Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the Brainerd City Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Council President Bevans.

Upon roll call, the following members were noted as present: O'Day, Stunek, Terry, Stenglein, Johnson, Czeczok, and Bevans. Mayor Badeaux was noted as present.

Council President Bevans opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND O'DAY, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF RECREATION COORDINATOR KAUFMAN TO PERSONNEL AND FINANCE.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STUNEK AND STENGLEIN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

A. **Approval of Bills**
B. **Approval of Minutes**
    a. **Regular City Council Minutes October 2nd, 2023**
C. **Approval of Licenses**
D. **Department Activity Report**
E. **Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application- Exempt Permit Submitted by the Brainerd Area Hockey Association for an Event to be held on February 24th, 2024, at Essentia Health Sports Center 502 Jackson Street**
F. **Temporary On-Sale License Submitted by Jackpine Brewery for an Event to be held on October 24, 2023, at 2011 S 6th Street.**
G. **Adopt Resolution Accepting 3rd Quarter Donations**
H. **Resolution Adopting Policies and Plans for Small Communities Development Program (SCDP) Grant No. CDAP-23-0018-O-FY23**

Upon roll call, Council Members O'Day, Stunek, Terry, Stenglein, Johnson, Czeczok, and Bevans. voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Presentation

Dan Kasbohm, Utility Financial Solutions (UFS) presented the findings of the financial projects, cost of services, and rate design study for the Sanitary and Storm Sewer utilities.

Member Czeczok asked about the Capital in sanitary sewer analysis and identification of what needs replacement based on risk.

Mr. Kasbohm stated that he is more focused on the financial side of the analysis.

Member Johnson asked about the minimum debt coverage, that the City has taken out General Obligation debt, would the City get better rates if the City took out City Utility Revenue Bond. Is there a benefit to taking out general obligation versus utility revenue.

Chris Hogan, Baker Tilly, stated that the interest rate of a general obligation bonds is going to be lower and there will be less restrictions with general obligation bonds than with utility revenue bonds. She stated that it is more beneficial to the City to issue GO bonds due to the lower rate and less restriction.

Member Johnson asked about the debt service.

Finance Director Hillman stated that the City did issue debt for the Airport project and some debt related to equipment. Historically the City has issued debt. However, with the increase in rates has been able to fund the plan. We are not planning to issue debt in the next five years.

Member Johnson stated that he is not in favor of decreasing the commodity rate. Those that use the system more should pay for it.

Mr. Kasbohm gave an overview of the storm sewer utilities.

Member Czeczok asked who pays for the storm sewer.

Mr. Kasbohm stated that the rate payers pay for the storm sewer utility.

Member O'Day asked whether the $1.7 million is for the gully was included in the analysis.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn stated that the gully is a portion, as well as South Brainerd, and outfall replacement.

Member Johnson asked whether the salary for the Environmental Services Tech position is included in the expenses for the Stormwater/Sanitary Sewer.

Finance Director Hillman stated that it does include the salary in the professional services line item.

Member Johnson stated that rate increases are absolutely necessary. He does not see the reason as to why the City would bond just so that the reserve balance looks like it was above zero.

Member Czeczok asked why the consultant would prefer bonding over rate increases.

Mr. Kasbohm stated that with a rate increase, eventually the rate payers would be overpaying the plan through rates. The bonding would spread the need for capital over 20 years.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn stated that the Personnel and Finance Committee could review the rate design further.

Council Committee Reports

Safety and Public Works Committee

Approve Event/Street Closure Application - Turkey Trot 5K

Committee Chair O'Day stated that the street closure is from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. starting at the Armory and utilizing various City streets.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE EVENT APPLICATION UNDER THE CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE APPLICATION.

Approve Final Pay Request - Improvement 19-02 Cuyuna Lakes State Trail - West Segment

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE FINAL PAY REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENT 19-02 CUYUNA LAKES STATE TRAIL- WEST SEGMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $35,622.

Approve Final Pay Request - Historic Water Tower Phase I

Committee Chair O'Day stated that there is about $235,000 remaining from the allocation of ARPA dollars and the initial $300,000 reserved.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE FINAL PAY REQUEST FOR THE HISTORIC WATER TOWER PHASE 1 PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $49,341.

Approve SEH Amendment - TH 371B/Willow Street Roundabout

Committee Chair O'Day stated that the environmental study that was completed when South 6th Street was previously redone is no longer acceptable.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR THE PHASE 1 ESA IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,383.

Review Classification of Non-Conservation Tax Forfeit Parcel

Committee Chair O'Day stated that this parcel is not within the city limits and the only access is through the requesting landowners property.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN, DULY CARRIED, TO CONCUR WITH THE NON-CONSERVATION STATUS OF THE PARCEL AS DESCRIBED SO THAT IT MAY BE SOLD TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER AND CONSOLIDATED WITH PARCEL NUMBER 99330522.

Approve Easements, Plans and Specifications and Authorize Bidding - Imp 21-15 Buffalo Hills Gully Remediation

Committee Chair O'Day stated that this is for the gully project, there is $905,000 of grant funding. The project will cost about $1.3 million.

Member Johnson asked about the status of the grant.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn stated that the City has received the grant.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT EASEMENTS, APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND AUTHORIZE BIDDING OF THE PROJECT.

Authorize Staff to Apply for Safe Routes to School Grant for Lowell Elementary

Committee Chair O'Day stated the next application for Safe Routes to School is for Lowell Elementary. The maximum amount of the grant has increased from $500,000 to $1,000,000. The City is applying for up to the maximum amount.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT FOR LOWELL ELEMENTARY.

Member Czeczok asked if the project could be done without bump outs.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn stated that the project could be done without bump outs. If the application includes the bump outs in the application, they could not be removed after the award of the grant.

Member Czeczok asked about the deadline for submission of the application. There may be concerns about including the bump outs in the application. The City needs to decide whether they're included or not.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn stated that the deadline for letters of intent is on November 9th.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND O'DAY, DULY CARRIED, TO TABLE THIS MOTION UNTIL NOVEMBER 6TH, 2023 MEETING TO ENABLE THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE BUMP OUT INCLUSION WITH THE APPLICATION.

The Chair declared that the motion to table the matter takes precedence over the original motion. The item was tabled until November 6th.

Authorize Staff to Submit Transportation Alternatives Grant Application - TH 210/Lum Park Pedestrian Bridge

Committee Chair O'Day stated that the maximum that can be applied for is $800,000 with a 20% local match.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO AUTHORITZE STAFF TO SUBMIT A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TH210/LUM PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT.

Direction on Active Code Enforcement Cases

Committee Chair O'Day gave an overview of the violations of the fence at 303 J St Northeast. City Staff has been in contact with the property owner, there just hasn't been any movement on the matter.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND CZECZOK, DULY CARRIED, TO FOLLOW STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PROPERTY AT 303 J STREET NORTHEAST.

Personnel and Finance Committee

Authorize Signatures and Enter Into School Resource Officer (SRO) Services Agreement

Committee Chair Johnson stated that the Attorney General's Office has made clarifying statements since the withdrawal from the agreement. The law has not been corrected yet. However, Police Chief Davis is comfortable reinstating the agreement with the school district prorated for the 24 school days that the SRO officer was not contracted.

Member Czeczok asked whether the SRO was in the school on the days between the Council meeting and the School Board meeting when it was agreed that the School District would accept the withdrawal. He also asked about the opinion given by the MN Police and Peace Officers Association.

Police Chief Davis stated that the SRO was not directly in the school on those days. An officer was in close proximity to the schools on those days. He assumes that the desired by the MN Police and Peace Officers Association remedy was for the Governor to call a special session. They are still encouraging a legislative change instead of indefinitely depending on the Attorney General's opinion. The Law Enforcement community was not a part of any of the committees to give an opinion like they typically are.

Member Czeczok stated that he believes that the Police Chief is correct. The SRO is a great service that the City provides. The Attorney General initially confirmed the concerns that law enforcement had regarding SRO use of force in the schools and later changed his opinion on the matter. The angle of a camera could influence whether or not use of force is justified. He does not feel comfortable having our SRO in the schools without a definite change to the law due to liability. He can see this law being exploited. He does not want to see the City's SRO be involved in a matter that would put them at liable risk.

