

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is officially called to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 17, 2022. This meeting is being presided over by Mayor Brian Holmer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC FORUM

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bike TRF - Bike Swap/Exchange Presentation

Cheryl Lee presented information regarding a 2 day event for TRF Bike Swap/Exchange Presentation. The event is in conjunction with the TRF Police Department and the Fire Department. The event dates are June 8th from 3:30 pm to 8 pm and June 9th from 9 am to 1 pm. The event will be held the Fire Hall Annex (former ITS building) parking lot. Plans are to make impounded bikes available to pick up to use and to allow people to bring bikes that they have outgrown or no longer use to swap or exchange. Bike helmets, bike lights and slap reflective bracelets will be given away. Bikes will be fitted to the rider for best safety practices.

2. Poppy Proclamation - American Legion

3. Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Steve Narverud motioned, being seconded by Councilmember Curt Howe, to approve the agenda with the addition of 8.06, 8.07, 8.08 and 8.09 New Business.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 05.90.22: Approval of May 3, 2022 Council Proceedings

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-90-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorensen, that:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council, to approve May 3, 2022 Council Proceedings.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.91.22: City of Thief River Falls Bills And Disbursements

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced

Resolution No. 05-91-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council, to authorize payment of bills and disbursements in the total amount of \$541,723.49. A printout of the approved payments, disbursements are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.92.22: Approval to fill Senior Billing Clerk Position

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-92-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, Patsy Lindquist, has submitted her retirement effective September 1, 2022. To continue efficient operations of the Billing Office, the position needs to be filled prior to her leaving. This allows sufficient time for training before her retirement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve to open a position of Senior Billing Clerk to Teamster #320 employees for ten days, as part of the Teamster 320 Union Contract. If the position is not filled through this process, the position will be opened to the public for filling.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Approval to fill Firefighter Position

Following discussion Councilmember Jason Aarestad moved to table this item, being seconded by Councilmember Rachel Prudhomme, that:

A Public Safety Committee recommendation and authorize to fill a vacant position of Fire Fighter, due to the upcoming retirement of Marty Semanko. Position will first be opened to Teamster #320 Fire employees and if not filled through the internal transfer process, the position will be opened to the public for filling.

On vote being to table, Prudhomme, Bolduc, Lorenson, Aarestad and McCraw, Narverud, Howe and Holmer voted aye. The motion carried and the item tabled.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.93.22: Approval to fill Patrol Officer Position

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-93-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, Due to the resignation of Jarrin Gunderson, effective May 12th, 2022, the position is vacant and has been determined to fill the position to continue the efficiency of the department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Accept the Public Safety Committee recommendation to begin the process of filling the position of Patrol Officer. The position is a LELS Union Grade Level 6 non-exempt position. The Patrol Officer vacancy will be opened to the public for filling.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.94.22: Approval for the City of Thief River Falls Firewall Updates

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-94-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, Upgrade our existing firewall located at the Water Distribution Plant. This includes 3 years of services, licenses, configuration and implementation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve for the City of Thief River Falls firewall updates.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.95.22: Approval of Dylan Bergerson Beer in the Park Permit

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-95-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, Dylan Bergerson has applied for a Beer in the Park Permit for a wedding at Oakland Park (East and West).

WHEREAS, The park has been reserved with the Parks and Recreation Department. No financial transactions may occur at this event for charging, directly or indirectly, for the sale of 3.2 malt liquor (i.e. admission, cover charge). The permit allows for the consumption of 3.2 Malt Liquor Only. No strong beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor I allowed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED To Approve a Beer in the Park Permit Effective July 23, 2022 for a Wedding at Oakland Park (East and West) from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.96.22: Approval of Harvey & Rose Delage Beer in the Park Permit

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-96-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, Harvey & Rose Delage has applied for a Beer in the Park Permit for a family reunion at Oakland Park.

WHEREAS, The park has been reserved with the Parks and Recreation Department. No financial transactions may occur at this event for charging, directly or indirectly, for the sale of 3.2 malt liquor (i.e. admission, cover charge). The permit allows for the consumption of 3.2 Malt Liquor Only. No strong beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor I allowed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED To Approve a Beer in the Park Permit Effective August 20, 2022 for a Nelson Family Reunion at Oakland Park.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.97.22: Approval of Judy Lane Beer in the Park Permit

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-97-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, Judy Lane has applied for a Beer in the Park Permit for a family reunion at Oakland Park.

