

**City of Red Lake Falls
City Council Meeting
October 26, 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 26th day of October, 2015.

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

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Kathleen Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Alan Cassavant, Carol Seeger, Deb Derouin, Melissa Freyholtz, Shane Freyholtz, Havie Lee, Cal Eckstein, Ritchie Knott.

Mayor Kevin Harmoning called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

Bertilrud moved, seconded by Knaack, to approve the Agenda with the addition to 7.6 Miscellaneous of 1-Ritchie Knott Request, 2-Dental Office Update and 3-Part-time Arena Employee. The order of business items will change to accommodate Freyholtz, Eckstein and Knott first followed by remaining council business items. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Bertilrud moved, seconded by Brevik, to approve the October 13, 2015 City Council meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Citizen's Comments: none

Business:

Knaack moved, seconded by Matzke, to proceed with getting two written estimates on the heating/cooling system for Joe DiMaggio's and to include a bid for wiring the unit for a total project cost up to \$20,000. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Kenfield moved, seconded by Knaack, to accept the bid from Spruce Valley for \$11,445 to install a manhole on Washington Avenue. **Abstain: Harmoning (as he is part owner of a business tied to this project). MOTION CARRIED**

Bertilrud moved, seconded by Brevik, to approve Resolution #10-01-2015 – Adopting Assessment for Unpaid Bills. **For: Brevik, Knaack, Bertilrud, Kenfield, Matzke, and Harmoning. Absent: None. Against: None. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Bertilrud moved, seconded by Brevik, that the City Administrator and Cal Eckstein get together and come up with a dumpster proposal and bring it back to the council. **Opposed: Sara Kenfield. MOTION CARRIED**

Bertilrud moved, seconded by Brevik, to approve the selling of Kankel Addition Lots 1, 2 & 3 of Block 2 to Ritchie Knott for \$5,000 per lot with the stipulation that he would fill up lots to buildable grade and that he would have two years to sell the property otherwise the property would revert back to the city and that the taxes would be paid by Mr. Knott on the property and once a house was built than we would go back to the tax abatement offer. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Bertilrud moved, seconded by Kenfield, to approve Resolution #10-02-2015 – Establishing an Economic Development Authority, and call for a Public Hearing on November 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall and public notice of the hearing. **For: Brevik, Knaack, Bertilrud, Kenfield, Matzke, and Harmoning. Absent: None. Against: None. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Brevik moved, seconded by Matzke, that if Dr. Lesmeister signs a 21-month lease agreement starting November 1, 2015 he be given nine months free rent with rent continuing thereafter at \$650 per month. **Abstain: Bertilrud. MOTION CARRIED**

After putting an ad in the paper for a part-time employee for the Arena we have had only one applicant. We are in dire need of arena help for evenings and weekends and that position has been hard to fill. What is the Council willing to pay a part-time arena worker for evenings and weekends for work that offers no benefits or long term employment?

Kenfield moved, seconded by Harmoning, that we allow for up to two part-time employees for the winter months at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. **Opposed: Knaack, Bertilrud. MOTION CARRIED**

Administrator Schmitz notified the council that we had an employee leave employment without notice. Referring to City Ordinance Section 206.24, the employee is entitled to payment for earned comp hours but we may deny terminal leave benefits.

Brevik moved, seconded by Knaack, to pay employee comp time, as he earned that, but no vacation or sick time. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Bertilrud moved, seconded by Kenfield, to approve the Bills and Finance Checks #038841 - #038866 and Payroll Checks #005023 + Payroll E Checks 1-7. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Harmoning, Mayor

Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator