

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BACKUS, CASS COUNTY, MN. JUNE 4, 2012 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dwight Heim at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Council members present: Mayor Heim, Braker, Thomas. Absent: Borst

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Braker to approve the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report, but a compliment for the Maintenance Department for how nice the city was looking.

WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT: Lee Bundy, city water/wastewater operator was absent and the City Clerk reported that he had visited the pump house with Bundy and the inside walls need updating in addition to the exterior needing painting. Bundy also wanted the council to know that the main lift station impellers needed replacing as well.

SEH representatives Greg Kimman, Matt Reid, and Dick Grabko were present and informed the council that due to lack of approved funding by the legislature, the wastewater project would not begin until 2013. Grabko reported that a new financing plan was in process that would provide for 75% grant money for the project from the Public Facilities Authority.

Kimman asked the council to approve a \$1,500 expenditure for staking out drilling pit location so that the DNR can quantify the timber that will need to be removed along the Paul Bunyan Trail to complete the drilling for the wastewater project.

MOTION: A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Braker to approve the \$1,500 to SEH to stake out drilling pit locations along the Paul Bunyan Trail for the wastewater project. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments

POLICE REPORT: No report.

FIRST RESPONSE: No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report.

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STREETS AND PARKS: The City Clerk asked for a correction from the May 7, 2012 City Council Meeting. He requested that the motion to approve Anderson Brothers to do the crack filling on Wood Street be rescinded because they did not have the low quote.

MOTION: A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Braker to rescind the motion from the May 7, 2012 council meeting approving the Wood Street crack filling be done by Anderson Brothers as their quote was actually not the low quote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Commercial Asphalt of Grand Rapids, MN was the low quote for the crack filling on Wood Street in the amount of \$3,870.00

MOTION: A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Braker to authorize Commercial Asphalt to fill the cracks on Wood Street for the amount of \$3,870.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported that according to the DNR office, all lakeshore in the park is controlled by the city. Schrupp Excavating has agreed to level the beach for \$100.

MOTION: A motion was made by Braker and seconded by Thomas to authorize Schrupp Excavating to level the beach at a cost of \$100. All in favor. Motion carried.

AIRPORT: No report.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT: The City Clerk asked the council for permission to closed the Fire Department checking account #050163 with the First National Bank of Walker to comply with the rules of the state auditor stating that a city should operate with only one checking account.

MOTION: A motion was made by Braker and seconded by Thomas to allow the city clerk to close the Fire Department checking account #050163 with the First National Bank of Walker. All in favor. Motion carried.

The clerk also presented the need for clarification regarding water connection and disconnection fees. The fees were presented at the April 2012 council meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Braker to recognize fees related to water connection as follows:

Initial Water Connection	\$25.00
Turn on for the season	\$25.00
Turn off for the season	\$25.00
Disconnection and Reconnection for non-payment	\$50.00

All in favor. Motion carried.

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MAINTENANCE REPORT: Angie Brogle, Family and Classroom Support Coordinator with Head-Start reported to the city that upon inspection from its insurance company, there needs to be 9” of pea rock under the playground equipment. Head start said they would pay for one load if the city could buy the other 10 yard load at a cost of \$125.

MOTION: A motion was made by Braker and seconded by Thomas to purchase one 10 yard truckload of pea rock for the Head-Start playground at a cost of \$125. All in favor. Motion carried.

ZONING: No report.

EDA: As demand has increased for advertising space on the city welcome sign, the clerk requested permission to research altering the sign to accommodate more interested businesses.

MOTION: A motion was made by Braker and seconded by Thomas to allow the City Clerk to begin the process of altering the city sign to accommodate requests for space from local businesses. All in favor. Motion carried.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT: At the May 2012 City Council meeting there were 5 tax forfeiture lots being offered and the council asked that the City Clerk write a letter to the land department asking for some time to review the possibility of purchase.

MOTION: A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Mayor Dwight Heim to forego the purchase of the tax forfeiture lots. In favor: Thomas, Heim. Opposed: Braker. Motion carried.

There being no other business to come before the council, Mayor Heim adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Signed: _____
Jeff Turk, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed: _____
Dwight Heim, Mayor