

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 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; Mike Anderson, Chief of Police; David Salo, City Engineer

ABSENT: Dean Sharpe, City Superintendent

VISITORS: 5

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Geissler to approve the April 20, 2009 City Council Continuation Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Councilor Geissler – I would like to publicly thank everyone for Friday and Saturday’s activities in the process of selecting an administrator. I would like to thank Debbie Lund for her arrangements and hard work, the staff and consultants for their hard work and especially Dave Salo, Mike Anderson, Arlene Tucker and Dean Sharpe for taking a good part of their Saturday afternoon and the hard work and effort to do that.

Councilor Koski – I would like to second everything that John said because they made our job a little bit easier and they worked very hard to do that.

Councilor Stauber – No report

Councilor Tafs – The Mayor and I interviewed Tom Eng for the Park Board. We are two short on our board right now and hopefully we will vote him in tonight.

Mayor Boucher – I would also like to thank everyone involved in our search for a City Administrator and let everyone know we did receive an email from Todd Bodem one of the candidates who was not successful thanking us for our time, complimenting us on our process. He wanted me to let staff know that he appreciated everything that was done and said we had a very professional setup going and that things worked out very well. I also had several comments from the candidates as we went through, commenting on the professionalism of our operation.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Lynn Lander, City Administrator – Representative Mary Murphy called today at 4:00 p.m. asking for additional language for HF2020. It appears that language is still alive and might be offered in upcoming discussions between the House and Senate. I will submit additional language and continue to put information before them that will preserve and represent Hermantown. But I can see we might be exposed as this session goes on because of the disagreement between the House and the Senate in balancing the state budget.

With regard to Resolution 2009-39, Steve, John and I have not had an opportunity to discuss this and I ask that you table that until May 18, 2009.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORT

Debbie Lund, City Clerk – The Board of Appeals and Adjustment will be held Tuesday, May 05, 2009 starting at 2:00 p.m.

Arlene Tucker, Finance Director – Thank you for allowing staff to be a part of the interview process for the City Administrator.

Mike Anderson, Chief of Police – No report.

David Salo, City Engineer – I would like to thank you also for the opportunity of being a part of the City Administrator search and also that at Fast Track we agreed on the Loberg Avenue bid date, moving it to allow a more comfortable schedule to get things done.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications 2009-139 through and including 2009-171 were read and placed on file.

Communication 2009-140 from Property Owners along Ugstad Road/Splitrail Drive to City of Hermantown regarding Petition for sewer along Ugstad Road from Maple Grove Road to Splitrail Drive

Communication 2009-159 from WLSSD to Dean Sharpe, City Superintendent regarding Zero Discharge

Communication 2009-162 from St. Louis County Land Department to City of Hermantown regarding Billing statement

Communication 2009-163 from Lynn Lander, City Administrator to Mayor & City Council regarding HF 2020 Sales Tax

Communication 2009-165 from Erika Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator to Mayor Boucher & City Council regarding Commercial Planned Unit Development for Airbase Road Development, LLC

Communication 2009-166 from Debbie Lund, City Clerk to Mayor Boucher & City Council regarding Senior Citizens Deferrals

Communication 2009-170 from Arlene Tucker, Finance Director to Lynn Lander, City Administrator & Utility Commission regarding Petition for Ugstad Road/Splitrail Drive Sewer

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Stauber to table directing city staff to amend Section 430.06.02 of the Hermantown City Code to increase the rent from \$800 a month or a percentage for Charitable Gambling sites to May 18, 2009. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Councilor Stauber, seconded by Councilor Koski to approve the appointment of Tom Eng to the Park Board to fill the unexpired term of Seth Taran. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to approve the conditional agreement with John Mulder for City Administrator that is in place at this time and authorizes appropriate city officials to go forward and negotiate final contract terms. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Vouchers 41084 through and including 41296 in the amount of \$429,420.48 were read.

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Geissler to approve general city warrants in the amount of \$429,420.48. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

2009-35 Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-24 For Deferral Of Assessment Against Their Property For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 426 (“Senior Citizen Deferral”)

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Stauber to adopt Resolution 2009-35, Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 426A-24 For Deferral Of Assessment Against Their Property For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 426 (“Senior Citizen Deferral”). Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2009-36 Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 421A-17 For Deferral Of Assessment Against Her Property For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 421 (“Senior Citizen Deferral”)

Motion made by Councilor Koski, seconded by Councilor Geissler to adopt Resolution 2009-36, Resolution Approving Application Of Assessment Roll Number 421A-17 For Deferral Of Assessment Against Her Property For The Construction Of Sewer Improvement District No. 421 (“Senior Citizen Deferral”). Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2009-37 Resolution Approving Final Plans And Specifications And Ordering Advertisement For Bids For Sewer Improvement District No. 431, Water Improvement District No. 313 And Street Improvement District No. 515-N (Loberg Avenue)

Motion made by Councilor Geissler, seconded by Councilor Tafs to adopt Resolution 2009-37, Resolution Approving Final Plans And Specifications And Ordering Advertisement For Bids For Sewer Improvement District No. 431, Water Improvement District No. 313 And Street Improvement District No. 515-N (Loberg Avenue). Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2009-38 Resolution Calling Public Hearing To Consider An Ordinance Amending The Hermantown Lawful Gambling Regulations To Increase The Maximum Amount Of Rent Allowed To Be Paid To Landowners

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2009-38, Resolution Calling Public Hearing To Consider An Ordinance Amending The Hermantown Lawful Gambling Regulations To Increase The Maximum Amount Of Rent Allowed To Be Paid To Landowners with public hearing scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2009-39 Resolution Approving Outline Development Plan Proposed By Airbase Road Development, LLC For A Planned Unit Development

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to table Resolution 2009-39, Resolution Approving Outline Development Plan Proposed By Airbase Road Development, LLC For A Planned Unit Development to May 18, 2009. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Koski, Stauber, Tafs, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2009-40 Resolution Approving Easement From And Agreement With Pru Properties, LLC For Loberg Avenue

Motion made by Councilor Tafs, seconded by Councilor Koski to adopt Resolution 2009-40, Resolution Approving Easement From And Agreement With Pru Properties, LLC For Loberg Avenue. 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 May.

Mayor Boucher thanked Nathan Gustavsson for running the video equipment.

Motion made by Councilor Stauber, seconded by Councilor Tafs to recess meeting at 6:48 p.m. to Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. for Board of Appeals & Equalization. Motion carried.

Clerk

ATTEST:

Mayor