Public Affairs Committee

February 19th, 2021 3:45 PM

Members present, Councilors: Glaser, Swanson, Passe

Others present: City Administrator, Walker

Finance Director, Pietila

New Business:

1. Set Public Affairs standing meeting to the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3:30 PM.

- 2. 2021 Heritage Days request was for use of the grounds on South Avenue between 4th street and Waterfront drive, the bandshell, Thomas Owens Park (pending construction) and the community center building. Request for use of the electrical connections for entertainment and vendors, and a covered stage or platform for entertainment through the weekend. Request for road closures on First Avenue for the kiddie parade, the street dance and the parade. Request to apply for grants earlier because of deadline changes, and to include a flyer in June Utility bills. Motion by Glaser, second by Passe to approve. Carried.
- 3. 2021 Fourth of July Fireworks Discussed fireworks for Sunday, July 4th, with a back-up date as Saturday, July 10th. Motion by Glaser, second by Passe to approve. Carried.
- 4. Two Harbors Golf Association Reviewed recap of 2020 and discussed 2021 THGA Contract proposal. The Golf Course had a great year for 2020, net profit of \$93,000. Will request THGA to do a presentation for the Council to recap the 2020 season. THGA contract proposal of a 5-year contract, adjustments to the CIP such as equipment/attachment purchases, improvements to the irrigation system, and an increase in yearly payments from \$215,000 to \$330,000. Discussed cancellation or renegotiation clauses, especially if there is a decrease in revenue. Reviewed capital assets are City owned, would like to see money dedicated for capital. Motion by Passe, second by Glaser to approve a 3-year contract, 2021 payment in the amount of \$330,000 and THGA presentation for the Council. Carried
- 5. United Way My Free Taxes- Reviewed the free tax service. Would like to add the link to the City website and promote it through the website and social media. Motion by Glaser, second my Passe to approve. Carried.

Adjourn at 4:12 PM.