February 12, 2018

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Two Harbors, Minnesota, held on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Woodruff.

Members present, Councilors: Glaser, McQuade, Norberg, Swanson, Jussila, Erickson, Woodruff.

Others present: Administrator Walker
Finance Director Pietila
City Clerk Nordean
City Attorney Overom

Administrator Walker recommended the following additions or changes to the agenda:
1. Remove Consent Agenda No. 9 – Authorizing the purchase of self-read electrical meters from Border States Electric for an amount not to exceed $110,000.
2. Add to the Consent Agenda - Referring to the Trees & Trails Commission, a proposed policy regarding trees on public and private property.

Motion by Norberg and McQuade approving the agenda with the recommended changes. Carried.

Administrator Reports:
Administrator Walker noted his desire that the Council review the proposed list of project priorities and provide feedback in the form of comments or suggestions.

Airport Commission:
Councilor Jussila reported on a recent meeting of the Airport Commission, where an increase in use of the Courtesy Car was discussed, as well as upcoming events including the June 7 Open the Hangar, July 8 Pancake Breakfast and August 10 (tentative) Outdoor Movie at the Airport. He also noted that a tree removal project was recently completed, which was funded by the State of MN.

Public Arts & Beautification Commission:
Mayor Swanson reported that the Commission continues to work on the Spike Man Project, which is a priority for the group. In addition, they met with Drew Digby of the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council regarding Economic Development and the Arts.

Public Works Committee:
Councilor Glaser reported on a recent meeting of the Public Works Committee where street and sidewalk widths were discussed as well as the recent Winter Frolic event.
Library Board:
Council Vice President Erickson reported on a recent meeting of the Library Board where the upcoming project to install plexiglass on the railings was discussed as well as the new telephone system and local art display.

Planning Commission:
Councilor Glaser reported on a recent public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission where short-term rental regulations were discussed. The committee also discussed proposed parkland dedication fees.

Utilities Committee:
Councilor Norberg noted that at a recent meeting of the Utilities Committee, a hearing was held to consider an appeal regarding the proposed assessment of delinquent utility charges, and the group toured the North Campus.

North Shore Management Board:
Council President Woodruff reported on a recent meeting of the North Shore Management Board where he was provided with information regarding the group’s purpose and mission.

Consent Agenda:
President Woodruff announced that items listed on the consent agenda are routine in nature and typically do not require discussion. If there is an item on the consent agenda that a council member, staff member or member of the public feels warrants discussion, they may request that it be removed from the consent agenda and dealt with individually under New Business. Motion by Erickson and McQuade that the following consent agenda items:

1. Approving Minutes from January 22, regular and January 29, 2018 Special City Council meetings.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2-49-18 ALLOWING CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF TWO HARBORS TO BE PAID ON FEBRUARY 13, 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,754,837.17.

3. Approving payroll for the second half of January, 2018 in the amount of $187,592.54.


5. A communication from Russ Conrow, Lake County Attorney, regarding voluntary conveyance in lieu of certain tax forfeiture parcels within the City.
6. A communication from Mediacom providing notification of a rate adjustment.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 2-50-18 ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF SUPERIOR GLASS, INC. TO INSTALL CLEAR POLYCARBONATE PANELS ON THE LIBRARY’S MAIN STAIRWELL RAILING FOR SAFETY PURPOSES FOR AN AMOUNT OF $4,335.


9. RESOLUTION NO. 2-52-18 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE FOR CITY HALL FROM NATIONAL BUSINESS FURNITURE FOR AN AMOUNT OF $17,010.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 2-53-18 ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF PRAXAIR FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MILLERMATIC 252 MIG WELDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR AN AMOUNT OF $2,495.

11. Authorizing the sale of a 1996 Buick LeSabre, forfeited as a result of a DWI arrest utilizing the services of Do-Bid.Com.

12. RESOLUTION NO. 2-54-18 HIRING ANGELA HOLLIDAY AS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE AT THE LIQUOR STORE.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 2-55-18 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE TWO HARBORS AREA FUND FOR A TRAIL IMPLEMENTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $20,000.

14. RESOLUTION NO. 2-56-18 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION THROUGH THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION.

15. Authorizing expenses for the Mayor and Councilors to attend Capitol Days and the Coalition of Greater MN Cities Legislative Action Day in St. Paul.

16. Approving the request of the Public Works Director to allow Jim Gilbert to attend the American Traffic Safety 2018 Conference in Fargo

17. Referring to the Trees & Trails Commission, a proposed policy regarding trees on public and private properties.
Be adopted as read. Carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call.

**Unfinished Business:**
Motion by Swanson and McQuade declaring second reading of An Ordinance Amending the City Code, Chapter 2, By Repealing Sections 2.75 and 2.77, Wage Rates and Hours for City Projects and Project Labor Agreements. Councilor Norberg called for a roll call vote. Swanson and McQuade amended the motion to table consideration of the second reading of An Ordinance Amending the City Code, Chapter 2, By Repealing Sections 2.75 and 2.77, Wage Rates and Hours for City Projects and Project Labor Agreements until a special council meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Councilor Norberg withdrew his request for a roll call vote. The motion carried.

Craig Olson, President of the Duluth Building & Construction Council, was present and addressed the Council in opposition to the proposed ordinance amendment.

Motion by Glaser and McQuade that **RESOLUTION NO. 2-57-18 APPROVING A 28' ROAD SEGMENT WITH 5' SIDEWALKS FOR THE 9TH AVENUE PORTION OF THE 2018 STREET AND ALLEY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS OUTLINED IN THE FEASIBILITY REPORT** be adopted as read. Carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call.

**New Business:**
Motion by McQuade and Swanson rescheduling the regular meetings of March 12, 2018 for March 19, 2018, due to a conflict with Capitol Days. Carried.

Motion by Erickson and Swanson that **RESOLUTION NO. 2-58-18 APPOINTING HAYSE SCRIVEN AS A MEMBER OF THE EDNA G. COMMISSION** be adopted as read. Carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call.

**Announcements:**
Mayor Swanson announced that the City Council competed against the County Board in a friendly winter kayak race and the City Council came out on top. He also noted that the County Board beat the City Council in the annual Curling Challenge. Both events were a part of the City’s Winter Frolic Events held over the past weekend. Donations will be made to local charities by each losing team for these events.

Councilor Vice President Erickson suggested a special meeting be called for the purpose of discussing priorities.

Council President Woodruff expressed appreciation to the Winter Frolic Committee members and City staff who worked to make the event a great success.

Motion by Norberg and McQuade that the meeting adjourn. Carried.
Miles Woodruff, City Council President

Patricia D. Nordean, City Clerk