

**City of Red Lake Falls
City Council Meeting
August 24, 2015
Minutes**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County, Minnesota was duly held in the Council Chambers of said City on the 24th day of August, 2015.

Members Present: Kevin Harmoning, Kevin Brevik, Cheryl Matzke , Sara Kenfield, Neil Knaack.

Members Absent: Allen Bertilrud.

Others Present: Kathleen Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Mitch Bernstein, Alan Cassavant, Carol Seeger, Deb Derouin, Joel Paulsen, Melissa Johnson.

Mayor Kevin Harmoning called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Knaack moved, seconded by Brevik, to approve the Agenda with the addition of 7.8 Mall Discussion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Brevik moved, seconded by Knaack, to approve the August 6, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes as submitted and August 18, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes with a correction to page 1, paragraph 1 adding the word 'rear' to ADA compliant door. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Knaack moved, seconded by Matzke, to allow the golf cart ride on our trail on September 8th at 10:30 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Kenfield moved, seconded by Knaack, to pay up to \$500 for the set-up fee for the city website and \$50 per month to maintain the site. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Matzke moved, seconded by Knaack, to pay Margaret Toulouse \$45.00 for coverage at the pool. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Citizen's Comments:

Melissa Johnson, Granny's Garage, asked the council for a timeline for her to have her new mall space ready for her to re-open her business. She has a long window opening with just spindles that needs a window installed and the chain link opening is not secure enough to prevent theft.

Matzke moved, seconded by Knaack, to spend up to \$2,500 for the renovation of the former Gary's Bakery space at the mall under the direction of the project manager Clem Benoit with the work to commence as soon as possible. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Business:

Kenfield moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve the City of Red Lake Falls Tobacco Ordinance and the removal of the old Cigarette Sales ordinance Chapter V, Part 4, Section 504.01 through Section 504.04. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The following bids were received for repairing the roof over a portion of the mall:

Hjelle Roofing: \$23,000 (51'x82'), Mid-State Insulation: \$20,400, Skinner Roofing: \$52,700 (85'x100')

Discussion was held concerning that specific area of the mall roof and the air conditioning unit and leakage.

Knaack moved, seconded by Brevik, to table a decision on roof repair estimates for the mall until we have more information. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Administrator Schmitz is looking into setting up an Economic Development Authority (EDA). This off-shoot of the city is recommended for ownership of the mall and also the Dan Juhl sustainable energy project. Attorney Sparby explained the rules pertaining to setting up an EDA and the steps necessary.

The commercial lots in the Kankel Addition were again discussed. At an earlier council meeting the price for commercial Lots 1 and 2 was set at \$25,000 but that motion/price was rescinded. When the Addition was built the price for those two lots was \$35,000. The initial price of \$35,000 stands.

The American Red Cross is looking to have an official Shelter Agreement for a place in the community of Red Lake Falls. This place could be used on a temporary basis to house and/or feed people in an emergency situation.

Matzke moved, seconded by Kenfield, to approve the Shelter Agreement with the American Red Cross as laid out in their contract. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Administrator Schmitz went over the proposed 2016 Budget in detail. The budget increased but the levy decreased due to the decrease in debt payments for 2016. Our bond payments have dropped considerably in 2016 due to our bond refunding, but will go up in future years. The council will study the budget over the next few weeks; adjustments can be made before the final budget is due September 30, 2015.

Kenfield moved, seconded by Knaack, to approve the bills and Finance Checks #038711 - #038727 and Payroll Checks #005001-#005007 + Payroll E Checks 1-11. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Harmoning, Mayor

Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator