

**City of Red Lake Falls
City Council Meeting
August 6, 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 6th day of August, 2015.

Members Present: Kevin Harmoning, Kevin Brevik, Allen Bertilrud, Sara Kenfield, Neil Knaack.

Members Absent: Cheryl Matzke.

Others Present: Kathleen Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Alan Cassavant, Carol Seeger, Deb Derouin, Kristi Hanson, Cal Eckstein, Wayne Violette, Brent Guenthner.

Mayor Kevin Harmoning called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Brevik moved, seconded by Bertilrud, to approve the Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Kenfield moved, seconded by Bertilrud, to approve the July 27, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Citizen's Comments: none

Business:

Kristi Hanson, Director of the Northwest Regional Library, spoke to the council about funding for the library. Currently, the Red Lake Falls portion is \$19,730. She is requesting a 3% increase which is \$592 additional dollars. Our library has a very high percent of people with library cards (40%). Discussion was held about our library and the library system and the director answered questions and compared funding from neighboring communities. No funding decision was made by the council during the meeting.

Discussion was held concerning the Mall and funding the renovations. The council looked over the estimated budget for the new Thrifty White location prepared by Clem Benoit. Councilmember Kenfield asked why the estimate is so much higher than what the council approved at the prior meeting. Councilmember Bertilrud spoke about our current options and what effect they would have, i.e., stopping the project now, what the current Hardware Store would do, what Underdahl's would be forced to do, and how it all affects our rentable space. Mayor Harmoning noted that it is a huge investment, but what will we do with that space if we don't have any renters in it? We are looking ahead to the future of the mall. Bertilrud noted that by retaining a hardware store and upgrading the Thrifty White store we will gain additional traffic in the mall which will help the existing businesses. The EDC feels we have more to lose by not going forward than by going forward.

Bertilrud moved, seconded by Knaack, to approve up to \$50,373 – the budgeted amount for remodeling the mall space to be leased to Thrifty White Drug. **Opposed: Kenfield (difficult time allowing open-ended amount of money spent). Absent: Matzke. MOTION CARRIED**

Harmoning moved, seconded by Bertilrud, that the mall project manager attempt to get two quotes for the project bids and that if the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed \$25,000 but not to exceed \$100,000, the contract may be made either upon sealed bids or by direct negotiation, by obtaining two or more quotations for the project when possible, and without advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of competitive bidding with all quotations obtained kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Bertilrud moved, seconded by Brevik, to accept the Underdahl Hardware lease as presented with the amendments to the rent payment schedule, escape clause and back door installation costs as determined. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The second reading of the City Tobacco Ordinance was held.

The Planning & Zoning committee met to form an opinion of the rezoning requests. Trevor Page requested changing the zoning of his Lots 14 and 15 (where his steel building is) from residential to industrial and Homark requested changing the zoning of their Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, (former Kehn property) and a portion of the vacated alley from residential to industrial. The P & Z committee recommends approval of these requests because both lots abut industrial property.

Knaack moved, seconded by Bertilrud, to approve changing Lots 14 and 15, and the west 40 feet of Lot 11 (vacated avenue) of Block 5 and Lots 1,2,3,4 of Block 5, Buse and Bottineau's Addition to the City of Red Lake Falls, from residential lots to industrial lots per the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning committee. **Abstain: Harmoning (conflict of interest). Absent: Matzke. MOTION CARRIED**

Knaack moved, seconded by Kenfield, to rescind the prior motion to offer Kankel Addition Commercial Lots 1 and 2 contingent on building on in a year at \$25,000. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Brevik moved, seconded by Bertilrud, to table the commercial lot discussion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Kenfield moved, seconded by Bertilrud, to approve Task Order #, the Master Service Agreement with the addition of the non-exclusive clause with Bolton & Menk. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Bertilrud moved, seconded by Kenfield, to approve additional payment of \$378 to Gary Martell for plexiglass for the trail project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Bertilrud moved, seconded by Brevik, to approve the bills and Finance Checks #038678 - #038710 and Payroll Checks #004989-#005000 + Payroll E Checks 1-16. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Harmoning, Mayor

Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator