MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

OF THE FIFTY LAKES CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 11TH, 2024

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Fifty Lakes City Council was held on Tuesday, June 11th, 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; Diana Buchite, Liquor Manager; Jesse Anderson, Fire Chief.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Buchite requested 3 additions to the June Agenda.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. STAPLES AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO ADD ACCEPTING RESIGNATION FROM WILLIAM BRIGHT UNDER FIRE AND RESCUE, APPROVAL TO HIRE RAE NYBERG AS PART TIME BARTENDER UNDER LIQUOR STORE AND RENEW PROPERTY CASUALTY POLICY UNDER MAYOR’S REPORT.** 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 May 14th, 2024, Regular Meeting, May 14th, 2024 Special Meeting, May 28th, 2024 Special Meeting; Treasurer’s Report: Payment of bills in the amount of $149,898.32 including Check No# 50824 through No #50917; Fire and Rescue Minutes.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. ZEIGLER AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business/Critical Issues: Ms. Raph updated the council on the June 15th Fifty Lakes Day Event. Ms. Raph states set up will start Friday morning with marking off the parking lot for 57 vendor slots and setting up tents. The council agreed to block off a portion of the parking lot to begin the process of setting up for the day on Friday.

Planning and Zoning:

Parks: The Park Committee is holding a tile project to raise donations for the park expansion and debuting it at Fifty Lakes Day. The tiles at 6x6 and can hold 4 lines up to 13 characters per line for a donation of $100.00. The tiles will be going on the outside walls of the Park Pavilion.

Public Safety: Ms. Radman stated the Fire and Rescue Department had 3 medical calls for the month of May. Mr. Bradley requested a discussion on the approval of the Fire and Rescue Bylaw Amendments; removal of the “50/50” meetings and calls section; grammatical errors corrected; increasing yearly pension amount to $2,500. Mr. Bradley stated that the fire department discussed the pension increase and proposed a new amount for pension to $1,925.00 to be increased to $2,500.00 on January 1, 2025.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. STAPLES AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE FIFTY LAKES FIRE AND RESCUE BYLAWS.** When polled: Mayor Buchite, aye; Mr. Staples, aye; Mr. Zeigler, aye; Ms. Radman, abstains; Mr. Bradley, abstains. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM BRIGHT FROM THE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried

Road Construction and Maintenance: Mr. Bradley asks to purchase tax forfeited property at RE# 22270627 on Peninsula Road from Crow Wing County. The tax forfeit land will be purchased by the city for $1.00 plus additional fees.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. STAPLES AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO PURCHASE PROPERTY OF PENINSULA ROAD RE # 22270627 AT A COST OF $98.68.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Wosmek received a bid for Rip Rap on Peninsula Narrows Road for $9,700.00. He will try to obtain additional bids before winter.

Liquor Store: Liquor profit and loss report was reviewed with a gross profit of 53.3% in the month of May. The bar’s net profit for the year is -7.5%.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO APPROVE HIRING CINDY BISPING AS A PART TIME BARTENDER STARTING AT MINIMUM WAGE.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. ZEIGLER TO APPROVE HIRING RAE NYBERG AS A PART TIME BARTENDER STARTING AT MINIMUM WAGE.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Buchite discussed with the council increasing hours for Juan Cabrera (cleaner). The council discussed the need for additional hours to clean. Mr. Staples suggested the bartenders’ cleaning duties be reevaluated. The council discussed the need for additional hours to do deep cleaning and advised Ms. Buchite to monitor the hours of the cleaning staff and if additional are needed for deep cleaning that is up to her discretion. Mr. Zeigler discussed with the council the additional cost for patio furniture. Ms. Raph informed the council on the purchasing policy for the city and how important it is to follow that policy.

**MOTION MADE BY MS. RADMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL COST OF THE PATIO CHAIRS AND TABLES AT THE AMOUNT OF $3,054.49.** When polled: Mayor Buchite, aye; Mr. Bradley, aye; Ms. Radman, aye; Mr. Zeigler, aye; Mr. Staples, nay. Motion carried.

Ms. Buchite informed the council of the dishwasher installation bids from North Country Plumbing and Heating for plumbing and Northern Lakes Electric for electrical for the dishwasher and power to the pergola outside on the bar patio. Mr. Staples expressed his disappointment with the lack of research, information and planning, and additional cost with the patio furniture and dishwasher installation.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BRADLEY AND SECONDED BY MS. RADMAN TO ACCEPT THE PLUMBING BID FROM NORTH COUNTRY PLUMBING AND HEATING OF $1,025.00 AND ELECTRICAL BID FROM NORTHERN LAKES ELECTRIC, INC OF $947.00 TO INSTALL DISHWASHER IN BAR AND RUNNING POWER TO THE PERGOLA ON THE BAR PATIO IN TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED $2,500.00.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The council discussed putting fencing up around the patio area of the bar to separate the parking lot from the seating area.

Mayor’s Report: **MOTION MADE BY MAYOR BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO RENEW LIQUOR LIABILITY (DRAM) INSURANCE AT A COST OF $3,060.00.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO RENEW WORKERS COMPENSATION WITH THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES AT A COST OF $19,768.00.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried. The council discussed the property casualty policy, specifically the proposed value of the gas storage building at $63,945.00.

**MOTION MADE RENEW PROPERTY CASUALTY POLICY INVOICE AS IT READS WITH DECREASING THE VALUE OF GAS STORAGE BUILDING TO $32,000.00.** When Polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MR STAPLES AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO OBTAIN UP TO $1000.00 OF ADDITIONAL INSURANCE FOR THE FIFTY LAKES DAY FIREWORKS IF INSURANCE AGENCY RECCOMMENDS.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Purchasing/Personnel:  **MOTION MADE BY MAYOR BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. BRADLEY TO APPROVE TO INCREASE ALAN JORGENSEN (AIS INSPECTOR) TO $19.00 PER HOUR.** When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO APPOINT SCOTT GANOWAY AS AN ELECTION JUDGE FOR $16.00 PER HOUR**. When polled: All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn: **MOTION MADE BY MS. BUCHITE AND SECONDED BY MR. STAPLES TO ADJOURN.** Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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Jessica Istvanovich, Deputy Clerk