

**Brainerd, MN
April 24, 2017**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Riverfront Workshop of the Brainerd City Council was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Council President Pritschet.

Upon roll call, the following members were noted as present: Badeaux, Johnson, Hilgart, Bevans, Pritschet and Mayor Menk. Council members Lambert and Stunek were noted absent.

Council President Pritschet opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Brainerd Riverfront Presentation

The Chair recognized Ms. Jennifer Bergman, the Executive Director of the Brainerd HRA. Ms. Bergman gave a brief background of the Brainerd Riverfront project. She shared that the Brainerd Riverfront committee is comprised of 9 members which has met regularly for last year and a half. The committee chose to hire SEH as a consultant with the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation grant received by the City. The Committee has also identified the Three Bridges Trail as the first project to be completed.

Ms. Bergman introduced Mr. Rod Osterloh, Brainerd Riverfront Committee Chairman, as well as Ms. Heidi Peper, Mr. Bob Kost and Mr. Jeff Ledin from SEH who all provided information on the Brainerd Riverfront project and the Three Bridges Trail. The proposed benefits of the trail, the potential stakeholder/co-investors and year 1 accomplishments were shared with the Council. The Three Bridge Trail design, possible funding options and timeline were presented. Ms. Peper shared that the next step is for a resolution to be presented to the Council in May which will be needed to pursue funding for the preliminary planning and design of the trail.

Council Members asked questions of the presenters.

The Chair recognized Ms. Mary Koep, 123 Laurel Street, Brainerd. Ms. Koep strongly urged the council to put the proposed Three Bridges Trail to a referendum before moving forward with the project.

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:44 P.M.

James M. Thoreen
City Administrator