February 20, 2018

Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Two Harbors, Minnesota, held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Woodruff.

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

Members absent, Councilor: Jussila.

Others present: Administrator Walker
Finance Director Pietila
City Clerk Nordean

President Woodruff announced that the purpose of the special meeting was to consider 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 and also for a discussion regarding Council priorities.

Motion by Swanson and McQuade to postpone 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 indefinitely. The motion was amended to have the ordinance be removed from the table instead of postponed indefinitely. The motion was then withdrawn.

Motion by Swanson and Erickson to declare 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. Councilor Norberg called for a roll call vote. The motion failed by the following vote: Yeas: 0, Nays: Glaser, McQuade, Norberg, Swanson, Erickson, Woodruff. 6.

At 6:10 p.m. Councilor Glaser left the meeting.

At 6:11 p.m. President Woodruff called for a five minute recess. Motion by Swanson and Norberg to recess the meeting for five minutes. Carried.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:16 p.m.

Administrator Walker explained that the purpose of the discussion regarding Council priorities was to give administration some guidance as to what the Council views as critical or priority projects for the purpose of establishing short and long term objectives
for staff. Councilors were provided with a list of large projects and administrative priorities for 2018 as prepared by Walker.

Councilors reviewed the items listed and discussion was held regarding each project to determine importance and time sensitivity. Consideration was given to items associated with current legislative requests since the Capitol Days trip is scheduled for early March.

At 6:55 p.m. Councilor McQuade left the meeting.

The following projects were identified as short-term priorities: local option sales tax, implementation of a work order system and the City’s existing bonding request.

The group discussed changing the current bonding request from the Waterfront project to a proposed campground bath house project since the Waterfront project is not expected to be ready in time for this session. The matter will be discussed at an upcoming Finance Committee meeting, with a recommendation expected at the next regular City Council meeting.

The following projects were identified as priorities in which the Council feels could be completed within a period of three months: CIP/assessment policy, department-head policies, updated job descriptions, Phase I of the Edna G. Project, establishment of a Waterfront Committee, Planner and Building Official positions, review of 2019 CIP projects and a review of process for establishing CIP projects.

The following projects were identified as long-term priorities the Council feels could be completed within a period of six months to one year: determine long-term strategy for the Golf Course and the Bandshell/Performing Arts Center.

The Council indicated that other projects included on the list presented by the Administrator could be handled by administrative staff as their schedule allows.

Motion by Norberg and Erickson that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

Miles Woodruff, City Council President

Patricia D. Nordean, City Clerk