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July 11, 2022

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Two Harbors, Minnesota, held on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Redden.

Members present, Councilors: Woodruff, Glaser, Passe, Erickson, Redden. 5.

Members absent, Councilors: Rennwald, Swanson. 2.

Others present: Interim Administrator/Finance Director, Pietila  
City Clerk, Nordean  
Community Development/Planner, Sterbenz, via Zoom.

Clerk Nordean requested the addition of Communications #3. A memorandum from Joe Rhein, Bolton & Menk, providing a status update on the 2021 – 2022 Street Improvement Project; and New Business 3, Declaring first reading of an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of new uses or the expansion of existing uses related to cannabis and nonintoxicating cannabinoids (cbd) and Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) sales, testing, manufacturing or distribution of a period of up to one year, and referring the matter to the Police Chief and Planning Commission.

Motion by Woodruff and Glaser approving the agenda with the changes recommended by the City Clerk. Carried.

**Appearances:**

Thomas Furman, Executive Director, Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Two Harbors, was present and addressed the Council providing a review of items requested by the HRA for their proposed senior housing development(s). His requests included land appropriation, and authorization for the City Attorney to provide assistance to the HRA in obtaining a tax levy to provide funding for future housing projects.

Paul Iversen, 809 Third Avenue, was present and addressed the Council requesting that they consider filing a counter suit to cover legal expenses from the recent suit filed by Tim Jezierski and John and Jane Doe.

Joe Rhein, Bolton & Menk, was present and provided an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project noting that they have started pouring concrete for the large tanks and equipment for the clarifier has started to arrive. He indicated that these items are quite expensive which resulted in a high dollar amount on their current pay request. Rhein also provided an update

on the 2021 – 2022 Street Improvement project noting that all of the utility and street base work is done and they are starting on curbs; he also informed the Council that there will be a public open house at 6 PM on July 21 regarding the 2023 – 2024 Street Improvement Project, at the Lake County Law Enforcement Center.

**Personnel Committee:**

Vice President Glaser reported that at their last meeting, the Personnel Committee reviewed matters pertaining to pending litigation and a lack of applicants for temporary positions.

Motion by Woodruff and Passe that the following consent agenda items:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 7-180-22 ALLOWING CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF TWO HARBORS TO BE PAID ON JULY 12, 2022, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,436,340.08.**
2. Approving payroll for the second half of June, 2022, in the amount of \$256,107.50.
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 7-181-22 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO LAKEHEAD CONSTRUCTORS FOR PAY APPLICATION #8 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,631,193.12 FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT.**
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 7-182-22 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO LAKE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,767.43 FOR PAY APPLICATION #16 FOR THE 2021 – 2022 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 7-183-22 APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR TUESDAYS, AUGUST, 9, AND NOVEMBER 8, 2022.**
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 7-184-22 APPROVING THE UPDATED SAFETY EYEWEAR POLICY.**
7. Accepting the recommendation of the Public Affairs Committee to forego the Neighborhood Revitalization Mini Grant Program for 2022, with the intention of offering grants again in 2023.
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 7-185-22 APPOINTING CHASE ANDERSON AS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

be adopted as read. Carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call.

**Communications:**

1. A memorandum from Brain Guldan, Bolton & Menk, providing a status update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.
2. Notice of Open House Public Information Meeting regarding proposed 2023-2024 Street Improvement Project.

3. A memorandum from Joe Rhein, Bolton & Menk, providing a status update on the 2021 – 2022 Street Improvement Project

**New Business:**

Motion by Erickson and Glaser to refer to Public Affairs, a request from the Two Harbors Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the appropriation of three parcels of land to be included in a request for qualifications for a housing development project in the City. Carried.

Councilors Woodruff, Glaser and Erickson requested that a special meeting of the City Council be scheduled for 6 PM on Monday, July 18, 2022 for the purpose of considering the requests of the Two Harbors Housing and Redevelopment Authority and the proposed liquor store project.

Motion by Erickson and Glaser that **RESOLUTION NO. 7-186-22 COMMITTING TO CERTAIN FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MINNESOTA PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE 2022 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** be adopted as read. Carried by a unanimous vote of all members present on roll call.

Motion by Erickson and Passe declaring first reading of an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of new uses or the expansion of existing uses related to cannabis and nonintoxicating cannabinoids (cbd) and Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) sales, testing, manufacturing or distribution of a period of up to one year and referring the matter to the Police Chief and Planning Commission. Carried.

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

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Ben Redden, President, City Council

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Patricia D. Nordean, City Clerk