WHEREAS, The park has been reserved with the Parks and Recreation Department. No financial transactions may occur at this event for charging, directly or indirectly, for the sale of 3.2 malt liquor (i.e. admission, cover charge). The permit allows for the consumption of 3.2 Malt Liquor Only. No strong beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor I allowed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED To Approve a Beer in the Park Permit Effective July 3, 2022 for a Nelson Family Reunion at Oakland Park.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Approval of Northland College Beer in the Park Permit

Beer in the Park Permit was withdrawn, No action was taken at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.98.22: Approval of VFW Post 2793 Temporary Intoxicating Liquor License with Addendum June 10, 2022

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-98-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, The VFW has applied for a temporary intoxicating liquor license with addendum to include outdoor area for the VFW parking lot party and band outside.

WHEREAS, Applicant shall comply with all restrictions, limitations, and regulations for the sale of liquor under the City Code and State Statutes.

Applicant hereby agrees to obtain a resolution of its governing board wherein applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Thief River Falls and its elected officials, employees, and agents, from and against any and all liabilities, judgements, settlements, losses, costs, or charges, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the City of Thief River Falls, and/or any of its elected officials, employees, and agents, as a result of any claim, demand, action, or suit relating to any bodily injury (including death), loss of property, and/or property damage caused by, arising out of, or relating to or associated with the granting of a temporary intoxicating liquor license to applicant.

Applicant also understands that all information contained on this application is public data according to Chapter 13 of the Minnesota State Statute. Failure to provide the requested information may result in the application being denied.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED To Approve an Intoxicating Liquor License with Addendum effective June 10, 2022, from 8 pm to 12 am.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.99.22: Approval of VFW Post 2793 Temporary Intoxicating Liquor License with Addendum June 11, 2022

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-99-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, The VFW has applied for a temporary intoxicating liquor license with addendum to include outdoor area for the VFW parking lot party and band outside.

WHEREAS, Applicant shall comply with all restrictions, limitations, and regulations for the sale of liquor under the City Code and State Statutes.

Applicant hereby agrees to obtain a resolution of its governing board wherein applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Thief River Falls and its elected officials, employees, and agents, from and against any and all liabilities, judgements, settlements, losses, costs, or charges, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the City of Thief River Falls, and/or any of its elected officials, employees, and agents, as a result of any claim, demand, action, or suit relating to any bodily injury (including death), loss of property, and/or property damage caused by, arising out of, or relating to or associated with the granting of a temporary intoxicating liquor license to applicant.

Applicant also understands that all information contained on this application is public data according to Chapter 13 of the Minnesota State Statute. Failure to provide the requested information may result in the application being denied.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED To Approve an Intoxicating Liquor License with Addendum effective June 11, 2022, from 8 pm to 12 am.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.100.22: Approval of American Legion Post 117 Temporary Intoxicating Liquor License with Addendum July 15, 2022

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-100-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, The American Legion has applied for a temporary intoxicating liquor license with addendum to include outdoor area for the American Legion live band in parking lot during the Pennington County Fair.

WHEREAS, Applicant shall comply with all restrictions, limitations, and regulations for the sale of liquor under the City Code and State Statutes.

Applicant hereby agrees to obtain a resolution of its governing board wherein applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Thief River Falls and its elected

officials, employees, and agents, from and against any and all liabilities, judgements, settlements, losses, costs, or charges, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the City of Thief River Falls, and/or any of its elected officials, employees, and agents, as a result of any claim, demand, action, or suit relating to any bodily injury (including death), loss of property, and/or property damage caused by, arising out of, or relating to or associated with the granting of a temporary intoxicating liquor license to applicant.

Applicant also understands that all information contained on this application is public data according to Chapter 13 of the Minnesota State Statute. Failure to provide the requested information may result in the application being denied.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED To Approve an Intoxicating Liquor License with Addendum effective July 15, 2022, from 9 pm to 1 am.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.101.22: Approval of American Legion Post 117 Temporary Intoxicating Liquor License with Addendum July 16, 2022

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-101-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, The American Legion has applied for a temporary intoxicating liquor license with addendum to include outdoor area for the American Legion live band in parking lot during the Pennington County Fair.

WHEREAS, Applicant shall comply with all restrictions, limitations, and regulations for the sale of liquor under the City Code and State Statutes.

Applicant hereby agrees to obtain a resolution of its governing board wherein applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Thief River Falls and its elected officials, employees, and agents, from and against any and all liabilities, judgements, settlements, losses, costs, or charges, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the City of Thief River Falls, and/or any of its elected officials, employees, and agents, as a result of any claim, demand, action, or suit relating to any bodily injury (including death), loss of property, and/or property damage caused by, arising out of, or relating to or associated with the granting of a temporary intoxicating liquor license to applicant.

Applicant also understands that all information contained on this application is public data according to Chapter 13 of the Minnesota State Statute. Failure to provide the requested information may result in the application being denied.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED To Approve an Intoxicating Liquor License with Addendum effective July 16, 2022, from 9 pm to 1 am.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.102.22: Approve the On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Mulligans

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced

Resolution No. 05-102-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, Mulligans has applied for an On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve the On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Mulligans.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.103.22: Approval of Residential Contract Mowing

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-103-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, Residential mowing contracts had been sent out for sealed bids in 2021 for request of a two-year contract agreement with the city and the contractor. Rick's mowing service was awarded the two-year contract at a price of \$35.00 per lot. D & M Enterprises has agreed to honor their original quote of \$38.00 per lot.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED To release Richard's mowing from contract mowing, and to accept 2nd bid from D & M Enterprises for the remainder of the 2023 project.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.104.22: Approval of Master Partnership Contract with the MN Department of Transportation

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-104-22, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson, that:

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation wishes to cooperate closely with local units of government to coordinate the delivery of transportation services and maximize the efficient delivery of such services at all levels of government; and

The MnDOT and local governments are authorized by Minnesota Statutes sections 471.59, 174.02, and 161.20, to undertake collaborative efforts for the design, construction, maintenance and operation of state and local roads; and

The parties wish to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to such opportunities for collaboration, and have determination that having the ability to write "work orders" against a master contract would provide the greatest speed and flexibility in responding to identified needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota:

1. That the City of Thief River Falls enter into a Master Partnership Contract with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, a copy of which was before the Council.
2. That the proper City officers are authorized to execute such contract, and any amendments thereto.
3. That the City Engineer is authorized to negotiate work order contracts pursuant to

the Master Contract, which work order contracts may provide for payment to or from MnDOT, and that the City Engineer may execute such work order contracts on behalf of the City of Thief River Falls without further approval by this Council.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to Fill Firefighter Position

Following discussion Councilmember Jason Aarestad moved to table this item, being seconded by Councilmember Rachel Prudhomme, that:

On vote being to table, Prudhomme, Bolduc, Lorensen, Aarestad and McCraw, Narverud, Howe and Holmer voted aye. The motion carried and the item tabled.

First Reading to consider amendment to City Code Chapter 152.087 EXCLUDED SIGNS to add (L) Sidewalk signs as allowed by sidewalk use permit; and 152.091 PROHIBITED SIGNS (D) to add (unless allowed in a sidewalk use permit); and (F) to remove "A-frames"; and by adopting by reference City Code Chapter 10 and Section 152.998, which, among other things, contain penalty provisions.

Councilmember Steve Narverud motioned, being seconded by Councilmember Cut Howe to Call for First Reading to consider amendment to City Code Chapter 152.087 EXCLUDED SIGNS to add (L) Sidewalk signs as allowed by sidewalk use permit; and 152.091 PROHIBITED SIGNS (D) to add (unless allowed in a sidewalk use permit); and (F) to remove "A-frames"; and by adopting by reference City Code Chapter 10 and Section 152.998, which, among other things, contain penalty provisions.

WHEREAS, The City of Thief River Falls has sections in the city code within land usage that controls among other things the zoning code. This section includes requirements for signs. This section governs all sign regulations including those excluded from a permit, prohibited signs, and definitions.