Member O'Day stated that Member Czeczok makes some very good points. However, the part he struggles with trusting the opinion of the Attorney General without it being in the law and weighing that against the safety of kids in the school. Having an Officer in the school clearly makes the kids safer. He hopes the Attorney General's word is worth its weight until the law is changed.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK TO AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES AND ENTER INTO THE PROPOSED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRAINERD AND ISD 181.

Members Stunek, Terry, Stenglein, Johnson, O'Day, and Bevans voted "aye". Member Czeczok voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

2024 Budget - Discussion on Number of Sworn Officers

Committee Chair Johnson stated that this is the first of a number of budgetary related items to be addressed prior to the approval of the final budget. Finance Director Hillman has found a good use of the public safety aid that helps with the budgetary concerns. This year, 1.5 of the 27 positions will be funded with the public safety dollars and over the next three years, the City will step up to fund the 27 Officers fully with levy dollars.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND TERRY, DULY CARRIED, TO BUDGET FOR 27 SWORN OFFICERS IN THE 2024 BUDGET, AND TO USE THE ONE-TIME PUBLIC SAFETY AID TO FUND THE NON-PERA EXPENSES ELIGIBLE COSTS OF BUDGETING FOR AN ADDITIONAL 1.5 SWORN OFFICERS 100% IN 2024, 66% IN 2025, 33% IN 2026.

Accept the Resignation of Administrative Specialist Brittney Tollefson

Committee Chair Johnson stated that the City would like to move quickly to ensure that there is an Administrative Assistant in the Public Works Department.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO ACCEPT MS. BRITTNEY TOLLEFSON'S RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 25, 2023; FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO BEGIN THE HIRING PROCESS TO BACKFILL THE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST- PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT POSITION.

Accept the Resignation of Recreation Coordinator Katie Kaufman (added item)

Committee Chair Johnson stated that this position was an original position within the Parks Department before the merge into the Public Works Department. The Committee would like the Parks and Recreation Board to review the position now that the position is open.

Member Czeczok asked about severance.

HR Director Schubert stated that the City is required to pay out vacation balance, sick leave is only paid out if they retire or certified disabled.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND TERRY, DULY CARRIED, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MS. KATIE KAUFMAN'S RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 13TH, 2023; FURTHER TO HAVE THE PARK BOARD TO REVIEW THE RECREATION COORDINATOR POSITION JOB DESCRIPTION AND GIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE CITY COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING.

Consider Approval of Environmental Resources Technician Position

Committee Chair Johnson stated that this is the MS4 requirement. Baxter is willing to work with the City to make the position full time. The position will be housed in Brainerd.

Member Czeczok asked about "negotiation".

Committee Chair Johnson stated that this will be a formal agreement to split all costs with Baxter including equipment, benefits, and wage.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES TECHNICIAN POSITION INCLUDING THE PROPOSED JOB DESCRIPTION AND 2023 WAGE GRID AS PRESENTED; FURTHER THAT STAFF NEGOTIATE A FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BAXTER AS WELL AS THE RECOMMENDED WAGE WITH IBEW ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNION.

Authorize Submission of State of Minnesota - Office of the Attorney General Nonprofit/Charity Complaint Form

Committee Chair Johnson stated that at 4:59 p.m. our attorney received an e-mail from Lakes Media's attorney. Lakes Media would like time to correct inaccuracies. The City is under no legal obligation to wait. However, the City has been operating in good faith and kindly through this process, it can give them another three weeks to give the City proof of the inaccuracies.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND TERRY, DULY CARRIED, TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT MEETING TO SUBMIT THE FORM TO ALLOW LAKES MEDIA COLLABORATIVE TIME TO GIVE COMMENT.

Unfinished Business

Call for Applicants – Informational:

Mayor Recommended: (terms to expire on 12/31 of said year)
Charter Commission – 2 terms (Expire 2026) 2 terms (Expire 2025)
Library Board- 1 term (Expire 2025)
Rental Dwelling License Board of Appeals – 5 terms (Expire 2025)
TAC—1 term (Expires 2023)
Council President Recommended: (terms to expire 12/31 of said year)
Parking Commission—1 term (Expire 2026)

Adopt a Resolution Awarding the Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023A; Fixing Their Form and Specifications; Directing Their Execution and Delivery; and Providing for Their Payment

Chris Hogan, Baker Tilly, gave an overview of the City's bond rating and the bond sale that took place on Monday, October 6th. The City sold $5,110,000 in bonds at 4.01% interest.

Member Johnson asked if the utility revenue debt is included in the credit review.

Ms. Hogan stated that the utility revenue debt was a positive in the City's case as it offset the tax levy.

Member Czeczok asked if bonds were physical objects anymore. He also asked about the bonds being sold equivalating it to borrow money.

Ms. Hogan stated that they are not physical objects, and it is much like borrowing money.

Member Johnson asked how much of the total is general fund debt and how close is the number estimated in the debt levy.

Finance Director Hillman stated that she will get this information to the Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND STUNEK TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2023A, IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF $5,110,000; FIXING THEIR FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS, DIRECTING THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT.

RESOLUTION 43:23

Upon roll call, Council Members O'Day, Stunek, Terry, Stenglein, Johnson, Czeczok, and Bevans. voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution for Assessment - 2022-2023 Nuisance Abatement and 2022-2023 Downtown Special Services District

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that Staff has reviewed two requests for forgiveness that were e-mailed to him. Staff recommends removing the citation amounts and keeping the abatement costs for 624 8th Avenue NE. Staff also recommends that all assessments be adopted to maintain the thirty-day timeline while still allowing staff to make further recommendations to City Council at the next meeting regarding the properties discussed at the public hearing.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn stated that the deadline to submit the assessment rolls to the County is December 1st. Staff recommends approving the assessment rolls are presented. If there are contestations Staff recommends removing them at the next meeting in order to review the assessments further yet able to meet the deadline of the County.

Member Czeczok asked whether approving the rolls and removing an assessment later is a better practice than holding over the rolls until the next meeting.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn stated that by approving the rolls at the current meeting it starts the 30-day timeline for payment. A property could be removed from the rolls before they are certified to the County on December 1st if the Council decided to do so.

The Chair opened the public hearing at 9:07 p.m.

Luke Zontelli, 1623 Emma Street, wanted to clarify how much his citations are for. He did speak with Mr. Kramvik before the meeting.

Steve Samuelson, 624 8th Ave NE, stated that his father owned the property and was helping his niece. They took over the property and have cleared all of the issues. He is asking Council to remove the citations on the property.

Felix Gangestad, 300 SE 27th St, asked to clarify what the Council see as tall grass. Chair Bevans asked Mr. Gangestad to contact the Community Development Department the next day.

James Moon, 422 B St NE, stated that he purchased the property last year and has since had serious medical issues. He has been in contact with the Community Development Department and has resolved the issues he is asking the Council to forgive his citations.

The Chair closed the public hearing at 9:17 p.m.

Community Development Director Kramvik recommended that all of the properties discussed tonight remain on the assessment rolls. He will review the cases further, discuss them with the homeowners and recommend an action at the next Council meeting prior to the assessment rolls being certified to the County.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS O'DAY AND STENGLEIN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENTS AS PROPOSED FOR 2022-2023 DOWNTOWN SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT INCLUDING DOWNTOWN SNOW REMOVAL, AND 2022-2023 NUISANCE ABATEMENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE CITATION PORTION OF THE ASSESSMENT FOR 624 8TH AVE NE.

RESOLUTION 44:23

Upon roll call, Council Members O'Day, Stunek, Terry, Stenglein, Johnson, Czeczok, and Bevans. voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution Adopting Assessment Improvement 21-12 North Brainerd Reconstruction Project

The Chair opened the public hearing at 9:19 p.m.

Reverend Leslie Moody, 415 Juniper St, First Congregational United Church of Christ stated that the streets are highly utilized by visitors to Gregory Park and the hospital. The wear and tear that these patrons cause is then assessed to the property owners. The special benefit of increased market value is not applicable to church property. The congregation is small, and the assessment is about 10% of the annual operating budget.

The Chair closed the public hearing at 9:21 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHNSON AND O'DAY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENTS AS PROPOSED FOR IMPROVEMENT 21-12.

RESOLUTION 45:23

Upon roll call, Council Members O'Day, Stunek, Terry, Stenglein, Johnson, Czeczok, and Bevans. voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution Adopting Assessment for Improvement 21-10 Greenwood Street Reconstruction

The Chair opened the public hearing at 9:22 p.m.

