

October 12, 2015

5:30PM Washburn City Hall

CITY OF WASHBURN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Present: City Council Members: Linda S. Barnes (arrived late), Kristy M. Jensch, Mary McGrath, Jennifer Maziasz, Mary C. Nowakowski, Jeremy P. Oswald

Municipal Personnel: Mayor Scott A. Griffiths, City Administrator Scott J. Kluver, Assistant City Administrator Dan Stoltman, City Attorney David Siegler

Excused Absence: Christine M. Kelly

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 5:30PM by Mayor Griffiths. Roll call attendance depicted 5 of seven members of the Common Council in attendance. Quorum of the Council recognized. (Council Member Barnes arrived during Public Comment making six in attendance)

Approval of Minutes – City Council Meeting September 14th and October 5, 2015- McGrath moves to approve the minutes of September 14th and October 5, 2015, second by Oswald. Nowakowski made a correction to the October 5th minutes, correcting the name “Marlin” Farrar, to “Marlene” Farrar. Motion carried.

Approval of Expenditures – a motion to approve the monthly expenditure vouchers made by Finance Committee Member Nowakowski, and seconded by Finance Committee Member McGrath. Motion unanimously carried on roll call vote of all five councilors in attendance.

Public Comment-

David Farrar of 204 Fortier Rd. - thanked the Council Members for allowing him to make public comment, and taking the time to decide on the CUP decision Council will be ruling on later in the evening. Mr. Farrar spoke in opposition of the proposed location of communication tower.

Marlene Farrar of 204 Fortier Rd. - thanked Council for taking the time on making the CUP decision. Mrs. Farrar spoke in opposition of the proposed location of communication tower.

Paulette Embertson of 302 Fortier Rd. - thanked Council for all the time and effort that they have put into the CUP decision. Spoke on the proposed communication tower, expressed hope that the Council’s vote will allow for improved emergency communication, while preserving the integrity of the neighborhoods.

Jim Marsh of Hillside and Washington. – Spoke in opposition of proposed location of communication tower.

Sheree Bye 209 Fortier Rd. – thanked Council for their time and effort in consideration of the proposed communication tower. Ms. Bye is not opposed to a repeater tower to improve emergency services communication at the proposed location, but is opposed to cellular tower at the proposed location.

Wendy Meierotto on behalf of mother Patricia Morrin 422 Woodland Dr. - thanked Council for their time. Spoke in opposition of the proposed location of the communication tower. Cited the concern over health risks and reduction of property value.

Mayoral Announcements, Appointments, or Proclamations – Griffiths introduced the new Assistant City Administrator Dan Stoltman. Griffiths announced a vacancy on the Washburn Development Authority (WDA). Griffiths mentioned the upcoming workshop by Paul Cienfuegos.

Presentation by Eagle Waste on proposed refuse service to the City of Washburn- Presentation given by Eagle Waste sales manager Jim Whittinghill, also in attendance representing Eagle Waste, owner Gary Albee. Council members asked questions concerning the size of the garbage and recycling containers, alley way one side pickup, and ten year proposed contract. Eagle Waste responded to those questions. Moved by Jensch to begin contract negotiation with Eagle Waste, second by Barnes, motion carried unanimously.

Presentation on Lake Superior National Marine Sanctuary Initiative- Discussion and Presentation given by Karin Kozié and Sandy Brue, regarding possible support by the City of Washburn on the sanctuary nomination for areas of Lake Superior (Apostle Islands, Chequamegon Bay). No action need at this time, support from Washburn won’t be sought until spring 2016.

Discussion & Action on Finance Committee Recommendations of Proposed 2016 Operating, Debt Services, and

Capital Budgets- Action on 2016 Full and Permanent Part-Time Non-Police Wage Rates. Motion to approve Personnel and Finance Committee recommendation to increase employee wages by 2.25%. Moved by Barnes, second by Nowakowski. Motion Carried Unanimously. **Action on Resolution 15-010 Joining Delta Dental Insurance Program.** Moved by McGrath to approve Resolution 15-010 Joining Delta Dental Insurance Program, Second by Maziasz, Motion Carried Unanimously. **Action on Recommendation to Offer Cash Incentive In-Lieu of Taking Health Insurance.** Moved by Barnes to approve Recommendation to Offer Cash Incentive of \$4,000.00 In-Lieu of Taking Health Insurance and \$250.00/\$500.00 FSA contribution in-lieu of taking dental insurance, Second by Jensch, Motion Carried Unanimously. **Action on Line-Item Budget Provisions.** Moved by Maziasz to approve Line-Item Budget Provisions, Second by Nowakowski, Motion Carried Unanimously. **Motion to tentatively approve the 2016 operational and capital budgets with maximization of the tax levy, so to publish for public hearing.** So moved by Barnes, to tentatively approve the 2016 operational and capital budgets with maximization of the tax levy, so to publish for public hearing, Second by Jensch, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Introduction & Discussion on Proposed 2016 Water and Sewer Utility Budgets - Action on 2016 Sewer Utility Rates. So Moved by McGrath to increase the 2016 Sewer Utility Usage Rates from \$8.25 per thousand gallons of water used to \$8.66, a five percent increase, Second by Jensch, Motion Carried Unanimously. Discussion held. **Action on Tentative Approval of 2016 Water & Sewer Utility Budgets.** Moved by McGrath to Tentatively Approve the 2016 Water & Sewer Utility Budgets, Second by Nowakowski, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Alcohol Licensing Matters- Bartender License Applications – 44 through 47 – 17. Moved by Barnes to approve Bartender License Applications – 44 through 47 – 17, Second by McGrath, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Motion to go into closed session Discussion & Action on Lease Agreement with Bayfield County for Placement of Communications Tower on City Property – So moved by Nowakowski, Second by Jensch, Motion unanimously carried on roll call vote of all six councilors in attendance. 7:15PM.

Reconvene in Open Session 8:08PM – Roll call taken, all six councilors in attendance.

Discussion & Action on Lease Agreement with Bayfield County for Placement of Communication Structure on City Property- Motion to approve lease agreement with stipulations discussed in closed session. Moved by Oswald, Second by Jensch, Motion Carried by roll call vote 4-2, Barnes and Maziasz vote against.

Continued Discussion & Action on Conditional Use Permit Application for Communications Tower on City Property, Bayfield County and Verizon Wireless – Petitioners – City Attorney David Siegler discusses the Council Members options in granting or denying the CUP based on their view of the findings of fact. Council member Maziasz questions where in the CUP does it discuss the site plan. City Attorney David Siegler replied that it was originally in the CUP, but somehow went missing, and will be added back into the CUP. Mayor Griffiths discusses the City of Washburn contracting with the company SiteSafe to conduct RF emissions testing, and discusses the theoretical RF emissions modeling already conducted. Mayor Griffiths discusses and responds to a letter from the Farrar's discussing possible alternatives to the placement of the proposed communication tower. Jensch Moved to approve the CUP with the conditions of site plan approval and findings of fact, Second by Nowakowski, Motion Carried by roll call vote 4-2, Barnes and Maziasz vote against.

Adjourn- Motion to adjourn 8:40PM. Moved by Oswald to adjourn, Second by Jensch, Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dan Stoltman
Assistant City Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30PM

Committee Members Mary McGrath and Mary Nowakowski reviewed monthly expenditure vouchers.