

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF EAST GULL LAKE, COUNTY OF CASS, STATE OF MINNESOTA
REGULAR SESSION
June 4, 2019
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kavanaugh called the June 4, 2019 regular Council meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Kavanaugh, Councilors Ruttger, Demgen and Hoffmann, City Administrator Mason, Planning Commission Chair Bruce Buxton, Administrative Assistant Schack

Absent: Councilor Lang

Audience: Mike Germain, Tim Bergin, Bruce Buxton, Rosemary Susens, Molly Fiksdal, Joseph Dubel, Molly Thompson, Ryan Meyer, Joyce Good, Shane Jordan, Jerry Stromberg, Cheryl Collette, Steve Collette, Rick Smith, Deb Smith, Denny Brown, Ginger Brown, Nanci Lind, Gerald Lind, Mike Bubany, Sheila Ayers, Craig Havlik, Don Karlgaard, Jeanne Marttila, Jack Hickerson, Joseph VanWie, Tom Polovitz, Mary Polovitz, Doug Mansfield

RESOLUTION 06:01-19 – RESIGNATION OF COUNCILOR DENNIS LANG

Councilor Lang's resignation accepted.

Councilor Demgen moved and Councilor Ruttger seconded, the motion to adopt Resolution 06: 01-19 – for Resignation of Councilor Lang as of May 7, 2019; absent: none. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried by 4/4 roll call vote.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILOR REPLACEMENT

Mayor Kavanaugh noted that there was a public notice posted regarding the need for filling of the councilor position. Tim Bergin was the only applicant and was appointed as City Councilor immediately to complete Dennis Lang's term to December 31, 2020.

Councilor Ruttger moved and Councilor Hoffmann seconded the motion to approve appointment of Tim Bergin to the City Council. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

Oath of Office was given to Tim Bergin as the newly appointed Councilor.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4a. Additions: 14c. Cass County Sheriff's coverage of July 4th festivities.

4b. Deletions:

Councilor Hoffmann moved and Councilor Ruttger seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Demgen moved and Councilor Ruttger seconded the motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

5a. May 7, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes

5b. Financial Report

- ◆ April, 2019 bank statement information:
 - Checking Account:
 - Total Additions: \$123,177.93

- Total Subtractions: \$61,464.21
- Ending Balance: \$133,505.02
- Interest Earned to date: \$4.33
- Money Market Account:
 - Interest Earned: \$516.04
 - Ending Balance: \$295,280.27
 - Interest Earned to date: \$2,193.04
- ◆ Approve May, 2019 Check Register
 - Claims 20310 to 20331 for total amount of \$44,430.83
- ◆ Approve Click here to enter a date. payroll EFT payments
 - EFT Payroll: \$24,418.62; EFT Transmittals: \$7,670.14
- ◆ Monthly Budget Report, Delinquent WW Customers Report

OPEN FORUM**

- 6a. 2018 Audit Presentation by Schlenner Wenner & Company
Molly Thompson gave the 2018 audit presentation, noting that the upward cash balance is healthy for the City.

PLANNING & ZONING

- 7a. Planning Commission Report
Chair Buxton addressed the Council regarding the May meeting of the Planning Commission. He noted the Administrator's Report was given. He stated that the Zoning portion of the City Ordinance would be posted online for comments and review from the commissioners.

WASTEWATER & ROAD REPORT

- 8a. Resolution 06:03-19 – Authorizing GO Disposal System Note, Series 2019A: \$354,000; Lift Station #5 Reconstruction
Mike Bubany addressed the Council regarding the benefit of financing through MRWA. It was noted that the loan was changed from a mini loan to a midi loan. He noted the City requested working with Bremer Bank. The term of the loan is 15 years. Pre-payments were discussed. Administrator Mason introduced Joseph Dubel of Widseth Smith Nolting who is now the project manager for the project.