WHEREAS, The City of Thief River Falls currently does not allow signs on a sidewalk. Included in the sidewalk use permit being considered there is language to allow signs on a sidewalk provided they are under 6 square feet, within the sidewalk use permit area, at least 26 inches in height, and removed when the business is closed. This ordinance amendment would allow these signs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Call for first reading to consider amendment to City Code Chapter 152.087 EXCLUDED SIGNS to add (L) Sidewalk signs as allowed by sidewalk use permit; and 152.091 PROHIBITED SIGNS (D) to add (unless allowed in a sidewalk use permit); and (F) to remove "A-frames"; and by adopting by reference City Code Chapter 10 and Section 152.998, which, among other things, contain penalty provisions.

Final approval of this ordinance should be contingent upon approval of the Sidewalk Use Permit on Municipal Roadways.

City Attorney Sparby read the proposed ordinance. No action was taken at this time and this ordinance will again be presented at the next Council Meeting. Councilmember Rachel Prudhomme opposed to the reading.

First Reading to consider amendment to City Code Chapter 92.300 changing PERMITTING OF AN OUTDOOR SIDEWALK ZONE to SIDEWALK USE PERMIT ON MUNICIPAL ROADWAYS, and sections 92.301 – 92.315; and by adopting by reference City Code Chapter 10 and Section 152.998, which, among other things, contain penalty provisions.

Councilmember Steve Narverud motioned, being seconded by Councilmember Curt Howe to call for first reading to consider amendment to City Code Chapter 92.300 changing PERMITTING OF AN OUTDOOR SIDEWALK ZONE to SIDEWALK USE PERMIT ON MUNICIPAL ROADWAYS, and sections 92.301 – 92.315; and by adopting by reference City Code Chapter 10 and Section 152.998, which, among other things, contain penalty provisions.

WHEREAS, The City of Thief River Falls has sections in the city code within the general regulations that controls among other things streets and sidewalks. This section includes requirements for permitting the use of a portion of sidewalks for business use.

WHEREAS, The City of Thief River Falls currently has an ordinance for permitting of an outdoor sidewalk zone. This was established in preparation for some of the sidewalk improvements that took place in 2019 to allow business use on portions of the sidewalk with a permit. Over the past couple of years, sidewalks being used for business use has increased and the current sidewalk requirements need minor revisions to address actual conditions and maintain clarification on the Minnesota Department of Transportation requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Call for first reading to consider amendment to City Code Chapter 92.300 changing PERMITTING OF AN OUTDOOR SIDEWALK ZONE to SIDEWALK USE PERMIT ON MUNICIPAL ROADWAYS, and sections 92.301 – 92.315; and by adopting by reference City Code Chapter 10 and Section 152.998, which, among other things, contain penalty provisions.

City Attorney Sparby read the proposed ordinance. No action was taken at this time and this ordinance will again be presented at the next Council Meeting. Councilmember Rachel Prudhomme opposed to the reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.105.22: Approval of Revision of Rates and Fees Schedule to Establish an Annual Fee of \$0.00 for a Sidewalk Use Permit on Municipal Roadways.

Following discussion, Councilmember Rachel Prudhomme introduced Resolution No. 05-105-22, to recommend and establish a \$0 Annual Fee, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorensen, that:

WHEREAS, The City of Thief River Falls has sections in the city code within the general regulations that controls among other things streets and sidewalks. This section includes requirements for permitting the use of a portion of sidewalks for business use and references an annual fee set by the city council.

WHEREAS, The City of Thief River Falls currently has an ordinance for permitting of an outdoor sidewalk zone. This was established in preparation for some of the sidewalk improvements that took place in 2019 to allow business use on portions of the sidewalk with a permit. Over the past couple of years, sidewalks being used for business use has increased and the current sidewalk requirements need minor revisions to address actual conditions and maintain clarification on the Minnesota Department of Transportation requirements. The Planning Commission and Public Works Committee are recommending the annual fee for this permit be established at \$0.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve revision of rates and fees schedule to establish an annual fee of \$0.00 for a Sidewalk Use Permit on Municipal Roadways.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.106.22: Approval to Accept low Bid of 2022 Street Improvement Project

