

HARBOR COMMISSION

Wednesday July 10th, 2024 @ 4:30 P.M.

City Hall in the Council Chambers

The mission of the Harbor Commission Committee is to promote the use of the harbor and its facilities, maintain the public harbor facilities, and plan for harbor improvements.

- 1.) Harbor Commission Chairman Rhode called the meeting to order.
- 2.) Roll Call: Ken Hayes, Dick Olson, Nancy Rhode, Todd Trepanier EXCUSED: Lori Stenstrup ALSO present: Mayor Cliff Martin; Director of Park, Rec., and Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **Hayes motioned for approval of Agenda; Olson called second. (4 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/12/2024 were placed in motion by Olson with a Hayes second. (4 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence: Live Harbor Cam Views- June 1st- June 30th – 7,421 views
- 7.) **Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:**
 - a.) *Grants for Dredging* has no updates.
 - b.) *2024 Slip Rentals*– 43 of the 50 available are occupied 1 month or longer: 2024 lost 3 via no-shows/and an owner selling.
 - c.) *2024 Transient Boaters*– 4 scheduled (1 or 2 weekend nights) Some have canceled due to the weather, wind, rain, fish not biting. We are down on our average.
 - d.) *2024 Harbormasters* started April 1st (Still looking for 1 more)
 - e.) *The three year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions* has been completed.
 - f.) *2024 Waterfest*. Elks requesting Launch & Launch parking area closed all day July 3rd. Midnight on July 2nd to Midnight July 3rd. With the leadership, no incidents occurred this year. The Mayor heard a lot of compliments on the staff, facilities, and event. We had the most citizens attend until 11 p.m. Our closing out of the area via technology and signage were the answer. However we need new leadership for Waterfest AND the Fly In, as Pat Trepanier is stepping down but will mentor the 1st year.
 - g.) *Possible Black Top parking @ City Docks (Spies Road Project)* (a photo was previously handed out @ a meeting) We are waiting for the DNR update.

h.) *2024 Mooring Permit* We sent it out and received \$200 for 4 moorings.

i.) *2024 Waterfest* (July 3rd, 11-4) See f.) above.

j.) *Harbormasters/Bathroom Buildings Doors/Frames* have been ordered: it takes 8 weeks to process. As completed, they will be more fully sealed.

8.) **Board Report:** The Budget Comparison detail was distributed and discussed.

a.) *Marketing & Advertisement*– Nothing new.

b.) *City Boat Ramps*– Since spring we have had 67 warnings/ 52 had the wrong pass or didn't pay/48 paid/ 4 (all) from Minnesota, didn't pay.

c.) *Fishing Tournaments/Special Events* – 2024 NWT Walleye Tournament went great: 107 boats. **Ahead: July 20** Escape Reality Walleye Tournament which gives all monies gained as donations; and **July 21** AIM Walleye Tournament having hopefully 80 or more boats.

d.) *Park(s) Inspection Report* [John Bostedt] Dock boxes in the future? The causeway was closed for a day for improvement/blacktopping. The rip-rap is not done yet. The gravel area by the teardrop parking lot needs to be addressed–DNR and emergency parking only. Trucks and trailers are blocking traffic–do we want a sign? The black pole lights at the harbor have been replaced @ \$1,800: they are old. The red buoy light was broken and not reported: we are replacing it but also sending for another as back up: orders today are slow but critical. Finally, the slow wake buoys are in the river now.

9.) **Approval of Accounts Payable from June 10th, 2024 through July 1st, 2024 in the amount of \$2,008.80 was placed in motion by Olson and seconded by Trepanier. (M/C)**

10.) Revenue & Expenditure Guidelines from 2024 were viewed and found in order as Director Bostedt explained necessary items. Monies were affected due to 21/2 weeks having a lack of fish. Bostedt also included (for the Commission) rules for Transient Boaters which were in Transient packets, as well. It was explained that the Contractual Services was over but revenue will cover that. There was also a telephone rate increase.

11.) Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, August 14 @ 4:30 p.m.

Agenda Items: Dock box in the future?; Rip-rap on causeway; Teardrop gravel area by parking lot—DNR & emergency parking only; Trucks and trailers are blocking traffic–do we want a sign?

12.) **Hayes summoned adjournment @ 5:30 p.m. Trepanier witnessed a second. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl