjourn: **MOTION MADE BY MAYOR BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO ADJOURN.** Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

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Jessica Istvanovich, Deputy Clerk