

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 4, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A closed meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. today, Monday, January 4, 2010.

The City Council of the City of Hermantown met in closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05 subd. 3(a) at 5:00 p.m. on January 4, 2010 to discuss the City Administrator's performance evaluation. The meeting took place in the Large Conference Room of the City Administrative Offices 5105 Maple Grove Road. The City Council met with City Administrator John Mulder and Richard Fursman of Briemeyer & Associates to conduct the evaluation. The City Council concluded that John Mulder has a satisfactory initial performance evaluation and per his employment agreement his annual salary will increase to \$97,000 effective December 28, 2009.

ROLL CALL: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher; John Mulder, City Administrator; Debbie Lund, City Clerk; Steve Overom, City Attorney; Arlene Tucker, Finance Director; Mike Anderson, Chief of Police

ABSENT: Dean Sharpe, City Superintendent

VISITORS: 3

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Koski to approve the December 21, 2009 City Council Continuation Minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Bob Noldin, 4847 Oakridge Drive – I wanted to come tonight and thank the Council and I believe Pete Stauber brought the resolution forward supporting us for being members of the Hermantown Fire Department, which we are very proud to be a part of. I speak for Sandy Merrit and Brian Black in thanking you for that support we truly appreciate it. Thank you so much.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Councilor Geissler – No report

Councilor Koski – No report

Councilor Stauber – No report

Councilor Tafs – No report

Mayor Boucher – I would like to wish everyone a Happy Warm New Year.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

John Mulder, City Administrator – Included in the packet was a list of the dates for the City Council pre-agenda meetings and regular city council meetings. I put question marks on July 5th and September 7th and we will see what kind of business we have for those dates. You will also notice we do not have a second meeting scheduled for January or February as those land on holidays and you have not held those meetings in the past.

I distributed a written report primarily because we don't have a second meeting in January. I wanted to call your attention to a number of meetings regarding negotiations that the council would be involved in with the various unions.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Debbie Lund, City Clerk – ICO has submitted their paperwork for the renewal of the Tobacco License.

Arlene Tucker, Finance Director – No report

Mike Anderson, Chief of Police – We interviewed 16 candidates right before Christmas with the help of Councilor Stauber and are now done to three individuals and hopefully we will get a good candidate out of them.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications 2009-531 through and including 2009-539 were read and placed on file.

Communication 2009-533 from MN Department of Employment and Economic Development to Wayne Boucher, Mayor regarding receiving Contamination Investigation Grant with respect to the Cich property for Owen Lyons

Communication 2009-538 from Erika Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator to Mayor Boucher & City Council regarding Recommendation to City Council – Jackson Estates 2nd Addition Wetland Replacement Plan

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Geissler to approve the appointment of the Hermantown Star as Official Newspaper for 2010. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to approve the appointment of the following Depositories: Wells Fargo Bank; Wells Fargo Investments; FTN Financial; RBC Dain Rauscher; US Bank and 4M Fund for 2010. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Stauber, seconded by Councilor Koski to approve the appointment of Mayor Wayne Boucher as liaison to the Hermantown Chamber of Commerce. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Stauber to approve the reappointment of Mark Wasbotten to the Board of Appeals & Adjustment; Dennis Hamsher to the Cable Television Commission; Tom Eng to the Park Board; Steve Archambeau, Philip Zastrow & Greg Zimmerman to the Planning & Zoning Commission; Chris Davis & Morris Luke to the Utility Commission for three-year terms. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Stauber, seconded by Councilor Tafs to appoint Councilor Geissler and Mayor Boucher to serve on the Hermantown Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association with Councilor Koski as alternate. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Geissler to appoint Mayor Boucher as City Representative on the Metropolitan Interstate Committee and David Salo, City Engineer on the Technical Advisory Committee with City Administrator as alternate. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Vouchers 42441 through and including 42514 were approved in the amount of \$335,349.22.

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Stauber to approve general city warrants from December 18, through December 31, 2009 in the amount of \$335,349.22. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

2010-01 Resolution Appointing Councilor Tafs As Acting Mayor

Motion made by Councilor Stauber, seconded by Councilor Geissler to adopt Resolution 2010-01, Resolution Appointing Councilor Tafs As Acting Mayor. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2010-02 Resolution Appointing Council Liaisons To The Board Of Appeals & Adjustment; Cable Television Commission; Duluth Airport Authority; Park Board; Planning & Zoning Commission; Utility Commission; Fire Department And Airport Zoning Board

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Geissler to adopt Resolution 2010-02, Resolution Appointing Councilor Stauber to the Board of Appeals & Adjustment; Councilor Koski to the Cable Television Commission; Councilor Stauber to the Duluth Airport Authority; Councilor Tafs to the Park Board; Councilor Geissler to the Planning & Zoning Commission; Councilor Koski to the Utility Commission; Councilor Tafs to the Fire Department and Councilor Geissler to the Airport Zoning Board. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2010-03 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor Wayne Boucher And Administrator John Mulder To Sign Checks And Drafts For The City Of Hermantown With Alternates Acting Mayor Tafs And Arlene Tucker, Finance Director

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Stauber to adopt Resolution 2010-03, Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor Wayne Boucher And Administrator John Mulder To Sign Checks And Drafts For The City Of Hermantown With Alternates Acting Mayor Tafs And Arlene Tucker, Finance Director. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2010-04 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Agreement For Engineering Services With Salo Engineering, Inc. For Preliminary Engineering Reports For 2010

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2010-04, Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Agreement For Engineering Services With Salo Engineering, Inc. For Preliminary Engineering Reports For 2010. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2010-05 Resolution Approving Application For New License For Charitable Gambling By Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association For Beacon Bar

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Stauber to adopt Resolution 2010-05, Resolution Approving Application For New License For Charitable Gambling By Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association For Beacon Bar. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2010-06 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; Duluth Police Department; St. Louis County Sheriff's Department; Superior WI Police Department And City Of Hermantown Police Department

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Geissler to adopt Resolution 2010-06, Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; Duluth Police Department; St. Louis County Sheriff's Department; Superior WI Police Department And City Of Hermantown Police Department. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2010-07 Resolution Calling Public Hearing On Sewer Improvement District No. 432 Ugstad Road (Maple Grove Road To Hermantown Road)

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2010-07, Resolution Calling Public Hearing On Sewer Improvement District No. 432 Ugstad Road (Maple Grove Road To Hermantown Road) with public hearing scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2010-08 Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver An Agreement Between The Hermantown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. And The City Of Hermantown

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Geissler to adopt Resolution 2010-08, Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver An Agreement Between The Hermantown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. And The City Of Hermantown. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2010-09 Resolution Approving Preliminary Subdivision Plat Of Jackson Estates 2nd Addition And Authorizing And Directing The Mayor And City Clerk To Execute Such Plat Upon The Satisfaction Of Certain Conditions

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2010-09, Resolution Approving Preliminary Subdivision Plat Of Jackson Estates 2nd Addition And Authorizing And Directing The Mayor And City Clerk To Execute Such Plat Upon The Satisfaction Of Certain Conditions. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2010-10 Resolution Approving Wetland Replacement Plan Of JLG Enterprises (“Landowner”) And Imposing Conditions On Such Approval

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2010-10, Resolution Approving Wetland Replacement Plan Of JLG Enterprises (“Landowner”) And Imposing Conditions On Such Approval. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY

Steve Overom, City Attorney – No report

Mayor Boucher announced the schedule of meetings for January.

Mayor Boucher thanked Nathan Gustavsson for running the video equipment.

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Geissler to recess meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk