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AGENDA

City of International Falls - City Council Regular Meeting
4:30 P.M., Monday, April 20, 2015
Council Chamber, 600 Fourth Street

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA (only by unanimous consent).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the April 6, 2015 Regular City Council meeting (Council action-motion)

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. __-15, Approving Transfers, Payment of Claims and Accounts Payable (Council action-motion)

AUDIENCE – OPEN FORUM (The Open Forum is an opportunity for the audience to address the City Council on any matter not listed on the agenda. Please limit your comments to five minutes.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OPENING BIDS (AND/OR QUOTES)

OLD BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda allows the City Council to take action on routine matters by one motion that shall not be debated and shall be adopted by unanimous vote of those present. Any individual council member may remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the regular agenda (Council action – motion).

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approve appointment of summer employees (Council action-motion)
- 2. Approve Application for Use of Park Shelter at Smokey Bear Park on June 27, 2015, Borderland Substance Abuse Court, Lisa Santee (Council action-motion)
- 3. Resolution # __-15 Application for Exempt Permit for I.A.M.A.W. Local W33 to conduct a raffle on September 11, 2015 (Council action-motion)
- 4. Accept letter of resignation from Paramedic Benjamin P. Duval (Council action-motion)
- 5. Approve posting or advertising to hire a full-time Paramedic to fill vacant position (Council action-motion)
- 6. Appoint Committee to negotiate the terms of the 2016 – 2019 agreement with the Rural Fire Protection Association (Council action-motion)
- 7. Consider letter to Congressman Nolan on air traffic control system and support of general aviation (Council action-motion)
- 8. Consider letter to Congressman Nolan in support of the Essential Air Service (EAS) program (Council action-motion)
- 9. Complaint and Summons by Richard Koeneman vs. the City of International Falls, etc. (Council information)
- 10. Any other business.

REPORTS OF ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

- 1. Reports of the Administrator, Attorney, and Department Heads a.
- 2. Reports of the Mayor, Council Committees, Boards and Commissions a.

AUDIENCE – OPEN FORUM

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. January 28, 2015 Planning Commission Minutes
- 2. April 8, 2015 International Falls Public Library Board of Trustees meeting packet
- 3. Citizen letter and photos of ice sculptures in 2014 and 2015

REMINDERS

- 1. Next regular City Council meeting is at 4:30 P.M., Monday, May 4, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Note: Matters inappropriate for consideration at the meeting or not in the order specified shall not be considered except 1) with the unanimous consent of the members of the City Council, or 2) scheduled public hearings or bid lettings, but not before the time stated in the notice.

The City of International Falls complies with the Americans with Disability Act. Individuals with disabilities requiring special aids should contact the City Administrator, 600 Fourth Street, International Falls, MN, 56649, 218-283-9484, at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

COMMUNITY

OBITUARIES

The Journal publishes paid obituaries in Wednesday and Saturday editions and on its Web site at www.ifallsjournal.com.

Obituaries must be submitted by 10 a.m. Tuesdays to be published in the Wednesday edition, and by 10 a.m. Thursday to be in the Saturday edition.

All obituaries must be prepaid before they are published.

Obituaries can be faxed to the Journal at 285-7206; e-mailed to tammiec@ifallsjournal.com; or mailed to The Journal at 1602 Highway 71, International Falls, MN 56649.

We encourage electronic delivery of obituaries and any accompanying photos.

If desired, The Journal will e-mail or fax a proof of the obituary to the funeral home handling the service.

For more information, call Tammie Calder at 285-7411.

Anne Staples, 89

Anne Staples, 89, of International Falls, Minn., died Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at St. Luke’s Hospital, Duluth, Minn.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25, in the fellowship hall at the Good Samaritan Society-International Falls, with the International Falls

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary chaplain officiating.

A private family burial is planned for a later date.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneral-home.com.

Cease Funeral Home of Blackduck assisted the family with arrangements.

Dixie Marie Owens, 75

Dixie Marie Owens, 75, formerly of International Falls, Minn., passed away Saturday, April 11, 2015, in Jacksonville, Fla.

She was born April 26, 1939. Her husband, Eugene “Tom” Owens, preceded her in death. Survivors include her three

children, Laura M. (Owens) Johns of Jacksonville, Fla., Eric T. Owens of Alliance, Ohio, and Brad T. Owens of Killeen, Texas; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

CEOs coming to area classrooms again

CEOS in the Classrooms in its fourth year locally

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Area chief executive officers will once again visit area classrooms with their motivational messages for achieving dreams and getting on the path toward rewarding careers and lifestyles.

This is announced by the CEOs in the Classroom program coordinators — the International Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, Koochiching Economic Development Authority and the local Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training.

CEOs in the Classroom, in its fourth year locally, will be delivered to eighth graders in three regional

schools: Falls High, Littlefork-Big Falls and Indus schools. Annually, nearly 200 area students hear the program designed to get them thinking about the world of work and how decisions made today could affect their dreams and future quality of life.

