

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ~ MAY 2, 2022; AND**  
**RECESSED CITY COUNCIL MEETING ~ MAY 9, 2022**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Little Falls was called to order by Council President Hircock on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Storlie, Hanson, and Council President Hircock, and Mayor Zylka were present. Councilmember Gosiak was absent. It was determined there was a quorum present.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Lundberg, seconded by Councilmember Storlie to approve the agenda of May 2, 2022, as presented. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, and Hanson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Knafla, seconded by Councilmember Lundberg to approve the City Council minutes of the special work session of April 18, 2022; and the regular meeting of April 18, 2022, as presented. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, and Hanson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

4. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Liljegren, seconded by Councilmember Hanson to approve the bills totaling \$386,654.62 for checks 106601 through 106673. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, and Hanson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

5. **AWARDS, DONATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS**

a. **Donation**

1. **Flags, et al, American Legion Post 46** – Commander of the American Legion Post 46, Alex Warzecha, presented the City with flags for Memorial Bridge and a financial donation of \$1,000 to be used towards the City's park system. Motion was made by Councilmember Storlie, seconded by Councilmember Lundberg to receive the Memorial Bridge flags and donation of \$1,000 for the parks from the American Legion Post 46, and further thanked them for their generosity. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, and Hanson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

b. **Presentation**

1. **Certificate of Appreciation, Tim Tabatt, Firefighter** – Mayor Zylka and Fire Chief Seelen presented Tim Tabatt with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 35 years of service to our community as a Firefighter, and further thanked him for his many years of service.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilmember Hanson, seconded by Councilmember Liljegren to take the following action on Consent Agenda items a. through h.:

a. Appointed the following two returning seasonal golf groundskeepers: Andrew Poster at Pay Grade 3, Step 4 \$15.78 per hour; and Brian Lindquist at Pay Grade 3, Step 1 \$14.76, effective as soon hereafter as they are available to start; and

b. Received and placed on file the Heritage Preservation Commission minutes of April 2022; and

c. Received and placed on file the Letter of Retirement from Tim Tabatt from the Fire Department; and

d. Approved the request from Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union to allow a medallion hunt on public property as part of Dam Festival beginning June 13, 2022, contingent upon it not being buried or within Mill Park, they hold the City harmless, they clean up after the event; and they follow Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health guidelines relating to COVID-19 at the time of the event; and

e. Approved an On Sale, On Sale Sunday, and 2AM Liquor Licenses as requested by Leroy and Linda Nouis, Tavern On First LLC, 118 Southeast First Street, contingent upon the appropriate paperwork, insurance, and fees being provided, they pass background checks, and approval is granted by the Police Chief and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division; and

f. Approved the application for a Permanent Structure Sale of Fireworks License as requested by Coborn's Marketplace, 1101 Northeast Second Avenue, contingent upon the appropriate paperwork, insurance, and fees being provided, and approval is granted by the Fire and Police Chiefs; and

g. Approved the application for a Permanent Structure Sale of Fireworks License as requested by Walmart Supercenter, 15091 Northeast Eighteenth Street, contingent upon the appropriate paperwork, insurance, and fees being provided, and approval is granted by the Fire and Police Chiefs; and

h. Received and placed on file the Police Report for March 2022.

Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, and Hanson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

## 7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND LETTINGS**

### a. **Lettings**

1. **Playground Equipment, Minnesota Wisconsin Playground, Parks** – Motion was made by Councilmember Knafla, seconded by Mayor Zylka to award the quotation of \$69,240.66 from Minnesota Wisconsin Playground, Golden Valley, for new playground equipment as listed in the quotation, for Garmradt and Pine Grove Parks, to be charged to the Park Improvement Fund. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, and Hanson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

## 8. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Ordinance No. 31, Seventh Series, Amend City Code Chapter 11, Section 11.03, Interim Uses** – (Introduced 04/18/22) – Councilmember Lundberg moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 31, Seventh Series, an Ordinance Approving Interim Uses. Councilmember Storlie seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, and Hanson. Nays: Gosiak (absent). Council President Hircock then declared said Ordinance No. 31 to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved, and adopted.

b. **Ordinance No. 31A, Seventh Series, Authorize Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 31, Interim Uses** – (Introduced 04/18/22) – Councilmember Knafla moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 31A, Seventh Series, an Ordinance Authorizing the Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 31, Seventh Series, which Amends City Code Chapter 11, Regarding Interim Uses. Councilmember Liljegren seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Knafla. Nays: Gosiak (absent). Council President Hircock then declared said Ordinance No. 31A to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved, and adopted.

