

**CITY OF BEAVER BAY  
BEAVER BAY, MN 55601  
May 23, 2013, MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Present:** Tom Harris, Linda Malzac, Steve Nazian, Kent Shamblin,

**Absent:** Al Larson, Irv Hudyma

**Call to Order**

Mayor Shamblin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval or Changes to Agenda**

The following addition was made to the agenda: New Business: Health Insurance Premium Payment policy.

Motion: Approve the agenda as amended.

Passed: Shamblin moved. Nazian second. All in favor. None opposed.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion: Approve minutes of the May 9, 2013, meeting.

Passed: Harris moved. Malzac second. All in favor. None opposed.

**City Clerk Report**

Council reviewed the written report from the City Clerk Irv Hudyma.

**Council Member Reports**

***Tom Harris***

- The Camp 61 culvert project will re-start sometime in mid-June after the water table is down.
- There are several street lights out in town. Harris will work with the city clerk to contract with a lighting contractor to get these fixed.
- The City had an issue with the water pressure when the Beaver Bay Club turned on its water and a leak developed. The City has reminded the Club that they need to communicate with City maintenance staff when doing work with the water system.
- Harris and Erv Johnson agreed on a solution to the retaining wall whereby the City will remove railroad ties and put in a rock wall to stabilize the area. Harris will get bids on this work.
- Harris reported on the valve situation at the sewer ponds.
- Some lift station pumps burned out during the recent power fluctuations and had to be replaced. Nazian will check with the City's insurance agent to see if this could be an insurance claim.
- The Public Works Commission discussed engaging engineering firms to survey roads and culvert work and to evaluate the lift station infrastructure.

Motion: Authorize the city clerk to contact engineering firms for road work survey and lift station survey.

Passed: Harris moved. Nazian second. All in favor. None opposed.

### ***Kent Shamblin***

- Shamblin commented on the notes from the trailhead meeting held May 16 .
- Shamblin will direct the city clerk to work with building official inspector Jim Rich on the charge-back fees for inspections.
- Shamblin asked whether the City should consider acquiring electric generator backups for the water system. Harris reported that when the City had a long outage about five years ago, NorthShore Mining brought portable generators to Beaver Bay. The council agreed that the city clerk should contact NorthShore Mining to ensure that would be a viable plan in the future.

### **Old Business**

#### **Beaver Bay Clean-Up Day**

Kathy Swendsen, representing the Beautification Committee, was present to report on the May 17 Clean-Up Day. The clean-up effort was a success on many fronts. The number of households participating, the number of volunteers who worked, and the amount of material collected exceeded expectations. With NorthShore Mining paying for the e-Waste recycling, donations from residents, donations from local businesses, and a \$500 grant, the cost to the City will be well within the dollar amount the city council had previously committed to spending on clean up. Swendsen also credited Curt Gadacz, Lake County Solid Waste Officer, for sharing his expertise with the Committee.

The council thanked the Beautification Committee for its work. The council agreed to send thank you letters to NorthShore Mining, John's Sanitary, and the Lake County Commissioners (for the assistance from Lake County Solid Waste Department). The council also took the following action:

Motion: Donate \$300 to the Mariners Club for the volunteer efforts of Coach Dan Johnson and several students on Clean-Up Day.

Passed: Harris moved. Malzac second. All in favor. None opposed.

Motion: Buy a \$100 fuel gift card for Marv Morrison who generously used his Bobcat at the collection site on Clean-Up Day.

Passed: Harris moved. Nazian second. All in favor. None opposed.

#### **Positions Hired**

Motion: Confirm the employment of the following: Warren Carter – part-time maintenance; Ellie Korpi – mowing; Michael De Bonis – part-time bartender; Al Nelson – promotion to lead bartender.

Passed: Shamblin moved. Harris second. All in favor. None opposed.

### **Health Insurance Premium Payment Policy**

Motion: At the advice of the city attorney, rescind a motion from a previous meeting regarding employee contribution to insurance premiums.

Passed: Nazian moved. Harris second. All in favor. None opposed.

### **New Business**

#### **Cleaning Contract**

The City received three bids for cleaning services for City Hall and the Green Door. The bid from VanHouse Construction was the lowest.

Motion: Accept the bid from VanHouse Construction and direct the city clerk to issue a contract to Van House for cleaning services.

Passed: Nazian moved. Harris second. All in favor. None opposed.

#### **Public Comment**

Shamblin reported that a citizen has complained to the City about problems with a neighbor's dog. While city code prohibits dogs from running loose, requires dog permits, and requires vaccinations for cats and dogs against rabies, Shamblin said the City currently does not have a process for enforcement. Harris commented that the city council needs to finalize a fine schedule for code violations and asked that discussions take place with the Lake County Sheriff if that is the enforcement body. Shamblin will work with the city clerk to begin steps to enforce the city code. Harris asked to be included.

#### **Approval of Claims**

Harris suggested the city clerk contact CLP about conducting an energy audit of city buildings. The council agreed this should happen.

Motion: Approve the claims list as presented.

Passed: Nazian moved. Harris second. All in favor. None opposed.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

Passed: Nazian moved. Harris second. All in favor. None opposed.

City Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.