No one came forward.

The Chair closed the public hearing at 9:23 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STENGLEIN AND O'DAY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENTS AS PROPOSED FOR IMPROVEMENT 21-10.

RESOLUTION 46:23

Upon roll call, Council Members O'Day, Stunek, Terry, Stenglein, Johnson, Czeczok, and Bevans. voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Final Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1559- Off-Street Parking and Outdoor Storage

Community Development Director gave a brief overview of the ordinance.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STENGLEIN AND O'DAY, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FINAL READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1559- 515-4-12 AND 515-3-28 OF THE ZONING CODE AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

The Chair opened the public hearing at 9:25 p.m.

No one came forward.

The Chair closed the public hearing at 9:26 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STENGLEIN AND TERRY TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 1559.

ORDINANCE 1559

Upon roll call, Council Members O'Day, Stunek, Terry, Stenglein, Johnson, Czeczok, and Bevans. voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Final Reading - Proposed Ordinance 1560- Amending Section 1505.03 of the City Code- Authorizing Police Department to Conduct Background Checks for Tobacco, Tobacco Products, and Tobacco Related Product License Applications

Police Chief Davis stated that the staff has not received any questions or comments since the first reading.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CZECZOK AND JOHNSON, DULY CARRIED, TO CONDUCT THE FINAL READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1560- AMENDING SECTION 1505.03 OF THE CITY CODE- AUTHORIZING POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND TOBACCO RELATED PRODUCT LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND DISPENSE WITH THE ACTUAL READING.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS TERRY AND STENGLEIN TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 1560.

ORDINANCE 1560

Upon roll call, Council Members O'Day, Stunek, Terry, Stenglein, Johnson, Czeczok, and Bevans. voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Public Forum

The Chair opened the public forum at 9:28 p.m.

No one came forward.

The Chair closed the public forum at 9:29 p.m.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Kramvik stated that at the Planning Commission meeting the commission will continue discussion on short-term rentals.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn stated that the Lum Park road project is mostly complete. Landwehr will be starting construction on the SW 4th washout. He thanked the Mayor for coordinating the Great Pumpkin Festival, the new venue was positively received.

Police Chief Davis stated that on October 31st he would like to invite all goblins and ghouls to stop by the Police Department from 3:30 to 6:30 for trick or treating with the Officers.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Badeaux thanked Staff for their work for the Great Pumpkin Festival. He ran the races this year, he gave a shoutout to the Shaws for competing in the thirteen and up events.

He was concerned about the change in venue, there was a lot of good feedback for changing to Memorial including that parents could see their kids in the open space and felt like it was contained enough. He thanked non-park staff Brittney, Shawn, and Toni for stepping up to help with the event as well as Park Board members Johnathan Miller and Kara Schaefer. The next spooky event is on October 28th downtown Brainerd, the Spooktacular.

Council Member Reports

Member Stenglein stated that she toured the Wastewater Treatment Plant with Region V. She stated that Charlie wants to put the City's eternal flame to use.

Member Johnson thanked the Council for passing Ordinance 1559. He formally complained that 1420 Quince Street has an open trailer which is now not allowed under the ordinance.

Member O'Day asked where the partnership is with the railroad.

Administrator Bergman stated that a letter went out to BNSF, but she has not heard anything back from them.

Member Czeczok asked about the letter to be sent to the Public Utilities Commission regarding the tap. He thanked Staff for their work making documents accessible to him as his screen reader is not always capable of reading the documents. He appreciates everyone working hard to ensure that he has access.

Administrator Bergman stated that the letter will be included with the commission packet.

Adjourn To Closed Session Pursuant to MN Statutes, 13d.03, Subd. 1(B) To Prepare For Negotiations With The IBEW Local No 31 And IUOE No. 49 Unions.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STUNEK AND O'DAY, DULY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MN STATUTES, 13D.03, SUBD. 1(B) TO PREPARE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IBEW LOCAL NO 31 AND IUOE NO. 49 UNIONS.

The Chair adjourned the meeting to the closed session at 9:36 p.m.

Council took an eight minute break prior to the closed session.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS STUNEK AND O'DAY, DULY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Jennifer Bergman
City Administrator

October 16th, 2023