

CITY OF BEAVER BAY
BEAVER BAY, MN 55601

OCTOBER 22, 2012 MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Present: Shamblin, Harris, Huss, Malzac, Nazian

Absent: None

Others Present: McCurtain and members of the public

Mayor Shamblin called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Huss moved; Harris seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of two items:

-- Under old business, resolution to continue current committees and boards, related to recent adoption of the Minnesota Basic Code

-- Under item 3 of old business, add facilitator's comments regarding meetings of council as a committee of the whole

Motion passed 5-0.

Harris moved; Malzac seconded to approve the minute of the council meeting of Oct. 11, 2012.

Motion passed 5-0.

The citizen beautification committee requested up to \$10,000 to renovate the fire department building. Malzac moved; Nazian seconded to approve this request. Harris suggested consideration be given to adding one inch of Styrofoam insulation to the exterior if this can be done within the approved expenditure. Motion passed 5-0. The committee also said it was considering a clean-up day on April 20, 2013, possibly with the city providing lunch for the volunteers.

Dave Johnson, manager of the Green Door, reported on improvements that have been made to the interior setup. The architect will be presenting plans for renovation and reconfiguration. He stated that Andy Morris, maintenance technician, may be available to work some evenings.

Shamblin asked about publication of the ordinance establishing the Minnesota Basic Code as the city's code. McCurtain said it would be published this week in the North Shore Journal.

Lake County Recreation Board meets Oct. 25 and the city has no designated representative to attend and request payment of the second half of our annual financial assistance for parks and recreation (\$1,500). Shamblin offered to attend and serve as temporary representative and by consensus the council concurred. Council also agreed that it needs to resurrect the city Parks and Recreation Board. A notice of the availability of five positions could be added to the next water billing.

Upon discussion of the claim by Tonya Fultz for payment of unused vacation time and the circumstances of her service and termination, Harris moved; Nazian seconded to pay Fultz for 18 days of unused vacation time. Voting in favor: Harris, Huss, Nazian, Shamblin. Voting against:

Malzac. Nazian and Shamblin suggested that the present vacation policy regarding how vacation time is accrued and can be used should be revised.

Shamblin introduced a resolution to continue the existing city committees and boards. This resolution was numbered as 10222012. Nazian seconded the motion to approve this ordinance. On a roll call vote, all voted aye, 5-0.

Shamblin introduced a resolution to establish a Finance Committee. This resolution was numbered 10222012B. Harris moved; Shamblin seconded. On a roll call vote, all voted aye, 5-0.

Shamblin moved; Malzac seconded to appoint Nazian chair of the Finance Committee, McCurtain a member ex officio and, pending their acceptance, Carol Krynski and Chuck Long as members. Motion passed 5-0.

Kathleen Swendsen spoke briefly about the council's plan to meet as a committee of the whole to discuss and set strategic objectives for the city. She has agreed to moderate two meetings. Shamblin agreed to develop a notice inviting citizen participation, to be published in the North Shore Journal. Shamblin moved; Harris seconded to set Nov. 15 and Dec. 17 as the two meeting dates, both commencing at 7 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

The Liquor Advisory Committee is recommending consideration of selling food at the Green Door. Malzac moved; Harris seconded to ask the architect to develop this option for council consideration. Motion passed 5-0.

The council discussed the authority of the Cemetery Board and confirmed by consensus that the Board or its designee controls the sale of lots. Harris moved; Malzac seconded to appoint Jim Korpi chair of the board with Ellie Korpi and Sue Larson as members. Motion passed 5-0.

Harris stated his concern that certain public works projects have been pending for an undue amount of time. He suggested the following projects should have priority and the city administrator should proceed with them as soon as possible:

1. Repair road washouts, using our maintenance crew.
2. Add Class 5 gravel and grade to streets in need of such, using our maintenance crew.
3. Add Class 5 gravel and grade Town Hall Road, using our maintenance crew.
4. Add Class 5 gravel and grade Edith Street, using our maintenance crew.
5. Clean out two catch basins and culverts—Negaard corner and Camp 61—using a contractor.
6. Proceed to repair those lift stations identified as at high risk of failure.

Harris moved; Huss seconded to proceed with these priorities. Motion passed 5-0.

In public comments, Dolores Johnson expressed concern at the accuracy of the metering of her water usage, given the unusually high bill last month. Harris explained that this likely occurred because the meter reading sensor could not be found two months ago, so minimum was charged, and then was located in the subsequent month's reading and the recent bill reflected the additional actual usage over two months.

Claims list, with the exception of the bill from the meter reader supplier, was approved upon motion of Harris; seconded by Huss; passed 5-0. The meter should be returned as unneeded. Harris asked for clarification on the Electric Pump mileage charges, since they seem unduly high. From what point is the technician traveling?

McCurtain noted that all city committees are subject to the state open meeting law and that the chairs should be reminded that meetings must be posted 72 hours before the time of the meeting. Shamblin stated that he would write to each chair.

Nazian moved; Malzac seconded to adjourn; motion passed 5-0.