

**CITY OF RANIER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING
TUESDAY JUNE 20, 2017 @ 6:30 PM**

Mayor Dennis Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Council Present: Councilmembers Todd Coulombe, JoAnn Kellner, Bob Dunbar
Absent: Mayor Dennis Wagner, Ron Wilcox
Others present: City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux, Deputy Clerk Tara Mai, Bud Lessard, Robert Ham

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- To approve tonight's meeting agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Todd Coulombe suggested adding the Liquor Store POS station to the agenda.

A motion to approve tonight's agenda with the above addition was made by Councilmember Dunbar; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously.

BUDGET/ADMINISTRATION

- To approve the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (05/16/2017).

A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the previous Regular Council Meeting of 05/16/2017.

- To approve payment of the Claims for the month of May, 2017.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve the May, 2017 claims in the amounts of:

\$11,281.09 for General Fund (with exception of Property Development Construction)
\$21,290.23 for Liquor Fund
\$22,582.70 for Water Fund

- To approve the certificate of support for Backus/AB.

Citizens for Backus/AB are applying for a USDA Rural Development Grant for the re-building of the boilers in the AB building and asking for community support of the project from units of local government in the area served by Backus.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dunbar; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve support of a Backus/AB in its pursuit of a USDA Rural Development Grant.

LIQUOR STORE

- To approve the May, 2017 Liquor Store operating statement.

The Council reviewed the Operating Statement for the month of May, 2017 with a net profit of \$3,537.47 or 11.79% compared to May 2016 with a net profit of \$4,663.57 or 15.24%. The year to date net profit is \$10,289.35.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve the May 2017 Liquor Store Operating Statement.

- To approve adding a second Liquor Store POS station.

Mayor Pro-Tem Coulombe read the BNG proposal to add a second POS station at the Municipal Liquor Store in the amount of \$2900.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to approve adding a second POS station.

BUILDING, STREETS AND GROUNDS

- To approve alley graveling proposal.

Koochiching County Highway Engineer Joe Sutherland submitted a proposal for the county to gravel specific alleys and UT roads in both East and West Ranier in the amount of \$20 per cubic yard.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dunbar; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve the alley graveling proposal

- To approve Zoning Variance Request Filed by Rainy Lake Grill.

Rainy Lake Grill (2019 Spruce Street) owners Karina Joyce-Ham and Robert Ham have filed for a zoning variance from the side setback rule in order to build a 30'x24' deck for outdoor seating with a small bar. The deck would be setback 2 feet from the adjoining property on the north side and 3 feet from the sidewalk and in line with the wheelchair ramp. The Land Use Planning Commission met on 5/17 and recommended approval of the variance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dunbar; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to approve the variance.

- Land Use Planning Commission Appointment.

We have one vacant commissioner position due to resignation of Jeff Oveson (term expiring 3/31/2019). After publishing a notice asking for residents interested in participating, we received two applicants – Matthew Jenkinson and Phil Williams. In addition, we have 2 commissioners with expiring 2 year terms – Sue Swendsen and Ron Wilcox. Mayor Pro Tem Coulombe suggested tabled this item until the full council can move on the appointment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to table the motion until the next meeting.

- To allow north block of Spruce Street to be blocked off 9/2/2017 for wedding.

A wedding will be held at Loony's and on and around Spruce Street Landing. The party would like to have the north block of Spruce Street blocked off from traffic to be able to set up a tent across the street in case of rain. Councilmembers suggested that we post a notice on the DNR bulletin board that the launch will be blocked off that day. A notice will be posted a month prior alerting boaters that the launch will be closed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to allow the north block of Spruce Street to be blocked off for wedding on 9/2/2017.

WATER & SEWER

- To approve assessment to property taxes of delinquent water bill.

Water utility account #554 is in arrears in the amount of \$376.12.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dunbar; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to assess the delinquent water bill for account #554 to the property owner's property taxes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Vacancy on CVB Board

There is a vacancy on the CVB Board to represent Ranier Hospitality. Resident Robert Ham has expressed interest in being appointed to the board.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously to appoint Robert Ham to the CVB Board as Ranier's Hospitality representative.

- Use of Barrel Train

The Ranier Recreation Club requests the use of the barrel train in International Falls at Smokey Bear Park on July 4th, during the l'Falls Bass Tournament and Labor Day.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dunbar; seconded by Councilmember Kellner and carried unanimously to allow the Ranier Recreation Club to use the barrel train in International Falls on July 4th, during the l'Falls Bass Tournament and on Labor Day.

OPEN FORUM

Deb Abrams asked for an update on the clean-up at the Korpi house where the fire occurred. Gautreaux will contact his insurance agent again. A complaint was made about a vacant property in French Addition where the absent property owner is not mowing the lawn. Mayor Pro Tem suggested that the city mow the grass, keep track of the time spent and assess the property owner.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Kellner; seconded by Councilmember Dunbar and carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Todd Coulombe

Date

ATTEST:

City Administrator Sherril Gautreaux

Date