Following discussion, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-106-22, being seconded by Councilmember Jason Aarestad, that:

WHEREAS, The proposed work was bid as a result of meetings with department heads, Council Committees, developers, and according to items in the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

WHEREAS, Bids for this project were received on May 5th, 2022 from three contractors. The low bid was received from Agassiz Asphalt, LLC in the amount of \$1,657,013.45. The Engineer's Estimate was \$1,791,328.00. The low bid was 8% below the estimate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve the low bid of \$1,657,013.45 from Agassiz Asphalt, LLC and award the 2022 Street Improvements Project.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.107.22: Approval of Microsoft Training Introduction to Teams, Planners, and To Do

Following discussion, Councilmember Mike Lorenson introduced Resolution No. 05-107-22, being seconded by Councilmember Michele McCraw, that:

WHEREAS, The City has invested in Office 365 for City Staff and Council. While City Staff heavily uses Microsoft Applications, such as Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint. Office 365 also unleashes so many more applications for meetings, collaboration, and tools for everyday work. I am requesting an Introduction Training to Microsoft, Teams, Planner, and To-Do. This will teach the fundamentals of Microsoft Teams and Planner, along with supporting features of other Office 365 components such as Sharepoint Online, To Do, OneNote, and OneDrive.

WHEREAS, Introduction to Microsoft Teams, Planner and To-Do Training will be:

- Led by an online Instructor.
- For 11 attendees for a full day that can be broken up into 2 (3 hours) sessions.
- Hands-on training.
 - We will utilize the council chambers, the large screen tv, and laptops.
- Recording of the training can be used for future training for staff and council members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Approve for the City of Thief River Falls Microsoft Training from Accelebrate.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.108.22: Approval of Government Aid (LGA) Formula Update and \$90M Appropriation Increase

Following discussion, Councilmember Jason Aarestad introduced Resolution No. 05-108-22, being seconded by Councilmember Michele McCraw, that:

WHEREAS, Local Government Aid (LGA) is an essential aid program to Minnesota cities, helping to restrain local property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, LGA helps cities pay for critical needs and services such as public safety, street maintenance & repairs, libraries, parks and trails, economic development and housing; and,

WHEREAS, the LGA formula is reviewed and updated approximately every ten years after the completion of the decennial census; and,

WHEREAS, organizations representing cities have worked together to produce a formula update that they agree on; and,

WHEREAS, the LGA formula proposal included in SF 3971/HF 4064 provides a much needed update to the formula to better reflect city needs and changes in our communities since the last major revision to the formula in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing city services continues to rise due to a significant increase in inflation; from 2009 to 2022, inflation has grown 41%, while LGA has only grown by 18%; and,

WHEREAS, the share of the state general fund spent on LGA has decreased to just 2.12%; and,

WHEREAS a \$90 million increase to the LGA appropriation is essential to fund the formula and is modest compared to the \$9.3 billion state budget surplus; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Thief River Falls' community would be economically devastated without LGA. For example, if the City had to levy the amount of \$3,240,782 the amount the City received in 2022 for LGA, our tax rate would increase by 65.882%, a \$200,000 commercial property's taxes for the City would increase by

\$2,150.00 per year, a \$100,000 residential home would increase in tax by \$475.00 and a \$200,000 residential home would increase in tax by \$1,200.00. The tax levy alone would go up by 115.91% just to cover LGA loss.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Thief River Falls, Minnesota urges through this Resolution to its lawmakers that the state pass the LGA formula proposal and to increase the LGA appropriation by \$90 million; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to US 7th Congressional Representative Michelle Frischbach, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Senator Tina Smith, Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman, Senate Majority Leader Jeremy Miller, House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, Senate Minority Leader Melissa López Franzen, and Governor Tim Walz.
On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.109.22: Approval to Purdy's Shoe Store for a Commercial Energy Improvement Loan

Following discussion, Councilmember Mike Lorensen introduced Resolution No. 05-109-22, being seconded by Councilmember Anthony Bolduc, that:

WHEREAS, The Community Development Advisory Board makes recommendation for energy and business loans. The project located at 209 Labree Ave N, Thief River Falls includes repairs needed on the roof.

