

City of Hill City
Regular Council Meeting
June 9, 2015

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

- A. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. The following persons were present: Mayor Larry Baker, Council Members Nate Rollins, Dave Lange, Tina Haugen and Audrey Baratto.

Staff present: George Casper, Diana McManigle, Mike Boleman and Tammy Root.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Haugen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

3. Public Forum

A. Jonathan Bishop – Mobilehome

Jonathan Bishop was present to request that the Council repeal Ordinance #126, An Ordinance Regarding Building Size Requirements. The Council explained that the reason that this Ordinance was originally put in place was for safety issues with the old aluminum wiring in older mobile homes. Bishop explained that aluminum wiring was last used in mobile homes in 1971. Since 1976 mobile homes (now known as manufactures homes) are built to higher HUD safety standards. Bishop also supplied the Council with pictures of good and bad manufactures homes and stick built homes in Hill City to show that it is all in the maintenance and upkeep of properties for properties to be kept looking good. Bishop explained that Hill City is a small town/community and on Wikipedia that the median income for a family in Hill City is \$25,000.00, people can't afford to build stick built homes. There was also discussion that with all manufactures homes and with all stick built homes and/or additions, garages, etc. that they are inspected by a Building Inspector or a Certified Home Inspector.

Motion made by Baker to repeal Ordinance #126, An Ordinance Regarding Building Size Requirements, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

4. Addition or Corrections to the Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

5. Reports

Maintenance/Water/Sewer/Parks/Airport/Streets

- George Casper reported that the water project would be starting next week either on Tuesday or Wednesday.
- Casper reported that there was a collapsed sewer main on Ione Ave. that needed to be repaired. The City Engineer stated that to fix the sewer main and replace the blacktop would cost around \$63,000.00. George had gotten one quote to have the sewer pipe relined to prevent any more of the line from collapsing at a cost of \$23,000.00. Casper construction was going to repair the collapsed portion of the pipe but have not been able to get here yet as they are busy. George spoke with Anderson Brothers (the company doing the water project next week) and they said they could do the repair of the sewer line and replace the blacktop for a price of \$8,732.00 on Monday of next week.

Motion made by Rollins to put out for bids for the lining of the sewer line since the lining can wait while the repair cannot, second by Baratto. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

- There were some numbers from the lift stations at Quadna in regard to sewer usage and trying to determine the campground and motel usages. Rollins said that he had contacted the new managers at Quadna to have some reports pulled to see what the occupancy was versus the usages on the lift stations. The hard part in determining motel and campground usage is that the #600's & #200's Timeshare units (a total of 27 units) and Roll-in Docks are also on the same lift station. This has been tabled until the next meeting to get more numbers from the 2013 lift station reports and to get the reports from the motel and campground.
- Casper reported that he would like to get better sand for the volleyball court down in the Hill Lake Park.
- Casper explained that Clarke Mosquito is scheduled to spray the Hill Lake Park on June 25th and July 1st of this year. They charge \$700.00 an application so the cost would be \$1,400.00. When he called to inquire why they were spraying on dates so close together he was informed that when they spray using the pickup the spray is only good overnight and when they spray using the "backpacks" the spray is good for up to seven (7) days and they wanted to make sure that the 4th of July was covered. After George was informed of this he contacted Green Again from Grand Rapids a got a quote from them which was \$624.57 an application and the spray would last 30 days versus Clarke Mosquito's spray lasting up to 7 days.

Motion made by Rollins to cancel Clarke Mosquito's contract and contact Green Again to do the mosquito spraying at the Hill Lake Park, second by Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

- There was only one bid for Class 5 hauling. It was from Mike's Bobcat Service at a cost of \$4.40 per yard hauled.

Motion made by Rollins to accept the bid from Mike's Bobcat Service for Class 5 hauling, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

- Casper reported that there is still an issue with people mowing grass clippings into the streets. This causing problems with the storm water drains. Casper said that he was going to try and do some educational hanouts.

