

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ~ SEPTEMBER 6, 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 Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilmembers Knafila, Liljegren, Lundberg, Storlie, Hanson, Gosiak, Council President Hircock, and Mayor Zylka were present. It was determined there was a quorum present.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council President Hircock amended the agenda by removing Item 9.b. and adding Items 6.j., 6.k., and 9.e. Motion was made by Councilmember Hanson, seconded by Councilmember Lundberg to approve the agenda of September 6, 2022, as amended. Ayes: Knafila, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilmember Knafila, seconded by Councilmember Storlie to approve the City Council minutes of the special work session of August 15, 2022; the regular meeting of August 15, 2022; and the budget meeting of August 29, 2022, as presented. Ayes: Knafila, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Gosiak, seconded by Councilmember Liljegren to approve the bills totaling \$894,351.95 for checks 107313 through 107410. Ayes: Knafila, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

**a. Proclamation**

1. **Infants Remembered In Silence (I.R.I.S.), October 15, 2022** – Mayor Zylka proclaimed October 15, 2022, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day in Little Falls in honor of the thousands of children that die each year in Minnesota.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

a. Received and placed on file the Airport Commission minutes for August 2022; and

b. Approved to the Minnesota Charitable Gambling Control Board, an Application to Conduct Off Site Gambling as requested by the Little Falls Lindbergh Lions at the VFW Post 1112, 1210 Northeast Third Avenue, from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, and further waived any waiting period; and

c. Received and placed on file the Building report for July 2022; and

d. Accepted the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) grant/scholarship to attend the annual SHPO Conference in Duluth by a member of the Heritage Preservation Commission, and further authorized the execution of all documents necessary to receive said funding; and

e. Received and placed on file the Library Board minutes for August 2022; and

f. Received and placed on file the Park, Recreation, and Tree Board minutes for August 2022; and

g. Received and placed on file the Public Works report for July 2022; and

h. Approved a Tobacco License as requested by Hussein Alobaidi, Little Falls Smokey's Tobacco Inc. dba Smokey's Tobacco & Vape, 206 LeMieur Street, contingent upon the appropriate paperwork, insurance and fees being provided, and approval is granted by the Police Chief; and

i. Received and placed on file the Water report for August 2022; and

j. Received and placed on file the resignation of Guy Efraimson as a Wastewater Operator effective September 16, 2022; and

k. Accepted the recommendation of the Interview Committee and appointed Marcus Roman as Groundskeeper at the Golf Course, effective September 7, 2022, at Pay Grade 3, Step 1, \$14.76 per hour.

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

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

### 8. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Amend City Council Motion, Axon Fleet Contract, Police** – Motion was made by Councilmember Storlie, seconded by Mayor Zylka to amend the City Council motion of December 20, 2021, and accepted the credit of \$19,129.58 for unused services, and awarded the modified 10-year Axon Fleet Contract with the increase of \$2,396.03 per year for an additional fleet camera, for the Police Department, to be charged to the Equipment Fund. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

b. **Change Order 1, North Star Drilling, Well Testing** – Motion was made by Councilmember Lundberg, seconded by Councilmember Knafla to ratify and confirm Change Order 1, totaling \$4,625 with North Star Drilling, Little Falls, for a total project cost of \$46,215, for the additional work listed as a part of the well testing in the southeast area of the City, to be charged to the Water Improvement Fund. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

c. **Ordinance No. 36, Seventh Series, Sale of Property, Green Leaf Real Estate Holdings LLC** (Introduced 08/15/22) – Councilmember Hanson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 36, Seventh Series, an Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Sale of Certain Property to Green Leaf Real Estate Holdings LLC in North Bluff Business Park for \$20,000. Councilmember Storlie seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Council President Hircock then declared said Ordinance No. 36 to have received the unanimous vote of the entire City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved, and adopted.

### 9. **NEW BUSINESS**

#### a. **Personnel**

1. **Interview Committee Recommendation, Kris Ambuehl, Fire Captain** – Motion was made by Councilmember Gosiak, seconded by Councilmember Knafla to accept the recommendation of the Interview Committee, and appointed Kris Ambuehl to the paid on call Fire Captain position at \$12.88 per hour, effective September 7, 2022. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2. **Post, Paid On Call Firefighters** – Motion was made by Councilmember Storlie, seconded by Councilmember Hanson to authorize the posting for up to ten paid on call firefighters at the Fire Department. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

c. **Resolution 2022-66, Federal Aviation Administration Grant Award, Taxilane** – Councilmember Knafla introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2022-66, a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, and Minnesota Department of Transportation, for Airport Improvements (taxilane). Mayor Zylka seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, Gosiak, and Knafla. Nays: none. Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2022-66 to have received the unanimous vote of the entire City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved, and adopted.

d. **Resolution 2022-67, Support Calling for a Special Legislative Session** – Councilmember Gosiak introduced and moved for the adoption of Resolution 2022-67, a Resolution Supporting Calling for a Special Legislative Session to Approve the Bonding Bid, which includes Local Government Aid. Councilmember Liljegren seconded the motion for adoption. On a roll call vote; Ayes: Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, Gosiak, Knafla, and Liljegren. Nays: none. Council President Hircock then declared said Resolution 2022-67 to have received the unanimous vote of the entire City Council and the same to have been duly passed, approved, and adopted.

e. **Post, Wastewater Operator Position** – Motion was made by Councilmember Lundberg, seconded by Councilmember Hanson to approve the posting of a Wastewater Operator position internally to the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49, followed by a posting to the public, should no one apply or be qualified. Ayes: Knafla, Liljegren, Lundberg, Zylka, Hircock, Storlie, Hanson, and Gosiak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Hircock adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wendy J. Zylka*

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