Brainerd, MN
July 6, 2020

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

Upon roll call, the following members were noted as present: Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson. Mayor Badeaux was noted as absent.

Due to conducting the meeting electronically, all motions will be voted on by a roll call vote for accuracy.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN PRITSCHET AND STUNEK TO AMEND THE AGENDA BY POSTPONING THE COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE MONTH TO THE JULY 20, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN LAMBERT AND BEVANS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2020 - Approved

B. Approval of Licenses - Approved

Contractor Licenses – 7

C. Department Activity Reports - Approved

1. Fire Chief
2. Parks Director

D. Approval of June 15, 2020 City Administrator Performance Review Summary - Approved

E. Event Application – Produce Pop-Up - Approved

F. Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit – Submitted by MN Trappers Association, 29041 73rd St., Pierz, MN for an Event to be Held August 1, 2020 at Brainerd American Legion, 708 Front St., Brainerd - Approved

G. Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit – Submitted by the Brainerd Fire Department Relief Association for an Event to be Held December 7, 2020 at the Brainerd Fire Department, 23 Laurel St., Brainerd - Approved

H. Temporary On-Sale Liquor License Application – Submitted by the Brainerd Jaycees for an Event to be Held on September 12, 2020 in Downtown

Brainerd in the Mills Parking Lot Located at Front and S. 6th Street - Approved

I. Ratification of Hiring Temporary/Seasonal Employee - Approved

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Community Member of the Month – Postponed to July 20, 2020 Council Meeting

Presentations

The Chair recognized Senior Commander Lowell Kruse, who presented Camp Ripley’s 2020 Community Brief. He explained the mission of Camp Ripley is to provide superior customer service, facilities and resources empowering organizations to train in a realistic environment while fostering positive community relations and being the best neighbor they can be. He reviewed a background of the current leadership staff; the 2019 economic impact and the efforts being taken due to COVID-19. He gave a brief overview of the 2020 training schedule, community outreach events and the environmental partnerships. The Council had the opportunity to ask questions and the Chair thanked Senior Commander Kruse for his presentation.

Council Committee Reports

Safety & Public Works Committee Report

Event/Street Closure Application – ECFE & City of Brainerd Touch-A-Truck - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN BEVANS AND LAMBERT TO APPROVE THE EVENT/STREET CLOSURE APPLICATION FOR THE BRAINERD ECFE AND CITY OF BRAINERD TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT ON OCTOBER 3, 2020 PROVIDING THAT THE GOVERNOR’S REGULATIONS FOR COVID-19 ARE MET.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Event/Street Closure Application – Jaycees Street Fest - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN BEVANS AND LAMBERT TO APPROVE THE EVENT/STREET CLOSURE APPLICATION FOR THE JAYCEES STREET FEST EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12, 2020 IN THE MILLS PARKING LOT AT THE CORNER OF FRONT AND S. 6TH STREET UNDER THE CONDITIONS THAT REQUESTS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL BE MADE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT AND THE APPLICANT COORDINATE POLICE STAFFING WITH DEPUTY CHIEF BESTUL WITH A PLAN FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING, WEARING MASKS AND CONTROL OF THE EVENT TO UNDER 250 PEOPLE BE SUBMITTED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO THE EVENT AND ANY WATER/POWER NEEDS BE COORDINATED WITH BPU.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Council Member Lambert addressed the concern that the volume of the music be lowered at 10:00 pm, due to resident complaints from previous years. Council Member Johnson stated this may be discussed with the Jaycees.

Council Member Lambert made a motion to amend the previous motion.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN LAMBERT AND BEVANS TO ADD TO THE PREVIOUS MOTION THAT THE BRAINERD JAYCEES EVALUATE AND MONITOR THE DECIBEL LEVEL OF THE MUSIC TO BE LOWERED AT 10:00 PM UNTIL THE EVENT CONCLUDES.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Improvements 13-21, 19-09, 19-16, 19-20, and 19-21 – NE Brainerd Reconstruction Project – Change Order 1 – Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN BEVANS AND W. ERICKSON TO ACCEPT STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVE THE ATTACHED CHANGE ORDER FOR IMPROVEMENTS 13-21, 19-09, 19-16, 19-20 AND 19-21.

Committee Chair Bevans explained this is a two-step change order. He said the first is to provide clean water to residents during the temporary shutoff, the contractor had to go out of the normal area for valve placements which incurred an additional cost. He stated the second is a revision to a section of storm sewer which needs to be dug in deeper where a fiber optic duct was discovered.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

City-Wide Storm Sewer Hydraulic and Hydrologic (H & H) Modeling Proposal - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN BEVANS AND LAMBERT TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HRGREEN FOR THE CITY-WIDE STORM SEWER HYDRAULIC AND HYDROLOGIC STUDY AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED THE BUDGETED AMOUNT OF $70,000 WHICH COMES FROM STORM SEWER FUND 238.

City Engineer Sandy stated a study such as this helps the City to mitigate risks by understanding the makeup and sizing of the system and how it reacts to larger storm events.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Regulating Location of Garbage Receptacles – No Action Taken

City Administrator Bergman stated a resident wanted to voice his concerns regarding garbage cans being left out in the right-of-way as they attract bugs and vermin.

Council Member Bevans explained there is an issue with garbage receptacles being left out, and Community Development Director Chanski offered a simple revision to City Code

Section 600.05 regarding garbage. Member Bevans indicated there is the concern of how to enforce this ordinance due to multiple garbage collection companies operating in the City on different pickup schedules. He said further ordinance review may be needed, and more ideas will be brought to the next Council meeting on July 20, 2020.

Personnel and Finance Committee Report

Approval of Bills and 2019 Transfers of Funds - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN PRITSCHET AND STUNEK TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND 2019 TRANSFERS OF FUNDS AS RECOMMENDED BY PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

From General Fund 101 to Capital Fund 400	$133,000 per Fund Balance Policy
From Public Safety Fund 225 to Fire Capital Fund 404	$52,000 per FAB Contract

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Discussion on Lakes Area Media Collaborative – Direction Given

Committee Chair Pritschet explained the details of concerns with Lakes Area Media Collaborative and the difficulty obtaining the necessary equipment and installation deadlines.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN PRITSCHET AND T. ERICKSON TO DIRECT STAFF TO LOOK FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH LAKES AREA MEDIA COLLABORATIVE AND STAFF WILL PRESENT A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL AT THE JULY 20, 2020 MEETING.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Resignation of Paid on Call Firefighter Sell - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN PRITSCHET AND STUNEK TO ACCEPT WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF FIREFIGHTER SELL EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2020.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Police Officer Retirement - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN PRITSCHET AND T. ERICKSON TO ACCEPT WITH REGRET THE RETIREMENT OF OFFICER SCHREIFELS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 16, 2020.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Police Request to Use Drug Forfeiture Funds - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN PRITSCHET AND STUNEK TO APPROVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE APPROXIMATELY $1,037 OF DRUG FORFEITURE FUNDS TO PURCHASE A LAPTOP COMPUTER.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Resignation of Seth Greenwaldt – Street Maintenance I - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN PRITSCHET AND T. ERICKSON TO ACCEPT WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF SETH GREENWALDT EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2020 AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO BEGIN THE HIRING PROCESS TO BACKFILL THIS POSITION.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Memorandum of Agreement Between the City and LELS Local #65 to Extend the Appeals Panel Decision Timeframe from Five Days to Six Weeks - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN PRITSCHET AND STUNEK TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRAINERD AND LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES INC LOCAL #65 (POLICE OFFICER) UNION EXTENDING THE TIMEFRAME FOR THE APPEALS PANEL TO REACH A BINDING DECISION AFTER AN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PRESENTATION FROM FIVE DAYS TO SIX CALENDAR WEEKS.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Recycling Fund Discussion – Direction Given

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN PRITSCHET AND BEVANS TO DIRECT STAFF TO DISCUSS COST SHARING WITH BPU AND TO COVER THE SHORTFALL WITH FUNDS FROM STORM SEWER FUND.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Call for Applicants – Informational:
(Application Information at www.ci.brainerd.mn.us/boards/)

Mayor Recommended: (terms to expire on 12/31 of said year)
Cable TV Advisory Committee – 1 term (Expire 2021) - 2 terms (Expire 2022)
Charter Commission – 2 terms (Expire 2020) - 1 term (Expire 2021) – 1 term (Expire 2022) – 1 term (Expire 2023) *pending appointment*

Mayor Recommended: (terms to expire 09/07 of said year)

Economic Development Authority (EDA) – 1 term (Expire 2020)
Other
Water Tower Fundraising Committee – Applicants Needed

Committee Recommendations – Recommended by Mayor Badeaux - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN BEVANS AND PRITSCHET TO APPOINT KEVIN YEAGER TO THE CHARTER COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

City Hall Remodel Front Stairwell/Exterior Work Discussion and Overall Project Update - Approved

City Engineer Sandy stated upon further examination of the front steps and the need to resolve safety issues, WSN recommends changes in the scope of work. He gave a brief review of the condition of the steps and the recommended solution to construct a safe and durable stairway.

Mr. Kevin Currie, project manager with Contegrity Group gave an update to the quote from Baratto Brothers and the cost factors involved. He stated the first option would be to use the granite stone as the stair treads, at a cost of approximately $92,000. He explained the second option of using the granite stone as a riser with concrete as the stair tread would increase the bid by about $10,000 and would be the best option for safety and longevity. He indicated this would fall within the budgeted contingency fund.

Mr. Mike Angland, project manager with WSN indicated significant shifting of the stairs has occurred due to freezing and thawing cycles. He said a better determination of the scope of work can be done when the stairs are removed.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN BEVANS AND LAMBERT TO AUTHORIZE CONTEGRITY AND WSN TO REMOVE THE STAIRWELL WITH THE UNDERSTANDING TO RECONSTRUCT BY USING THE GRANITE AS STAIR RISERS WITH CONCRETE STAIR TREADS, TO PRESERVE THE QUALITY OF THE GRANITE AND RETURN TO THE COUNCIL WITH AN ACCURATE COST WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Mr. Currie and Mr. Angland gave a brief update to the overall project including the exterior cleaning and repair, the completion of the roof work and mechanical system. Mr. Angland stated special care will be given to the materials used on the exterior to preserve the historical integrity of the building.

New Business

Update on Dangerous Dog

Mr. Michael O'Brien, Animal Control Officer gave an update regarding the requirements for the dog owners to comply with from the Council meeting on June 15, 2020. He indicated they have met the fencing, licensing and rabies requirements but have not obtained the correct insurance policy. He said according to our City Ordinance and state law, the next step is to seize the animal to be held at the HART animal shelter for 14 days at the expense of the owner and may be reclaimed upon proof of the required insurance and holding fees are paid.

Council discussion took place. Member Pritschet indicated he will be voting against the motion, as he does not agree with the dangerous dog determination.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN BEVANS AND T. ERICKSON TO FOLLOW THE CITY ORDINANCE AND STATE LAW AS OUTLINED BY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER MICHAEL O'BRIEN.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted "aye". Member Pritschet voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution Awarding the Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020A; Fixing their Form and Specifications; Directing their Execution and Delivery; and Providing for their Payment – Adopted Resolution 31:20

Mr. Paul Steinman with Baker Tilly gave a review of the rates and bids on the general obligation bonds. He indicated the recommendation is to award the bid to UMB Bank at their proposed rate of 1.09%. Mr. Steinman read some of the comments from the rating report, which were all very favorable.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN BEVANS AND W. ERICKSON TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2020A, IN THE REDUCED AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $3,595,000; FIXING THEIR FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS; DIRECTING THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT WITH UMB BANK AT 1.09% INTEREST RATE.

RESOLUTION NO. 31:20

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Discussion on Work from Home Plan and the Re-Opening of City Facilities - Approved

City Administrator Bergman explained the recommendations of installing equipment to allow for a controlled access to City Hall as we continue to look ahead to re-opening City facilities. She said the work from home plan has been updated to reflect staff return to work on a rotating basis. She indicated at this time, the police, fire, and parks departments will remain closed to public access.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN PRITSCHET AND LAMBERT TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO OPEN CITY HALL WHEN EQUIPPED WITH CONTROLLED ACCESS EQUIPMENT AND APPROVE THE REVISED CITY OF BRAINERD STAY AT HOME WORK PLAN AS PRESENTED.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

CARES Act Funding – Informational

Finance Director Hillman stated the City of Brainerd will be receiving CARES Act funding and she explained the required criteria to use these funds. She indicated staff will provide more detail regarding the allowed uses and timeframe to use the funds at the July 20, 2020 meeting.

Discussion on Re-Establishing the Parking Commission - Approved

Council Member Johnson indicated he spoke to a downtown business owner recently regarding parking concerns. He said she requested a committee be organized to discuss ideas to resolve some parking issues. There was a parking commission in the past that was dissolved due to lack of attendance of members. Council Member Lambert suggested a smaller group of five members.

Mr. Bruce Buxton indicated downtown parking remains a concern and as we renovate and revitalize the buildings the need for parking will increase.

Community Development Director Chanski stated the original commission was comprised under the direction of the Planning Department. He requested clarification from Council as to the direction to take. He also stated in order for this to be a successful committee, there will need to be a purpose established and direction given to the members of the problems they are to address.

Council Member Bevans stated he believes creating another committee is a waste of time and explained the rental housing committee has yet to come to the Council with their recommendations.

Council Member Lambert indicated the rental housing committee has accomplished many tasks but were halted due to COVID. She stated she is in favor of re-establishing the parking commission.

Council discussion took place.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN LAMBERT AND W. ERICKSON TO REESTABLISH THE PARKING COMMISSION AS AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO MEET MONTHLY WITH APPOINTMENTS LIMITED TO FIVE MEMBERS.