## 9. **NEW BUSINESS**

### a. **Wabash National, L.P.**

1. **Public Hearing, Submittal of Minnesota Investment Fund Application** – Motion was made by Mayor Zylka, seconded by Councilmember Storlie to ratify and confirm calling for a public hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022, at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall regarding the submittal of a Minnesota Investment Fund grant application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development requested by Wabash National, L.P. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. **Resolution 2022-38, Call for Public Hearing, Business Subsidy** – Councilmember Storlie ratified, confirmed, introduced, and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2022-38, a Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on a Proposed Business Subsidy in excess of \$150,000 for Wabash National, L.P. on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Lundberg seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, Knafla, and Liljegren. Nays: Gosiak (absent). Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2022-38 to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved, and adopted.

b. **Resolution 2022-39, Bank Placement, Public Improvement 389** – Councilmember Hanson introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2022-39, a Resolution Authorizing the Bank Placement of the 2021A Permanent Improvement Revolving

General Obligation Bonds (2021 Improvement Projects). Councilmember Knafla seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, Knafla, Liljegren, and Lundberg. Nays: Gosiak (absent). Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2022-39 to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved, and adopted.

c. **Request for Funding, Riverbank, Morrison County Historical Society** – Camille Warzecha, Interim Executive Director of the Morrison County Historical Society, reviewed a request asking the City to assist in financing the riverbank repair at their facility. Motion was made by Councilmember Lundberg, seconded by Mayor Zylka to approve a request for \$70,000 to the Morrison County Historical Society to be used towards the repair of the riverbank along the shoreline of Mississippi River and the Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum, contingent upon Morrison County's funding of \$140,000. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, and Hanson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

d. **Resolution 2022-40, Declare Surplus Property, Authorize the Disposal Thereof** – Mayor Zylka introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2022-40, a Resolution to Declare Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale Thereof. Councilmember Storlie seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, and Zylka. Nays: Gosiak (absent). Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2022-40 to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved, and adopted.

e. **Resolution 2022-41, Support Local Government Aid Formula Update** – Councilmember Storlie introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2022-41, a Resolution Supporting the Local Government Aid Formula Update proposed by the League of Minnesota Cities to the legislature. Councilmember Knafla seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Storlie, Hanson, Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka and Hircock. Nays: Gosiak (absent). Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2022-41 to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved, and adopted.

f. **Resolution 2022-42, Establish Fee Schedule, Golf** – Councilmember Hanson introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2022-42, a Resolution Establishing College Golf Membership and Clubhouse Fees. Councilmember Liljegren seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Hanson, Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock and Storlie. Nays: Gosiak (absent). Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2022-42 to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved, and adopted.

g. **Motorized Trail Segment, Camp Ripley Veterans State Trail** – Motion was made by Councilmember Storlie, seconded by Mayor Zylka to designate the Eighteenth Street East as the motorized section within the City for the Camp Ripley Veterans State Trail. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, and Hanson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

## **10. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS OF CITY AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, BUREAUS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

### **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Mayor Zylka announced Al Baert, founder of the Minnesota Fishing Museum, passed away on May 1, 2022.

### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Hircock recessed the meeting at 8:03 p.m. until May 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

## **RECESSED CITY COUNCIL MEETING ~ MAY 9, 2022**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The recessed meeting of the City Council of the City of Little Falls was called to order by Council President Hircock on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Storlie, Hanson, and Council President Hircock, and Mayor Zylka were present. Councilmember Gosiak was absent. It was determined there was a quorum present.

## 2. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND LETTINGS**

### a. **Public Hearings**

1. **Resolution 2022-44, Minnesota Investment Fund Grant Application and Business Subsidy, Wabash National, L.P.** – Council President Hircock opened a scheduled public hearing at 6:31 p.m. to consider a Minnesota Investment Fund Grant Application and Business Subsidy for Wabash National, L.P. Finance Officer Kasella presented the affidavit of publication. Finance Officer Kasella; Mitch Imel, Regional Director of Manufacturing at Wabash; and Carol Anderson, Executive Director of Community Development, reviewed the proposed expansion and business subsidy. Council President Hircock then closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

Councilmember Knafla introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2022-44, a Resolution Approving a Minnesota Investment Fund Grant Application for Wabash National, L.P. Councilmember Liljegren seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Knafla. Nays: Gosiak (absent). Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2022-44 to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved, and adopted.

Motion was made by Mayor Zylka, seconded by Councilmember Storlie to approve the Business Subsidy for Wabash National, L.P. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, and Hanson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

### 3. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Resolution 2022-45, Authorize the Economic Development Authority to Levy a Tax, Wabash National, L.P.** – Councilmember Hanson introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2022-45, a Resolution Authorizing the Economic Development Authority to Levy a Tax Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 469.033. Councilmember Knafla seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson and Knafla. Nays: Gosiak (absent). Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2022-45 to have received the majority vote of the City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved, and adopted.

### 4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Hircock adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wendy J. Zylka*  
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