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December 4, 2018

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Two Harbors, Minnesota, held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Woodruff.

Members present, Councilors:                      Glaser, Redden, Norberg, Swanson,  
Erickson, Woodruff. 6.

Members absent, Councilors:                      Jussila. 1.

Others present:                                      Administrator Walker  
Finance Director Pietila  
City Clerk Nordean  
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Motion by Erickson and Norberg adjourning the regular meeting and calling to order a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public input regarding the 2019 Tax Levy and Budget. Carried.

Miranda Pietila, Finance Director, was present and addressed the hearing reviewing the proposed budget and tax levy and providing examples of the effect of the proposals for properties of various values.

Jim Williams, of Silver Creek, was present and addressed the Council noting that the property tax statements for two of his properties located within the City are showing substantial increases and indicating his opposition to the increases.

Council Vice President Erickson addressed his concerns noting that his property value had increased which likely caused a reduction in some taconite tax credits, which resulted in a compounded effect. She offered to review his statement following the meeting to assist him in seeking options for relief for the matter.

Mayor Swanson noted that there would be opportunity for Mr. Williams to seek an adjustment to his property valuation through a process conducted by Lake County. This process typically takes place in the spring of each year.

City Clerk Nordean reported that there were no communications received in regard to the proposed budget and tax levy.

President Woodruff asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak in favor of or against the proposed tax levy and budget. There was no one else present who wished to speak regarding either matter.

Motion by Erickson and Swanson adjourning the public hearing and reconvening the regular City Council meeting. Carried.

President Woodruff announced that there were recommended additions or changes to the agenda.

Motion by Erickson and Norberg approving the agenda. Carried.

**Administrative Reports:**

Administrator Walker reminded the Council of the Special City Council meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

**Edna G. Commission:**

President Woodruff reported on a recent meeting of the Edna G. Commission where it was noted that they have been pumping some water from the tug and they are working on the installation of bubblers to avoid ice damage over the winter. The tug has been decorated with holiday lights and there was a steel cable that broke recently, which has now been replaced.

**Finance and Budget Committee:**

Vice President Erickson reported on a recent meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee, and expressed appreciation to Finance Director, Pietila, and the City's administrative staff for their work on the budget and levy process as well as the other members of the committee.

**Public Affairs Committee:**

President Woodruff reported on a recent Public Affairs Committee meeting where the group met with the Campground manager who reported that sales were up in 2018, the campground had offered apparel for sale this year and that had turned out well, recording a profit. The group also discussed a lakeside market event proposed for this summer and discussed some of the requests of the event organizers. These issues will be brought forward at an upcoming Council meeting.

**Public Arts & Beautification Commission:**

Mayor Swanson reported that the Public Arts & Beautification Commission had met recently and discussed the vegetation screening near the Wastewater Treatment Plant, light post banners, the Star Yard Project and the 2019 City Clean-up project.

**Trees & Trails Commission:**

Councilor Redden reported on a recent meeting of the Trees & Trails Commission where discussions were held regarding wayfinding signs, and a proposed cooperative project with the DNR to include ADA measures and QR codes with the Wayfinding signs. In addition the group discussed the potential placement of solar lighting along the walking trail on Lighthouse Point.

**Consent Agenda:**

President Woodruff announced that items listed on the consent agenda are routine in nature and typically do not require discussion. If there is an item on the consent agenda that a council member, staff member or member of the public feels warrants discussion, they may request that it be removed from the consent agenda and dealt with individually under New Business. Motion by Swanson and Norberg that the following consent agenda items:

1. Approving minutes from November 26, 2018 regular meeting.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 12-347-18 ALLOWING CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 163,998.42.**
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 12-348-18 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SEH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,480 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE 2018 FUEL SYSTEM AND BUILDING AREA PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT AT THE AIRPORT.**
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 12-349-18 APPROVING THE CITY OF TWO HARBORS DOMESTIC WASTEWATER DUMPING APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH SUPERIOR SEPTIC SERVICE, LLC.**
5. Approving the request of the Public Works Director to allow Jim Gilbert to attend the American Traffic Safety Northland “How to” Training & Education Workshop in Fargo.

Be adopted as read. Carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call.

**Announcements:**

Mayor Swanson invited the public to attend the Light Up The Park event, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 6 at Thomas Owens Park, sponsored by the Rotary Club. He reported that he and others from the community had an opportunity to visit with Governor Elect Tim Walz in Silver Bay this week and he is looking forward to working with Walz in the New Year. He also reported that the Edna G. has been decorated for the holidays, noting that it looks great and encouraging folks to go see it.

Motion by Norberg and Redden that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

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Miles Woodruff, City Council President

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Patricia D. Nordean, City Clerk