

ENTERTAINMENT

ALL DRESSED UP

Contestants in a fashion show event Friday weren't the typical runway walkers. Prior to the 'Twas the Lights Before Christmas parade, about 20 dogs and their owners promenaded along International Falls main street showcasing their best holiday outfits.

"The pet contest was insanely cute with clever dog costumes," said Faye Whitbeck, president of the International Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

Among the best dressed four legged models was "Kubby" a black Labrador owned by Minnesota Rep. David Dill and his wife, Tucky.

With temperatures hovering right around 10 degrees, the dogs got a chance to warm up in Shannon Square where the judging took place, said Whitbeck.

"That was a good move to get inside where it was warm," she said. "Next year, we need to build the public viewing attendance. Cars and shoppers were stopping on main street while the



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"Sadie" snuggles up to her owner to keep warm Friday.

pets were walked, but then we disappeared inside. It really needs to be enjoyed because it is so charming and all dogs were on their best behavior."

"Pac Man" owned by Sophie Fredrickson was one of the two winners in Friday's cutest pet contest.



HOLGER OLESEN HOSTS ACOUSTIC SHOW



FILE PHOTO

Holger Olesen of Birchdale, will host an acoustic show at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Dungeon at Backus Community Center. In addition to the Sloughgrass member's music, a Christmas laser show will be offered. Olesen will play some of his favorite songs on the resonator guitar, sing and share his music. Suggested donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Refreshments will be served.

Public Notices

Public Notice

November 3, 2014
City Council Minutes
4:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of International Falls, Minnesota was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 3rd day of November, 2014 at the hour of 4:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilors Eklund, Jaksa, Kalar, Rognerud, and Mayor Anderson.
MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to approve minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 20, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Eklund to approve transfer of Lodging Tax in the amount of \$1,438.66 from Fund 812 to Fund 101. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve payment of the claims from various funds of the city including checks 54431-54524 in the amount of \$537,135.04. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

Checks 98114-98129 were issued under blanket authorization in the amount of \$73,200.13.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to approve the Second and Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2.2, Council Procedure at Regular Meetings. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa. Mayor Anderson reported he was against this motion due to the content of the resolution to follow that requires unanimous consent to approve the agenda and add/delete items from the agenda; rather, he thought a simple majority vote should be required for both. Councilor Jaksa said she was concerned that no councilor be marginalized by the remainder of the Council. Attorney Shermoen said a simple majority could prevent some things from ever being discussed by the Council. Councilor Jaksa affirmed if something was put on by the Council, it should only be removed by unanimous consent, unless removed by the councilor originally placing it on the agenda. Motion carried with Councilors Eklund, Kalar, Rognerud, and Jaksa voting "yea" and Mayor Anderson voting "nay."

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to adopt Resolution 42-14 Approving Order of Business and City Council Procedures at Regular Meetings as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud. Motion carried with Councilors Eklund, Kalar, Rognerud, and Jaksa voting "yea" and Mayor Anderson voting "nay."

Mayor Anderson reported he tried to set up a committee meeting earlier, but is again trying to meet on

November 17, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. in the County Board room. Attorney Shermoen stated minor changes to the Agreement were made to allow the Agreement to be notarized and in a recordable form, the map was revised to show the annexation area, etc. The City and County may still make changes, if necessary. Once signed, the Agreement will be signed by the Chief Administrative Law Judge within 30 days. Council consensus was to keep this item on the next meeting agenda.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund.

1. Approve travel expenses and registration for Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Fall Conference, November 13, 2014.

3. Year 2015 license renewals: Carlson's Auto Repair - gasoline pumps

City Cab, Inc., - taxi
D & S Pizza, Inc. dba Dominos Pizza - restaurant

M W Friend's Inc., - garbage haulers

Fun Food Factory - itinerant restaurant

Icebox Investments, LLC dba Daryl Queen, International Falls restaurant

Jim's Disposal Service - garbage hauler

KRM Foods, LLC dba McDonald's International Falls restaurant

KOOTASCA Community Action - second hand dealer w/ local business

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Pete-Ham Food Services, Inc. dba Hardee's restaurant

Rainy Lake Waves Massage LLC - massage

Sandy's Place LLC - restaurant

Up North Builders Inc. - snowplow

Mayor Anderson asked that item # 2 - Reimbursement of \$167.76 to Robin Bjorkquist for Peace Pull Web Site, Two-year Renewal, be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Motion to approve carried unanimously with item # 2 removed.

Mayor Anderson questioned why Ms. Bjorkquist paid the web site host expense before it was on the agenda for Council approval. Councilor Jaksa explained that Ms. Bjorkquist has performed the labor to promote the Peace Pull on the web site for free for the past two years. She hoped there was support to be a partner with Fort Frances and continue to promote the event for the next two years. If so, the expenditure for the web site fee should be approved as it was paid in good faith and it is a routine activity like many of the other events for the July 4th celebration. If payment with City funds is a problem, Councilor Jaksa said she would pay the expense herself. Councilor Eklund replied that the roughly \$80.00 annual expense was money well spent to promote the event over the course of a year.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to approve the reimbursement of \$167.76 to Robin Bjorkquist for the Peace Pull Web Site, Two-year Renewal. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.

