

January 14, 2019

CITY OF WASHBURN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

5:30PM Washburn City Hall

Present: City Council Members:

Aaron Austin, Jeremy Oswald, Jennifer Maziasz, Karen Spears-Novachek, Linda Barnes, Mary McGrath, John Gary

Municipal Personnel:

Mayor Richard Avol, City Administrator Scott J. Kluver, Assistant City Administrator Dan Stoltman, City Attorney Max Lindsey

Excused Absence:

None

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 5:30PM by Mayor Avol. Roll call attendance depicted seven (7) of seven (7) members of the Common Council in attendance. Quorum of the Council recognized.

Approval of Minutes – City Council Meetings of December 10, 2018– A motion was made by Novachek to approve the December 10, 2018– minutes, second by Austin. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Expenditures- A motion was made by Novachek to approve the monthly expenditures, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Public Comment – Ryan Meeker, 116 East 4th Street, stated he was applying for the Bayfield County Local Government Scholarship and was excited to sit in on the meeting.

Mayoral Announcements, Proclamations, Appointments- Lake Superior By-Way Committee Appointment; BART Board – The Mayor discussed the need for members to the Lake Superior By-Way Committee, BART Board, and Community Development Block Grant Committee, as well as a need for EMTs and Firefighters. The mentioned the passing of Harold Ehlers and Frances Carlson.

Presentation by Movin' Out, Inc. on Proposed Housing Development on Omaha Street Property – Dave Porterfield, Presenter – A presentation was given by Dave Porterfield. A discussion was had on the amount of property would be needed. It was stated by Mr. Porterfield that they would like to use the lots that front Omaha Street. A discussion was had on ownership of the development in the short and long term. A discussion was had on the range of income levels and what happens if more lower income units are needed. Mr. Porterfield stated that other units could be filled with lower income levels, but its best to keep a good mix of income levels. A discussion was had on the need of lower income housing. It was stated that the city had a housing market study done and low income housing was recommended. A motion was made by Oswald to open the floor, second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously. Questions were posed by the audience. A motion was made by Oswald to close the floor, second by Novachek, Motion carried unanimously. No other motion was made.

Discussion & Action on Release of RFQ for Development on Omaha Street Property – Kluver gave an overview. A discussion was had on the wording of the RFQ not being open enough to all types of development options. A discussion was had on the previous study of the property by Cedar Corp. A discussion was had on the city to exploring splitting the land into individual lots for home development. It was stated that would be placed on the next agenda. A motion was made by Maziasz to open the floor, second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously. Discussions took place on the RFQ. A motion was made by McGrath to close the floor, second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously. A discussion was had on changing specific aspects of RFQ requirements. It was stated to amend the RFQ scope of development to “all or part of the available land”, to remove the requirement of 3 examples of projects and be replaced with “examples of projects”, to remove the requirement of government references, and to include the language “any type of development in line with the current zoning code”. A motion was made by Oswald to approve and release the RFQ with the stated amendments: RFQ scope of development to “all or part of the available land”, to remove the requirement of 3 examples of projects and be replaced with “examples of completed projects”, to remove the requirement of government references, and to include the language “any type of development in line with the current zoning code”, second by Novachek. Motion carried

unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Discontinuance of Business Revolving Loan Fund – Kluver gave an overview. He stated that the state with the approval of the federal government are ending the program. Kluver stated that the city's funds are going to be de-federalized and the city can use the remaining funds without restrictions. A discussion was had. A motion was made by Novachek to apply to close the Business Revolving Loan Fund, seconded by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Goose Population Control Protocols – Kluver gave an overview. A discussion was had on how the hunt had gone last year, and how it could be done better. A motion was made by McGrath to approve goose population control protocols with amendment to exclude Labor Day as a potential day to hunt, second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Special Event Request for Book Across the Bay, February 16, 2019, West End Park – A discussion was had. A motion was made by Barnes to approve Special Event Request for Book Across the Bay, February 16, 2019, West End Park, which includes no alcohol allowed outside of the designated area, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

Alcohol Licensing Matters - Bartender License Applications – #19 – 50 – A motion was made by Barnes to approve bartender license applications – #20 – 50, second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn – A motion was made by McGrath to adjourn at 7:56pm, second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Stoltman
Assistant City Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30PM

Committee Member Karen Novackek, Mary McGrath, and Aaron Austin reviewed monthly expenditure vouchers.