Council Member Lambert indicated in the past, there was no Council Member appointed as a liaison. It was determined this is not necessary to appoint a liaison to re-establish the commission.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. Member Bevans voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Resolution – Improvement 14-05 – Old Stonebridge Trail Final Lift – Accepting Bid – Adopted Resolution 32:20

City Engineer Sandy gave a brief update regarding the Council’s request for information regarding a previous payment towards the final lift. He said the recommendation is to award the bid to Knife River Corporation at the project cost of $66,073. He stated the original developer placed a $20,000 wear course escrow in 2004, which will reduce the project cost to $46,073.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN BEVANS AND LAMBERT TO ACCEPT STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN WHICH ACCEPTS THE BID FROM KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION AT A TOTAL BID COST OF $66,073 AND AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT.

RESOLUTION NO. 32:20

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Transient Food District Exemption - Approved

Community Development Director Chanski explained the details of the request from the applicant and the potential to revisit the transient food districts listed in our ordinance. He explained due to COVID, many food trucks are looking at other options to operate.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN BEVANS AND STUNEK TO APPROVE THE OPERATION OF THE ALL FRIED UP FOOD TRUCK OUTSIDE OF THE OLD PAPA JOHNS LOCATED AT 400 WASHINGTON STREET FOR ONE DAY PER WEEK THROUGH 2020.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted "aye". No member voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

Public Forum

The Chair opened the public forum at 9:39 p.m.

The Chair recognized Erika Olson, 911 S. 8th St., who wanted to discuss the dangerous dog issue as she is the owner of the dog.

Council Member Johnson stated Council policy states topics on the agenda cannot be discussed during public forum but will allow her three minutes to speak.

Ms. Erika Olson stated she disagrees and is very upset with the determination of her dog being deemed as a dangerous dog due to a neighbor providing false information. She gave a brief update of the situation and her input regarding the report against her dog.

The Chair recognized Cheryl Peterson, 1518 Quince St., who spoke regarding the dangerous dog issue and is also against the determination of Ms. Olson's dog and asks for Council to reconsider.

The Chair closed the public forum at 9:50 p.m.

Staff Reports

City Administrator Bergman announced the working group for the Region Five Children's Museum was scheduled to meet today, the Master Plan Task Force will meet on July 16th and the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Business After Hours highlighting the museum on July 28th. She explained the Downtown Business Coalition has raised funds for banners to be displayed downtown and the Council Workshop will be held on July 13th at the Fire Department.

Community Development Director Chanski indicated he will be presenting an update of the activities taking place in his department at the July 20th meeting. He stated the LCCMR submission for the Riverfront Trailhead has reached the next step as being selected to present to the LCCMR Board, with the date yet to be determined. He announced as of July 1st, the City is authorized to conduct commercial plumbing plans and inspections and thanked Building Official Darrin Deseth for his Master Plumber accreditations. He indicated all building permit applications are available online and paper applications will be terminated October 31, 2020.

Mr. Chanski requested direction from the Council as to resuming rental housing inspections, which were placed on hold in March due to COVID.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN BEVANS AND STUNEK TO RESUME RENTAL HOUSING INSPECTIONS AND DIRECT STAFF TO TAKE PROTECTIVE AND SAFETY PPE MEASURES.

Upon roll call, members Lambert, Stunek, Pritschet, Bevans, W. Erickson, T. Erickson, and Johnson voted “aye”. No member voted “nay”. The Chair declared the motion carried.

Park Director Sailer announced the final Memorial Park drawing was in the packet and will be meeting with WSB on July 7th to discuss and fine tune the plans. He gave a brief update of the bidding plans and details about future sport events in this park.

Council Member Bevans clarified the Splash Pad that is being fundraised for is a private enterprise and is not associated with the City or any of the Parks Departments’ projects.

Council Member Reports

City Administrator Bergman stated Mayor Badeaux has asked her to thank everyone for the successful 4th of July fireworks event.

Council Member Lambert said she has been asked by residents if the City is going to require face masks to be worn in public. It was determined that it is highly encouraged but not mandatory.

Council Member T. Erickson gave brief updates to the Northland Arboretum and the Riverfront committee meetings and stated the Fire Advisory committee meeting was canceled for the month of May.

Council Member W. Erickson said he is proud of our Police Department and how they have been handling various situations in the community.

Council Member Johnson stated he encourages wearing masks in public. He also stated he met with BPU and power costs are low due to the new agreement in place. He announced there was an issue with vehicles being vandalized with eggs being thrown in southeast Brainerd. He requested City Engineer Sandy to follow up with the street department to get the sweeper out to clean it up.

Mr. Johnson added he has been asked why the public forum is located at the end of the meeting and why topics on the agenda cannot be discussed at said forum. He directed staff to look into the reason why.

<u>Adjourn to Council Workshop on July 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Fire Department</u>

The Council adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Jennifer Bergman
City Administrator