

Regular City Council Meeting
Via Go-To Meeting / Conference Call
Monday, April 20, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Call 1-571-317-3122 Access Code: 429-548-165

The Mayor and City Administrator determine that an in-person meeting or a meeting conducted under MN Statute section 13D.02 is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency declared under Chapter 12 as stated in 13D.021. MN Statute 13D.021 will be followed for this meeting.

Members Present: Dana Kass, Darla Kruser, Mike Nelson, David Savage, Andrew Ysker

Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Michael Schulte, City Administrator/Clerk; Maryellen Suhrhoff, City Attorney; Rob Anderson, Community Development Director

Others Present: Tammy Omdal, Northland Securities; Doug Regehr

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda & Consent Agenda

Motion by Kass, seconded by Savage, to add Approval to Apply for a \$5,000 grant to Pioneer Community Betterment Fund for the Fire Department. Motion carried 5 – 0. Motion by Kruser, seconded by Kass approve the agenda and amended consent agenda. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills: Checks #23557 – 32599, 665E

Payroll: Checks #65261 – 65290

Approve March 26 Utilities Commission Minutes

Approve April 6 City Council Minutes

Approve Resolution #8-20 Establishing Unfeasibility of In-Person Meetings

Approve to Apply for a \$5,000 Grant from Pioneer Community Betterment Fund for the Mountain Lake Fire Department

Public

No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

Property Tax Abatements – Parcel ID 22.525.0060 – Laker Acres, LLC (A&W)

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Savage, to open the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried 5 – 0. Rob Anderson, Community Development Director, gave an overview that the City/EDA

have been working with Mike Adrian and Laker Acres, LLC on selling Lot 2 Block 2 and working on a tax abatement agreement for the project. The EDA sold Lot 2 Block 2 for \$50,000 at their meeting today. The project involves building a 2,400 square foot A&W restaurant east of Casey's General Store. The proposed term of the abatement will be up to 15 years in an aggregate total amount not to exceed \$139,000 and will be derived from the City's share of the property taxes derived from the parcel 22.525.0060. The abatement shall be up to 15 years commencing with real estate taxes payable in 2022 and continuing through 2036. The project is estimated around \$1 million and is projected to create 50 jobs in which a majority will be part-time jobs. Construction is expected, as long as there are not delays because of COVID-19, to start in June 2020. Tammy Omdal, Northland Securities, provided information on the resolution and the agreement. Omdal stated if there would happen to be delays in construction in which they did not complete the project in 2020, there is a potential of losing a year of abatement as the agreement states 2022 – 2036 but it should not be an issue even if it were to occur as the \$139,000 may be achieved prior to 2036. No comments from the public were made. Motion by Kass, seconded by Savage, to close the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Resolution #9-20 Approving Proposed Property Tax Abatements

Motion by Kruser, seconded by Ysker, to approve Resolution #9-20. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Mountain Lake, Minnesota and Laker Acres LLC.

The administrator stated that the blanks on the agreements have been filled in. The project will be 2,400 square feet, the construction of the project shall commence no later than July 1, 2021 and will be substantially completed by December 31, 2021. Motion by Savage, seconded by Kruser, to approve the Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, and Laker Acres LLC. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Ordinance #3-20 Amending Section 11.04 Off-Street Parking Regulations

Ordinance #3-20 was read for the second time. The Police Department has and continues to work on sending letters to all property owners in the city that have violations on their property. The administrator stated if the council has any concerns on a specific property it is best to contact the administrator to review the status of the property with the chief as updates and changes to the status of a warning letter or a citation are possibly different each day.

Ordinance #4-20 Repealing & Replacing Section 6.31 Tobacco Regulations

Ordinance #4-20 was read for the second time. The minimum clerk age is set as 18 as retail stores are legally allowed to have employees sell tobacco at age 18. No other changes were made.

Agreement to Confine Easement – Dollar General

Paul Muske is requesting the city council to approve an agreement to confine an easement that goes through the property in which Dollar General is set to purchase later this week. The easement was obtained in 1972 in which it did not clearly define the easement area in which the sanitary sewer line is located. The agreement confines the area but still gives enough room to access the sewer line if needed. Motion by Kass, seconded by Savage, to approve the Agreement to Confine Easement as presented. Motion carried 5 – 0.

COVID-19

The city's operation plan was briefly discussed. The following updates were decided: Pick-ups at the library will be discontinued as long as a stay-at-home order is in place and staff will analyze when to start pick-ups again. The community center will stay closed until May 4th and any reservations will be refunded. Park equipment will be off-limits until further notice. The campground will remain closed until May 4 or until the governor provides more direction on opening campgrounds. The operations plan will be reviewed again on May 4th in which more information from the governor will be known.

Quarter 1 Revenues & Expenses

Revenues and expenses to-date were reviewed.

Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting

The Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Thursday, April 23. Call-in information was listed in the packet and will be available on the city's website and Facebook page on how to join the meeting as it will not be held at city hall this year.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved May 4, 2020

ATTEST:

Michael Schulte, Administrator/Clerk