

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is officially called to order at 5:30 p.m. on August 1, 2023. This meeting is being presided over by Mayor Brian Holmer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present: Holmer, McCraw, Narverud, Pream, Lorensen, Arlt and Aarestad. The following Councilmember was absent: Bolduc. Mayor Holmer chaired the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

- Nicole Trudeau expressed concern with garbage trucks in her area with leaking liquid garbage and other material in front of her house and left on the road. Nicole asks the council to review what can be done.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Jason Aarestad motioned, being seconded by Councilmember Scott Pream, to approve the agenda.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 08.171.23: Approval of July 18, 2023 Council Proceedings

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Jason Aarestad introduced Resolution No. 08.171.23, being seconded by Councilmember Michele McCraw, that:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council, to approve July 18, 2023 Council Proceedings.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 08.172.23: City of Thief River Falls Bills and Disbursements and Council Per Diems

Presented as part of the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Jason Aarestad introduced Resolution No. 08.172.23, being seconded by Councilmember Michele McCraw, that:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council, to authorize payment of bills and disbursements in the total amount of \$2,302,935.29 and council per diem in the amount of \$1,397.50. A printout of the approved payments, disbursements are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 07.168A.23: Clarification: Brady Martz Audit Findings of Wage Study Implementation Overpayment

Following discussion, Councilmember Jason Aarestad introduced Resolution No. 07.168A.23, being seconded by Councilmember Scott Pream, that:

WHEREAS, According to Resolution No. 03.82.23, it was approved to audit the payroll implementation of the David Drown and Associates wage study adjustments as it related to wage payment adjustments attributable to the time period prior to the October 1, 2022, implementation date through Brady Martz.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Accept the Brady Martz audit findings of the wage study implementation overpayment. The overpayment totaled \$16,032.02 for the time period of September 11, 2022 through September 30, 2022. If an employee received less than a \$100 overpayment, recoupment would occur via a one-time payroll deduction. If an employee received an overpayment greater than \$100, a payment schedule will be set up so that those employees will have until the last payroll in December, 2023 to pay back the recoupment over several payroll periods.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 08.174.23: Approve the opening of a Water Plant Operator position

Following discussion, Councilmember Mike Lorenson introduced Resolution No. 08.174.23, being seconded by Councilmember Michele McCraw, that:

WHEREAS, With the upcoming resignation of Jason Darco, Water Plant Operator, effective August 12th, 2023, a Water Plant Operator will need to be hired to continue the efficient operations of the Water department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED To approve the opening of a Water Plant Operator position. The position will be open to the Teamsters 320 union for 10 days and if it isn't filled, it will be posted to the public.

On vote being taken, the resolution was unanimously passed.

COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

- Councilmember Mike Lorenson mentioned he looked into the audit firm and current five year contract. The Administrative Services committee met on December 14th, 2021 and agreed to five year contract to go to council. There was no RCA provided at the December 21st, 2021 City Council meeting and the contract was signed by the Mayor and City Administrator. Councilmember Mike Lorenson recommends doing an RCA for the remaining years of the audit contract.
- Mayor Holmer mentioned to Councilmember Jason Aarestad to review supplemental budget for the Public Safety needs on money to be received. Mayor Holmer also asked Delray Sparby to review for legal for committee.
- Delray Sparby will review the latest information on Cannabis.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

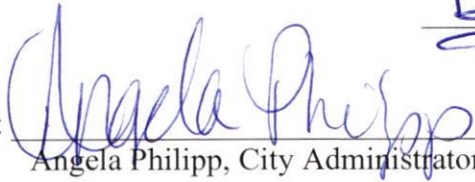
- Utilities Committee Meeting - August 7th at 7:00 a.m.
- Public Safety Liquor Committee Meeting - August 7th at 4:30 p.m.
- Administrative Services Committee Meeting - August 8th at 4:30 p.m.
- Public Works Committee Meeting - August 9th at 4:30 p.m.
- City Council Meeting - August 15th at 5:30 p.m.

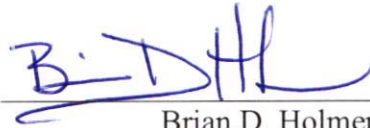
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Scott Pream, being seconded by Councilmember Mike Lorenson to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. On vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried.

Attest:


Angela Philipp, City Administrator



Brian D. Holmer, Mayor