

**SPECIAL WORK SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING ~ MAY 18, 2020**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The special work session City Council meeting of the City of Little Falls was called to order by Council President Hircock on Monday, May 18, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom video conference under Minnesota Statutes 13D.021, due to the Covid-19 health pandemic. On a roll call, Councilmembers Knafila, Liljegren, Lundberg, Hanson, Gosiak, Council President Hircock, and Mayor Zylka were present. Councilmember Storlie was absent. It was determined there was a quorum.

2. **PUBLIC FORUM**

*Temporarily suspended.*

3. **BILLS DISCUSSION**

None.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION**

None.

5. **COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS**

a. **Picnic Tables, Downtown Area** – Public Works Director/Engineer Kimman reviewed that City staff placed six picnic tables in the downtown area, (i.e. four on First Street East and two on Second Street East); and that staff will look into how many tables are available and additional options for temporary placement of picnic tables

b. **Part-time Patrol Officers, Police Department** – Police Chief Schirmers reviewed the recent interviews for the fulltime and part-time patrol officer positions. Following the interview, the Committee is recommending three part-time patrol officers vs. the two approved; as current staff is on leave. This item is on the regular agenda for consideration.

Councilmember Storlie joined the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

c. **Chickens in Non-Agricultural [Residential] Zoned Districts** – Councilmember Gosiak reviewed that he has received a request from a resident wanting the City Council to allow residents to raise chickens within the City in residential zoned districts. Following discussions, it was the consensus of the City Council to place this item on the next regular agenda for consideration.

d. **Pavement Maintenance Project Update** – Public Works Director/Engineer Kimman updated the City Council that the proposed sixteen blocks staff is requesting be provided fog seal, slurry seal, crack sealing and overlays will be bid in June with presentation to the City Council in July. No action taken.

e. **License Fee Discussion** – Finance Officer Kasella reviewed staff is proposing that On Sale Liquor License fees for 2020 be prorated due to Governor Walz's Executive Order 20-04 which closed bars on March 17, 2020. Following discussions, it was the consensus of the City Council to add this item to the regular agenda for consideration.

f. **Lead for America Fellowship** - City Administrator Radermacher reviewed a proposal for a Fellowship through the Lead for America program to assist businesses and organizations in receiving support from the City and its programs. This item is on the regular agenda for consideration.

g. **Innovative Funding, Farmer's Market Pavilion** – City Administrator Radermacher reviewed a grant to Sourcewell through their Innovative Funding program for a farmer's market pavilion with the downtown area. This item is on the regular agenda for consideration.

h. **Other**

None.

4. **CONSTITUENT MESSAGES**

a. Councilmember Lundberg reviewed an email she received requesting the City Council declare Governor Walz's executive orders unconstitutional.

b. Councilmember Hanson reported that he received a message from a resident regarding the brightness of the streetlights in the southeast area.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Hircock adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Lori Kasella