

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 6, 2009
6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher; Lynn Lander, City Administrator; Debbie Lund, City Clerk; Steve Overom, City Attorney; Arlene Tucker, Finance Director; Dean Sharpe, City Superintendent

ABSENT: Mike Anderson, Chief of Police

VISITORS: 3

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilor Geissler, seconded by Councilor Koski to approve the March 16, 2009 Joint City Council/School Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Stauber to approve the March 16, 2009 City Council Continuation Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Gerald Broman, 5247 LaVaque Junction – I am here representing Hermantown Soccer with regard to the rent for pull-tab operations. I would like to say as far as Hermantown Soccer goes the pull-tab business has really gone down in the last year and half. At last year's gambling convention they were closing places at the rate of ten a month. Our operation for the last six months net profit has been approximately \$705 a month with two months at a loss. The same last year the net profit was \$3,914 a month, in 2006 it was \$8,700 per month and 2005 it was \$10,500 per month so you can see how it is going down. Our gross sales went from about \$109,054 a month in 2005 down to \$60,300 a month in the last six months. I would like you to consider these numbers when you think about raising the rent cap. We may be the only ones in the State that has such a thing on there but I think it is good that it is there. If things continue to go the way they are and the rent was increased we would probably have to go out of business. Our pull-tab operation is only at the Chalet Lounge.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Councilor Geissler – No report

Councilor Koski – The open house for the Historical Center ribbon cutting ceremony was a huge success.

Councilor Stauber – No report

Councilor Tafs – No report

Mayor Boucher – I was also present at the ribbon cutting at the Historical Center on Sunday and it is a very nice facility and a good addition to our city. I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone that put the hard work into it, the list is too numerous to mention right now, but there are a lot of good people who put a lot of hard work into it.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Lynn Lander, City Administrator – As you know the city has been trying to acquire county tax forfeited land in conjunction with the Loberg Avenue construction, as the Corp of Engineers will not allow us to use wetland credits for the wetland impact for construction of that roadway. Several months ago we asked what the price would be from the County to purchase the tax forfeited land and I found out today the sale price is \$60,000 for 24 acres.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Debbie Lund, City Clerk- No report

Arlene Tucker, Finance Director – No report

Mike Anderson, Chief of Police – Absent

Dean Sharpe, City Superintendent – The company that we normally hire to sweep our streets showed up today so they will be starting on our curb and gutter streets. We have also rented a sweeper to do all of our rural streets.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications 2009-97 through and including 2009-118 were read and placed on file.

Communication 2009-113 from Michael Anderson, Chief of Police to Mayor Boucher & City Council regarding Alcohol Beverage Ordinance Violations

Communication 2009-118 from Todd Hagen, Ehlers to Lynn Lander, City Administrator/HEDA regarding Potential Refunding of Existing Bonds

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to appoint Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber and Mayor Boucher to serve on the Board of Appeals & Equalization to be held Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Tafs supporting the Guidelines for Inspection and Maintenance of Stormwater Facilities within the City of Hermantown. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Geissler, seconded by Councilor Stauber accepting EPC Engineering & Testing proposal for Geotechnical Exploration for Loberg Avenue in the amount of \$4,950.00. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to direct the City Attorney and City Administration to prepare timetable and required notices to conduct a public hearing regarding Beacon Bar liquor code violations. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Geissler to approve the appointment of Greg Zimmerman to the Planning & Zoning Commission until December 31, 2010 to fill the unexpired term of Jesse Evjen. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Vouchers 41012 through and including 41166 in the amount of \$580,852.58 were read.

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Stauber to approve general city warrants in the amount of \$580,852.58. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

2009-02 An Ordinance Enacting A Code Of Zoning Ordinances For The City Of Hermantown, Minnesota, Amending, Restating, Revising, Updating, Codifying And Compiling Certain Zoning Ordinances Of The City Dealing With The Subjects Embraced In The Code Of Zoning Ordinances, And Providing Penalties For The Violation Of The Code Of Zoning Ordinances

The First Reading was held on Ordinance 2009-02, An Ordinance Enacting A Code Of Zoning Ordinances For The City Of Hermantown, Minnesota, Amending, Restating, Revising, Updating, Codifying And Compiling Certain Zoning Ordinances Of The City Dealing With The Subjects Embraced In The Code Of Zoning Ordinances, And Providing Penalties For The Violation Of The Code Of Zoning Ordinances.

RESOLUTIONS

2009-27 Resolution Re-Establishing A Five Year Priority List For Minnesota State Aid Construction

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2009-27, Resolution Re-Establishing A Five Year Priority List For Minnesota State Aid Construction. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2009-28 Resolution Authorizing The Finance Director To Complete Certain Fund Balance Designations

Motion made by Councilor Stauber, seconded by Councilor Geissler to adopt Resolution 2009-28, Resolution Authorizing The Finance Director To Complete Certain Fund Balance Designations. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2009-29 Resolution Authorizing The Finance Director To Complete Certain Interfund Transfers Between Existing Funds And Certain Budget Adjustments

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Geissler to adopt Resolution 2009-29, Resolution Authorizing The Finance Director To Complete Certain Interfund Transfers Between Existing Funds And Certain Budget Adjustments. 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 April.

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 the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk

ATTEST:

Mayor