

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is officially called to order at 5:30 p.m. on November 2, 2021. This meeting is being presided over by Mayor Brian Holmer.

ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present: Holmer, Aarestad, McCraw, Bolduc, Narverud, Howe and Lorenson. Absent were Prudhomme. Mayor Holmer chaired the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Dana Wojciechowski presented to the council how pleased they were with the facilities, staff and community. Dana expressed they would like to return again next year for the finals.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Mike Lorenson motioned, being seconded by Councilmember Jason Aarestad, to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 10.231.21: APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2021 COUNCIL AND HEARING PROCEEDINGS

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Mike Lorenson introduced Resolution No. 11.231.21 , being seconded by Councilmember Jason Aarestad, that:

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council, to approve October 19, 2021 Council Proceedings.

RESOLUTION NO. 10.232.21: CITY OF THIEF RIVER FALLS BILLS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Mike Lorenson introduced Resolution No. 11.232.21 , being seconded by Councilmember Jason Aarestad, that:

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council, to authorize payment of bills and disbursements in the total amount of \$1,633,759.39. A printout of the approved payments, disbursements and per diems are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

RESOLUTION NO. 10.233.21: APPROVAL OF THE HIRING OF THREE NEW VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, JOSIAH JENSEN, ZACHARY JOHNSON, AND JEFFERY SCHNEIDER

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Mike Lorenson introduced Resolution No. 11.233.21 , being seconded by Councilmember Jason Aarestad, that:

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

WHEREAS, The Fire Department has had several recent retirements from their volunteer ranks. This hiring will help to bring them back to normal staffing levels.

WHEREAS, The Thief River Falls Fire Department is a combination department made up of seven full time firefighters, and twenty-five volunteer firefighters. Due to recent retirements of volunteer firefighters, the Fire Department needs to fill vacant spots to keep adequate staffing levels for emergency response.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve the hiring of three new Volunteer Firefighters, Josiah Jensen, Zachary Johnson, and Jeffery Schneider. Start date is effective November 2nd, 2021, pending successful completion of background checks, drug tests, and physicals.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 10.234.21: APPROVAL OF PROPERTY DEED TO PARADIS BROTHERS, LLP

Following discussion, Councilmember Jason Aarestad introduced Resolution No. 11.234.21, being seconded by Councilmember Rachel Prudhomme, that:

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

WHEREAS, In 1954 the City of Thief River Falls vacated the north half of Bay Street adjacent to Hartz Foods. This strip of land 15 feet in width abutting the south line of Lots 1 and 32, Block 67 of the Original Townsite running from Arnold Avenue to 325 feet west was vacated and the north ½ of the vacated roadway conveyed to Hartz Foods. The city owned a portion that was just outside of the roadway, so that in vacating the roadway, Hartz obtained ½ of the roadway, but because the city was the adjacent owner, they still retained that land and the other ½ of the roadway.

WHEREAS, Hartz Foods is selling their property and Paradis Brothers, LLP has had a title opinion completed. Their title opinion states that a deed should be provided for any portion of the vacated roadway not abutting lots 1 and 32, Block 67, Original Townsite.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Approve a deed to Paradis Brothers, LLP legally described in the attachment. this property is deemed to have no value to the city.

COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. UTILITIES COMMITTEE - NOVEMBER 8TH AT 7:00 A.M.
2. PUBLIC SAFETY/LIQUOR COMMITTEE - NOVEMBER 8TH AT 4:30 P.M.
3. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE - NOVEMBER 9TH AT 4:30 P.M.
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4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - NOVEMBER 10TH AT 4:30 P.M.

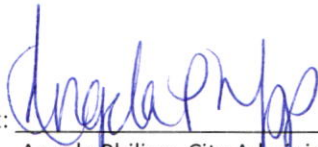
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Councilmember Steve Narverud mentioned Leaf Vac has been extended through this Friday - only. This week is not by wards but by spot checks.
- Mayor Holmer mentioned Calendar Parking begins November 15th, Monday through Sunday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Rachel Prudhomme moved, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson to adjourn at 5:44 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried.

Attest:



Angela Philipp, City Administrator



Brian D. Holmer, Mayor