Total project cost is estimated at \$38,563.48 with the remaining covered by the business.

WHEREAS, Funds are available for the loan.

WHEREAS, City Attorney Delray Sparby will draft the necessary loan documents secured by a mortgage on the property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign documents granting a seven (7) year Commercial Energy Improvement Loan in the amount up to \$35,000 with interest rate of 2%, secured by a mortgage on property with monthly auto payment from their bank account.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.110.22: Approval to Pennington Fast Lube LLC for a Commercial Energy Improvement Loan

Following discussion, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-110-22, being seconded by Councilmember Jason Aarestad, that:

WHEREAS, The Community Development Advisory Board makes recommendation for energy and business loans. The project located at 201 Main Ave S, Thief River Falls includes heating and cooling, roofing, and window repair or replacement.

Total project cost is estimated at \$55,311.00 with the remaining covered by the business.

WHEREAS, Funds are available for the loan.

WHEREAS, City Attorney Delray Sparby will draft the necessary loan documents secured by a mortgage on the property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign documents granting a seven (7) year Commercial Energy Improvement Loan in the amount up to \$45,311.00 with interest rate of 2%, secured by a mortgage on property with monthly auto payment from their bank account.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 05.111.22: Approval to Rivers and Rails Brewing Company LLC for a Revolving Loan application through the CDAB (Community Development Advisory Board)

Following discussion, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc introduced Resolution No. 05-111-22, being seconded by Councilmember Jason Aarestad, that:

WHEREAS, The Community Development Advisory Board makes recommendation for energy, storefront and revolving business loans. The City would take a second position as lien holder and be the gap financier. And the bank would have first position with the majority of the project cost.

WHEREAS, Funds are available for the loan.

WHEREAS, City Attorney Delray Sparby will draft the necessary loan documents secured by a mortgage on the property and personal assets.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign documents granting a twenty (20) year Revolving Loan in the amount of \$150,000.00 with a 4.00 % interest rate and straight amortization. Secured by a mortgage on the property and personal assets with monthly auto payment. Other financing for the project has been secured.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

1. Mayor Holmer asked for Public Safety to look at events/services lasting longer than 2 hours on whether a business can have a special permit for these clients. Verification with Delray.
2. Councilmember Jason Aarestad would like more discussion on messy yards, could there be an "administrative ticket." Bring to Public Works for discussion. Would like to have more discussion on SRO and K-9 unit at Public Safety meetings. Reminder City Codes are being reviewed.
3. Councilmember Curt Howe mentioned once construction starts residents will need to get items off of the roadways.
4. Mayor Holmer verified Leaf Vac goes from May 16th for 2 weeks.
5. Councilmember Mike Lorenson asked about the impact of Oakland Park road during

construction. Will be closed during construction, approximately 5 weeks.

6. Mayor Holmer mentioned there will be a joint meeting with the City, County and School on August 29th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. City Council Meeting - June 7th at 5:30 P.M.
2. Utilities Committee - June 13th at 7:00 A.M.
3. Public Safety/Liquor Committee - June 13th at 4:30 P.M.
4. Administrative Services Committee - June 14th at 4:30 P.M. Room 201 City Hall
5. Public Works Committee - June 15th at 4:30 P.M.

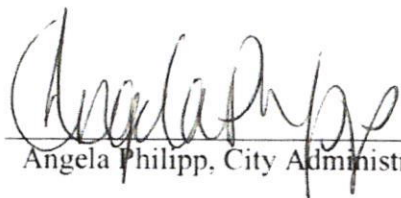
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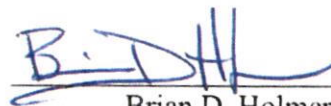
1. Investment Summary 4/2022
2. Mayor Holmer Congratulations to all the 2022 Seniors.
3. Councilmember Rachel Prudhomme asks that residents be aware of people walking and biking in the crosswalks.
4. Councilmember Jason Aarestad asked for an update on the CP Rail regarding the building behind the City Hall. Travis Giffen hopes to have an update at the next city council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Anthony Bolduc, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried.

Attest:


Angela Philipp, City Administrator


Brian D. Holmer, Mayor