

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 1, 2010
7:23 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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; David Salo, City Engineer

ABSENT: Dean Sharpe, City Superintendent

VISITORS: 9

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to approve the February 1, 2010 City Council Minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Peter Weidman, Representing MSA Professional Services - I would like to address you briefly about MSA Professional Services and answer any questions you might have. My hope and intent with this brief introduction is for you the City Council to potentially look at us an engineering firm of choice for you in the future. MSA has fourteen offices in four different states, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois and employ about 200 engineers and planners throughout that area. I represent our Duluth office we 20 employees there, twelve of which are certified engineers in multiple states. We are municipal engineers and environmental engineers out of that office. We serve Western Lake Superior Sanitary District, City of Duluth; we are the engineers of record for Wrenshall, Carlton, City of Thomson, Esko, Barnum, Willow River and Two Harbors as well. The kind of work we do as municipal engineers is street design, sewer design, stormwater design, water storage, water distribution, wastewater lift station work, water booster stations, municipal planning, farming packages, grant writing skills, treatment plants for wastewater, site civil work and business parks. You may be somewhat familiar with us, we have done some work for you in the past in the City of Hermantown and then with that we are just looking for the opportunity to maybe meet with you in the future and maybe be considered for being city engineer for your. Thanks very much.

Trinity Sorvari, 5007 Morris Thomas Road – I have to be leaving for work but if I needed to be here for the vote or anything else for our sewer project I would be more than inclined to stay if you need further input from us.

Mayor Boucher stated it is not necessary that you stay unless you wish to find out the immediate outcome of the vote.

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 the Hermantown Ice Hockey Hawks success Friday evening in Cloquet playing Denfeld.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

John Mulder, City Administrator – We will be drafting an ordinance to repeal the requirement that residents remove snow from their sidewalks and hope to have the first reading on March 15th.

We have negotiations scheduled for the Public Works Department on March 9th at 2:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Debbie Lund, City Clerk – No report

Arlene Tucker, Finance Director – As of April 1st the Utility Commission has recommend a change to post card billing for water/sewer. Information was sent out in the last billing with regard to the postcards and information encouraging people to consider e-mail billing or auto-pay. Also, the individuals who would like envelopes, we will provide the envelopes one for each month of the year.

Mike Anderson, Chief of Police – No report

Dean Sharpe, City Superintendent – Absent

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications 2010-45 through and including 2010-89 were read and placed on file.

Communication 2010-47 from Utility Commission to City Council regarding Proposed Post Card Billing

Communication 2010-51 from Jan Omundson, 4063 Ugstad Road to Mayor Wayne Boucher regarding Proposed Sewerline on Ugstad Road

Communication 2010-60 from Minnesota Power to John Klaers regarding Power Grant Program Rebate

Communication 2010-69 from John Mulder, City Administrator to Brian Gross, 5026 Red Cedar St., regarding Snow Removal

Communication 2010-73 from John Klaers, City Planner/Zoning Director to Chairman Archaubeau & Planning Commissioners regarding Expansion of Hermantown Community Church Day Care

Communication 2010-79 from John Klaers, City Planner/Zoning Director to Chairman Shaw & Park Board Members regarding Hermantown Youth Soccer Association Debt for 5th Soccer Field

Communication 2010-80 from Ronald Johnson, 4738 Oak Ridge Drive to Mayor & City Council regarding Water Usage during Summer Months

Communication 2010-89 from Erika Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator to Mayor Boucher & City Council regarding Recommendation to City Council – Hallelujah Childcare Center

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Vouchers 42670 through and including 42800 in the amount of \$406,880.89 were read.

Motion made by Councilor Geissler, seconded by Councilor Koski to approve general city warrants in the amount of \$406,880.89. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

2010-22 Resolution Ordering Improvement And Directing Preparation Of Final Plans And Specifications For Sewer Improvement District No. 433 Maple Grove Road (From Getchell Road West To Sewer Trunk Line)

Motion made by Councilor Stauber, seconded by Councilor Tafs to adopt Resolution 2010-22, Resolution Ordering Improvement And Directing Preparation Of Final Plans And Specifications For Sewer Improvement District No. 433 Maple Grove Road (From Getchell Road West To Sewer Trunk Line). Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2010-23 Resolution Ordering Improvement And Directing Preparation Of Final Plans And Specifications For Sewer Improvement District No. 434 Morris Thomas Road (From Getchell Road West Approximately 1,000 Feet)

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2010-23, Resolution Ordering Improvement And Directing Preparation Of Final Plans And Specifications For Sewer Improvement District No. 434 Morris Thomas Road (From Getchell Road West Approximately 1,000 Feet) excluding 325 feet of Thomas Pavlowich, 5045 Morris Thomas Road. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2010-24 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Agreement Between The City Of Hermantown And AFSCME City And County Public Service Union Local 66

Motion made by Councilor Geissler, seconded by Councilor Stauber to adopt Resolution 2010-24, Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Agreement Between The City Of Hermantown And AFSCME City And County Public Service Union Local 66. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2010-25 Resolution Approving Amended Special Use Permit For Hermantown Community Church

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2010-25, Resolution Approving Amended Special Use Permit For Hermantown Community Church. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY

Steve Overom, City Attorney – I do have the signed Wal-Mart agreements that I will leave with Debbie for signatures.

Mayor Boucher announced the schedule of meetings for March.

Mayor Boucher thanked Nathan Gustavsson for running the video equipment.

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Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Geissler to recess meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk