

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

July 30, 2015

The Special Meeting of the City Council was called to order in the Council Chambers of the City of Detroit Lakes Administration Building, July 30, 2015 at 12:00 P.M., all members of the City Council having been notified of the meeting and the business to be transacted.

Present: Mayor Matt Brenk; City Administrator Robert Louiseau; City Clerk Glori French; Public Works Director Brad Green, City Attorney Charlie Ramstad and Intern Dylan Ramstad Skoyles

Aldermen: Schiller, Schurman, Sukke, Wenner and Zeman

Absent: Imholte, Marks Erickson and Waller

Mayor Brenk opened the meeting noting that the Special Council Meeting discussion would be limited only to the two agenda items.

Mayor Brenk announced the City had received one applicant for the WARD III Alderman vacancy. After discussion, a resolution was introduced by Alderman Sukke, who moved its adoption, to appoint Matthew T. Boeke to the vacant Ward III Alderman position. The motion for the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Alderman Zeman and carried without a dissenting vote. Mayor Brenk declared Resolution 0730 adopted.

City Administrator Bob Louiseau gave an update on the recent activity regarding the possibility of natural gas services in our area. Louiseau reported at the July 14, 2015 City Council Meeting the first reading of an Ordinance granting Greater Minnesota Gas Company a nonexclusive Franchise Agreement for the sale of gas energy was approved. Since that time Minnesota Energy Resources has started to install natural gas pipes and contact area residents for the purchase of natural gas.

Alderman Sukke and Alderman Zeman expressed concern for Greater Minnesota Gas Company since Minnesota Energy Resources has started installation of a natural gas pipeline in the same geographic area (Long Lake area) as outlined in the Greater Minnesota Gas Company Project Plan. Both noted Minnesota Energy Resources had received many requests but was unwilling to extend service to Long Lake area until Greater Minnesota Gas began extending lines nearby and proposed serving the area.

Pamela Sarvela, Manager External Affairs with Minnesota Energy Resources appeared before the Council noting for the last eighteen to twenty four months Minnesota Energy Services has been involved with a Plan to extend services into the Long Lake area. Sarvela noted the Public Utilities Commission that regulates natural gas services had also made some major changes to State laws and rules that allowed Minnesota Energy Resources to expand service areas.

After further discussions City Administrator Bob Louiseau recommended the Council consider the adoption of Ordinance 393 granting Greater Minnesota Gas Company a

Franchise Agreement. By doing so the Franchise Agreement would be in place when and if Greater Minnesota Gas Company wanted to expand service within City limits or when areas where Greater Minnesota Gas provide service are annexed and become part of the City. Louiseau noted there are several areas where Greater Minnesota Gas provides service abutting and adjacent to the City boundaries.

A motion was made by Alderman Zeman, seconded by Alderman Sukke and carried, without a dissenting vote introducing for its second reading and adoption of Ordinance 393 granting Greater Minnesota Gas Company a nonexclusive franchise to construct, operate, repair and maintain facilities and equipment for the transportation, distribution, manufacture and sale of a gas energy for public and private use and to use public ways and grounds of the City of Detroit Lakes. Mayor Brenk clarified the motion also approved the Gas Franchise Insurance Agreement between the City of Detroit Lakes and Greater Minnesota Gas Company.

There being no further business to conduct, by general consent, the Mayor adjourned the meeting 12:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glori French".

Glori French
City Clerk