Fire Department

- Assistant Fire Chief Boleman reported that there were no calls last month, unit 2 is back in service, they have been painting the fire hall, also they have received the new lockers for the fire hall.
- 6 of the SCBA tanks are expired and they need to replace them a cost of \$872.44 each or \$5,234.64 for all 6.

Motion made by Baker to replace the 6 SCBA tanks at a cost of \$5,234.64, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

- The pump in unit 4 has a burnt out coil that they are going to repair.
- The Fire Relief Assoc. would like a 3.2 liquor license for the 4th of July.

Motion made by Rollins to approve a 3.2 liquor license for the Hill City Fire Relief Association for July 4, 2015, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

• Clerk McManigle asked the Council if they could pre-approve the payment of the fireworks for the 4th of July at a cost of approximately \$4,100.00, the permit for the fireworks from the Sheriff's dept. at \$10.00 and \$150.00 for pickup and delivery of the fireworks by Leo Burley.

Motion made by Baker to pre-approve all of the payments towards the fireworks, second by Baratto. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Police Department

There was no report from the Police Department.

Mayor

Mayor Baker stated that everything was running pretty smoothly.

Clerk

There was no report from the Clerk.

Council

There was no report from the Council.

Committees: Personnel, Facilities/Equipment and Land Use

There was no report from the Council.

6. Old Business

A. Northland Hydraulic Tax Abatement Resolution #2015-09 & Business Subsidy Agreement

Motion made by Rollins to approve Resolution #2015-09 for tax abatement on Northland Hydraulics addition for a ten year period and to also approve the Business Subsidy Agreement, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

B. Tree trimming quotes for Hill Lake Park

George Casper had got quotes from Plackner Tree Care and from JCB Services Tree Moving for trimming in the Hill Lake Park. The quotes from Plackner Tree Care was \$1,200.00 and the quote from JCB Services Tree Moving was \$900.00.

Motion made by Rollins to approve the quote from JCB Services Tree Moving for the amount of \$900.00, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

C. WiFi in Hill Lake Park

This was tabled until the next meeting.

D. Trail Info

George Casper reported that he would be calling the paving company next week to get the walking trail repair completed.

E. Special Events/Street Dance Application

The Council discussed having applications made up for Special Events and Street Dances, but decided against it at this time.

7. New Business

A. Harry's Bar & Grill outside entertainment

Harry's Bar & Grill had requested having entertainment outside until the bar closes on July 3rd & 4th and on July 25th of this year.

Motion made by Rollins to approve Harry's Bar & Grill to have outdoor entertainment on July 3rd & 4th and July 25th, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

B. Employee's cell phones covered? And pay ½ of monthly bill

This was in regard to the fact that the Park Attendant's phone had fallen in the water when she was cleaning up the park and her requesting reimbursement. Also, would the city pay ½ of her phone bill as

she needs her phone for her position with the city since her number is listed as the contact for the Hill Lake Park.

Motion made by Lange to reimburse Tammy Root \$22.50 per month (the same as the Maintenance Assistant is getting paid), retroactive back to May, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

C. Park Firewood

Council member Rollins had some questions about where the city gets its firewood for the Hill Lake Park. The city at one time had gotten it from Itasca County Sentence to Serve but the city had to go to Cohasset and pick it up. Starting last year the city had been purchasing it from Brent Haugen. Last year the city paid \$3.50 per bundle and sold it for \$5.00. Council member Haugen stated that this year the firewood would cost \$4.00 per bundle as they were selling it elsewhere for \$5.00 per bundle.

Motion made by Baker to purchase firewood from Brent Haugen for \$4.00 per bundle, second by Baratto. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor except Haugen who abstained.

D. Adding RV Sites to Hill Lake Park

Mayor Baker feels that the Council should consider adding more RV sites to the Hill Lake Park. Since the city had starting taking reservation for 10 out of the 14 RV sites at the park, the park is already getting booked up for next year. This was tabled to investigate the pricing of adding more RV sites.

Motion made by Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m., second by Lange.

Respectfully Submitted

Diana McManigle, Clerk/Treasurer

Larry Baker, Mayor