

**CITY OF RHINELANDER
PARKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherrie Belliveau, Tom Gleason, Joe Salzer, and Tom Kelly, Alex Young (arrived at 4:15 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Gunder Paulsen, Mayor Dick Johns, City Administrator Blaine Oborn, Kyle Rogers of Northwoods River News, Nathan & Erica Nuskiewicz, Laurie Goscha, and Bob Lake of PPHC.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Belliveau called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The media was notified, the agenda was posted, and a quorum was present to do business.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

GLEASON/YOUNG, MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2011. 4 AYE, 1 ABSENT (YOUNG); MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting minutes of August 29, 2011 were not available for approval at this meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT

- See Attached List

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SKATEBOARD PARK UPDATE

There was no new information at this time.

DISCUSS/APPROVE BIDS FOR CITY HALL RENOVATION PROJECT

Laurie Goscha recommended awarding the City Hall renovation bid to Teschendorf and Schrock in the base amount of \$554,620.00. The other bidder was Altman Construction with a base bid of \$620,000.00. She was surprised and disappointed at the low number of bids. She explained that the masonry work prices are substantially higher than what they are used to seeing, but lower than last time by 20%.

SALZER/KELLY, MOTION TO APPROVE AWARDED THE CITY HALL RENOVATION PROJECT BID TO TESCHENDORF & SCHROCK IN THE BASE AMOUNT OF \$554,620.00. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE ON CONCEALED CARRY AND SIGNAGE

There was nothing new to report on this.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS/APPROVE TREE CARVING AT PIONEER PARK

Nathan Nuskiewicz of Potlicker Chainsaw Sculptures stated that they had started a tree carving on a dead tree in Pioneer Park in part for the fair. They want to carve the whole tree down to the ground and are looking for possible sponsors. Regular retail price is about \$6000.

Sherrie Belliveau explained that the committee wouldn't know till the budget is done if there was any money available. She asked if they had talked to Tina Werres of the Oneida County Fair to see if they could donate any money. Nathan said they had, and the Fair did not have any money.

Gunder Paulsen thought that they should do a story in the newspaper, and Sherrie noted that if there was some money available to put aside, they could ask people to match it. Nathan hoped that maybe someone could sponsor this in part.

DNR RANGER STATION UPDATE

Gunder reported that they had sent the DNR a letter stating that they would like them to remove the building and everything except the garage. He had not heard back from Jeff Pennucci of the DNR yet. Gunder had asked about information on grants.

MATTERS OF EMERGENCY/INFORMATIONAL NATURE

Mayor Johns asked who was going to be responsible for raising and lowering the American flag on the flagpole in the Anderson Street parking lot when the need arose. He suggested the Fire Department or possibly the Police Department could do it on the weekends. The veterans will be taking care of the garden around it. Joe Salzer thought that the installation and care of it was the responsibility of AT&T. Mayor Johns explained that they purchased the flag, but the City is responsible for taking care of it. Alex Young explained that you can sign up for emails that notify you when the flag should be taken to half mast. Sherrie asked to have Police Chief Mike Steffes and Fire Chief Terry Williams invited to the next meeting to discuss this item.

Gunder reported that he had gotten a call from Tim Hintz of WPS. They are wanting to take the power out of Shepard Park to the old waste water treatment plant and wanted to know where the power needs to be. Sherrie said that power would still be needed in both locations. There will be potential bathrooms at the old treatment plant site. City Administrator Blaine Oborn agreed that future power was needed in those locations.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS & CLAIMS

GLEASON/SALZER, MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5126.10. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS AND MEETING DATE

Skateboard Park Update
DNR Ranger Station Demolition
American Flag Responsibilities at AT&T Cellular Tower Location

The next regular meeting will be held on October 24, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall

ADJOURNMENT

KELLY/GLEASON, MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 PARKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:45 P.M. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.

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