Councilor Ruttger moved and Councilor Demgen seconded, the motion to adopt Resolution 06: 03-19 – for Authorizing issuance, sale and delivery of a \$354,000 GO Disposal System Note, Series 2019A with a 3.2% interest rate for Lift Station #5 Reconstruction; absent: none. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried by 5/5 roll call vote.

- 8b. Road Patch: 1224 Green Gables Road
Mayor Kavanaugh opened discussion regarding the portion of Green Gables Road that needs repairing. It was noted by the road committee that it is quite an extensive repair. It was stated that the work will probably be done sometime this fall.

Councilor Hoffmann moved and Councilor Bergin seconded the motion to approve acceptance for the Anderson Brother's bid of \$20,376.45 to complete the Green Gable's road repair. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Administrator Mason noted that the mosquito spraying has started as of Thursday, May 30, 2019. He also noted that so far, the Pillager Fire Department has turned down the City's proposal for membership.

PARK & TRAILS

10a. Fisherman's Parking Lot at Channel – Wetland Issues

Bids from Donnie Berg and Mike Rardin have been received, but they were not comparable estimates. It was noted that it is not needed to be done right away and further discussion will be needed to make a decision.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No Report

BUDGET COMMITTEE

It was noted that there should be a budget committee meeting held in July. Administrator Mason will be in contact with the committee members to decide upon a date.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Moved to after roll call

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

14a. Flood Hazard Mitigation/Flood Damage Reduction Grant Assistance

Councilor Ruttger stated that there have been meetings regarding the Ruth Lake water level issue. He turned over the discussion to Shane Jordan who addressed the Council. He began by thanking the City for pumping the lake in the past. He noted the lake is 9.12 inches above the ordinary high water. He also noted the lake needs some sort of outlet. He noted many of the residents have water in their basements and there is damage to trees and retaining walls. He asked if the City would agree to pump the lake again to alleviate the situation. Administrator Mason noted that cost to the City was around \$5,300.00. Mayor Kavanaugh asked what the group that has been meeting have determined to do. Routes for piping the water from Ruth Lake to Gull Lake were discussed. It was noted that there is a four-foot drop from the ordinary high of Ruth Lake to Gull Lake. Options were discussed to address the issue. Councilor Ruttger noted that an engineer needs to be asked to be involved as part of the solution of this issue. He noted this will be a long-term solution that will take time to be completed. Councilor Ruttger stated that he would like approval from the Council to apply for assistance. Mayor Kavanaugh expressed the concern of the "Band-Aid" solution not really solving the issue as another rain storm would bring the lake level right back up again. He noted that the permanent solution should be addressed. It was asked if the City would match funds for the engineering plan for a permanent solution for the high water in Ruth Lake. Mayor Kavanaugh noted that the City could looking into the engineering to start the project and would determine a match limit for funds set by the City Council at a future date.

14b. Resolution 06:02-19: Gambling Permit – Raffle at Madden's Resort

Councilor Demgen moved and Councilor Bergin seconded, the motion to adopt Resolution 06: 02-19 – a raffle to be held by MN Building & Construction Trades Council at Madden's Resort on July 26, 2019; absent: none. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried by 5/5 roll call vote.

14c. Cass County Sheriff's coverage of July 4th festivities.

Administrator Mason read a letter from the Sheriff's Office regarding extra patrol during the 4th of July festivities.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT REGULAR SESSIONS OF CITY COUNCIL/OTHER MEETINGS

Planning and Zoning MeetingTuesday, June 25, 2019 at 6:30pm

City Council MeetingTuesday, July 02, 2019 at 6:30pm

Councilor Hoffmann moved and Councilor Ruttger seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Transcribed by East Gull Lake Administrative Assistant
Kathy Schack

These minutes are paraphrased and are not written word for word.

***CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** are considered to be routine and noncontroversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion for decision of these items unless a Councilmember, staff member, or citizen so requests due to a speculative controversy, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered under the regular agenda.

****OPEN FORUM** allows the public to speak to the Council regarding issues that are not on the agenda.