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Attorney Shermoen reported the draft Loan Agreement between the City, Koochiching County, and the Borderland Humane Society establishes a \$30,000 forgivable loan to be provided by the City and County to the Humane Society for costs above the amount originally set aside to construct the new animal shelter building. He noted many people are animal lovers and have donated funds and will likely continue to donate to the Humane Society. He said the Agreement has been reviewed by Teresa Briggs at the County and it comports with the terms discussed last year. He recommended the Mayor and Administrator be authorized to sign the Agreement which must also be approved by the County Board and Humane Society Board.

MOTION by Councilor Eklund to approve the Loan Agreement and authorize the signatures of the Mayor and City Administrator. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar. Councilor Rognerud explained the building and land will be City property. Mayor Anderson stated this has been a good example of a great partnership between the City and County. Councilor Eklund joined in congratulations to the Humane Society for their cooperation and noted the animals and volunteers will have a much better facility. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Mannausau explained the AHA has awarded up to \$25,000 in March to acquire the LifePak 15 monitor for our ambulance(s). The City Administrator and he worked up a proposal to purchase four monitors for all four ambulances to ensure the same equipment, features, and performance was available in all four units. The new monitors include remote telemetry to relay information direct to the hospital for improved diagnostics. Funding is proposed to include the full \$25,000 AHA grant. The remainder will be funded with an interfund loan from the Fire Dept. Capital Outlay in Fund 402 reserve that would be paid back over three years or less from the Ambulance fund.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to approve the acquisition of four LifePak 15 Monitors from PhysioControl for Ambulance use and submit a grant application of \$25,000 to the American Heart Association (AHA). Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Eklund to approve the interfund transfer of \$75,914.80 from the Fire Dept. Capital Outlay Fund 402-41200 to Ambulance Fund 201-42010-5600 for acquisition of the four LifePak 15 Monitors to be repaid over a term of three (3) years in the amount of \$25,904.93 per year. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to Approve the Agreement with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Koochiching County for the Building Official and/or Fire Chief to perform up to seven random Quality Assurance Inspections of Section 8 Rental Assistance Program housing units. Motion second-

ed by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve the Year 2015 license renewal for Border Oil Co. Inc., dba The Jug Liquors - cigarette, and off-sale liquor. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve the Year 2015 license renewal for Erickson Oil Products, Inc., dba Freedom Valu Center # 61 - 3.2 off-sale, cigarette, fireworks, gasoline pumps, and restaurant. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Eklund to approve the Year 2015 license renewal for Erickson Oil Products, Inc., dba Freedom Valu Center # 62 - 3.2 off-sale, cigarette, gasoline pumps, and restaurant. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to approve the Year 2015 license renewal for Holiday Stationstores Inc. - 3.2 off-sale, cigarette, gasoline pumps, and restaurant. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to approve the Year 2015 license renewal for I.H. Stewart Inc., dba Super One - cigarette, and restaurant. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve the Year 2015 license renewal for Koerter's Inc., dba Koerter's Auto/Car Wash - cigarette, and gasoline pumps, and restaurant. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Eklund to approve the Year 2015 license renewal for Randy's Tire and Auto Repair, LLC - cigarette, gasoline liquor, and restaurant. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Eklund to approve the Year 2015 license renewal for Super One Liquor, LLC dba County Market Liquor off-sale liquor, and cigarette. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously.

Mayor Anderson appointed Councilor Kalar, Attorney Shermoen, Administrator Anderson, and himself to serve as the negotiating team for collective bargaining with all three labor unions. Mayor Anderson made his selection based upon the possibility the negotiations could continue into next year and there were two councilors who would no longer be serving. Councilor Kalar stated he was a union member, but not in any of the same unions as those representing City employees. Councilor Eklund offered his assistance.

MOTION by Councilor Rognerud to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the negotiating team as stated. Motion seconded by Councilor Eklund and carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to set the meeting date to canvass general election results for 8:30 A.M., Friday, November 7, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Rognerud and carried unanimously.

Police Chief Musich briefed the Council on his request to purchase

fourteen (14) Model 1500 ARMER 800 megahertz Portable Radios from DSC Communications as they will no longer be available and cost \$400 less than the next model available. The cost for 14 portable radios will be \$20,160. The Police Dept. has \$18,721 in unexpended capital outlay and the remaining amount of \$1,439 can be re-allocated from other line items in the current Police Dept. budget.

MOTION by Councilor Eklund to approve the acquisition of fourteen (14) Model 1500 ARMER 800 megahertz Portable Radios from DSC Communications in the total amount of \$20,160 with payment from the \$18,721 in unexpended capital outlay and the remaining amount of \$1,439 from other line items in the current Police Dept. budget. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa. Councilor Kalar commended the Police Chief for working to find money for radios that will be much better, more reliable, and will improve public safety. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports of the Administrator, Attorney, and Department Heads

Police Chief Musich outlined his monthly activity report and stated the Police Dept. will be enforcing the calendar parking more closely with the change in weather.

Fire Chief Mannausau reported that Ambulance runs at the end of October have surpassed the total number for 2013.

The annual Veterans Breakfast will be open at the Elks Club on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, from 7:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Councilor Rognerud stated the Legislation and Land Use Committee is reviewing property maintenance codes in other cities for purposes of updating our ordinance, giving the Building Official and Fire Chief better enforcement tools to prevent slums and blight, and to improve the rental housing stock where needed.

Councilor Jaksa explained the PEG Channel 7 will continue to transmit the 2014 Candidates Forum until the election and said that it is also available for download at KCC-TV.org. None.

Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 5:56 P.M.

Robert W. Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kenneth R. Anderson, City Administrator

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