January 20, 2022

Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Two Harbors, Minnesota, held on Monday, January 20, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Redden.

Members present, Councilors: Woodruff, Glaser, Rennwald, Swanson, Passe, Erickson, Redden. 7.

Others present: Interim Administrator/Finance Director, Pietila
City Clerk, Nordean
City Attorney, Costley.

President Redden announced that the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss whether certain social media publications violate the City Code, Charter, policy or state statute:

Redden asked Attorney Costley to review the three communications at issue. Attorney Costley reported that the following communications were in question:

1. “Ask a Billionaire Podcast #8: Insights Being Learned From a $400 Million Project” as presented by E.N.I.G.M.A. Mastery Group and posted on enigmamastery.net/blog.

2. “Vibrant Two Harbors” website as posted on vibetwoharbors.com, a copy of which was provided in the special notice email.

3. Twitter posts on “@mayorswanson” a copy of which was provided in the special notice email.

President Redden asked if the council had any questions regarding the matter before them. There were no questions.

Redden asked if there were any communications received regarding the publications in question. Clerk Nordean reported that there were no communications received.

He asked the City Attorney if action taken by the City Council on this matter should be in the form of resolutions or if motions would be sufficient. Costley replied that motions would be sufficient.

Redden asked the Council if they would consider either of the following motions:
1. Determine that there are no issues with above-referenced communications, that they do not violate the City Code, Charter, policies or state statute and close the matter.

OR

2. Instruct the City Attorney to ask the Minnesota Attorney General to render a written opinion on the matter.

Motion by Swanson and Woodruff that the City Attorney be instructed to ask the Minnesota Attorney General to render a written opinion on the matter. Carried by a unanimous vote of all members present on roll call.

Motion by Glaser and Woodruff that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

Ben Redden, City Council President

Patricia D. Nordean, City Clerk