The program has received the support of area school administrations and faculties, according to Faye Whitbeck, Falls Chamber president.

The label “CEOs” applies to a broad range of presenters that include business owners, managers, entrepreneurs and officials who tell of the personal journeys that led to the positions they now hold. The narratives are added to a formatted PowerPoint presentation, universal to all CEOs in the Classroom presentations. Local CEOs investment in the program has been so strong that original presenters have kept the program going,

Whitbeck said.

“Their stories are not always full of glory and accomplishment,” she noted. “That’s what makes them appealing and realistic to kids. They hear that career journeys can include tough family times, setbacks and some failures, but also that determination can get you on your path.

“The messages also come with the reminders of teenage pitfalls – that drinking or taking drugs, being sexually irresponsible, ignoring school and even careless social media involvement can ultimately mess up your life journey,” Whitbeck added.

Students each year are also asked to estimate what they think it costs to live on their own without parental support. This is frequently the most eye-opening exercise, according to Whitbeck, as students usually know the costs of the central things in their lives such as cell phones, com-

puters, clothing and vehicles. “But they’re shocked at the income they’ll need to pay for things such as insurance, rent, utilities, food, pet needs and other inescapable costs of living,” said Whitbeck. “It’s surprising how many don’t know the significant taxes that come right off the top of your paycheck.”

The coordinators encourage parents to ask their children about what they heard at the presentations because it’s an opportunity to open the door for discussion of future dreams. The chamber will also try to set up mentors with students if they make that request, according to Whitbeck.

Area eighth-grade students can expect to hear CEOs in the Classroom this month, presented by CEOs residing in the local community.

For more information on CEOs in the Classroom, call Jenny Herman at 283-8585 or Whitbeck at 283-9400.

LOOKING BACK

25 YEARS AGO

The Falls School Board tonight will act on the resignation of Mike LaBlanc as custodian at the Holler School effective April 30.

New officers of the Rainy River Rider’s Saddle Club are: President, Jen Ewald; vice president, Nova Bement; treasurer, Ron McClanahan; and secretary, Sara Johnson.

40 YEARS AGO

Upon retirement from Boise Cascade Corporation this month, George B. Amidon, an outstanding spokesman for forest management in the United States, has formally ended a distinguished career spanning 40 years in forestry for federal and state governments and private industry.

International Falls product John Irby is a contributing member on the award-winning Moorhead State College track squad as a freshman.

A girl was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lund.

50 YEARS AGO

A boy, Bradley Dean, was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bergstrom, Loman; 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

A boy, David John, was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton; 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Piggly Wiggly — Eggs, three dozen for \$1; hams, 37 cents a pounds; bacon, two pounds for 99 cents; Kleenex paper towels, two rolls for 39 cents.

Four men who recently retired from Mando division, Boise Cascade Corporation, had worked a total of 148 1/2 years for Mando. They are: Millferd Nathaniel Miller, 924 Second St.; Clarence Karlstad, 204 Fourth Ave.; John Terry, 1207 Third Ave.; and William Gordon, Rex Hotel.

60 YEARS AGO

Cpl. Leon L. Espe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Espe, is a member of the 40th anti-aircraft artillery brigade in Japan.

Peter Gylland, 1102 Ninth Ave., and Bob Cole, Ericsburg, drove Mrs. Louis Tippe, 509 Third Ave., to Rochester Sunday morning. She visited with her husband, who has been confined to the Methodist Hospital for about 12 days.

Members of Koochiching Rebekah Lodge 216 draped their charter last night in honor of Mrs. Olive Hanson, a 30-year member who passed away recently.

Randy Anderson of International Falls, Koochiching County’s school spelling champion, was in Minneapolis today, getting ready to compete Saturday for regional spelling honors and a trip to Washington, D.C.

70 YEARS AGO

Ernie Pyle, the GI’s col-

umnist, was killed today by a Japanese machine gun ambush on Ie Jima, a 10-square mile island just west of Okinawa.

Norman Wagness, MM2/c, who recently completed his initial Seabee training, arrived this morning to spend a seven-day leave with his wife and two children, Barry and Judith, at their home, 1114 Eighth St.

Effective April 16, E.N. Frykman was appointed Mando office manager and W.A. Koski was transferred from engineering department to the cost department. Jim Cummings at this date takes over Koski’s former work as engineering accountant.

Rainy Lake was sufficiently clear of ice Sunday afternoon to cause old-timers to conclude that the 1945 navigating season will open this week.

SENIOR MENU

Hot meals for people 60 or older are served at noon Monday through Friday at Koochiching County Senior Center, 307 Fourth St. Meals are for anyone, regardless of income. A \$4 donation is suggested. Meals

are subject to change. Participants under age 60 are welcome at \$7.50 each.

For reservations call 283-3460 the day before the meal. Cancellations may be made the day of the meal.

MONDAY

Pork chow mien
Fresh fruit

TUESDAY

Impossible taco pie
Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Meatloaf dinner

Applesauce crisp

THURSDAY

Roast turkey dinner
Fruit

FRIDAY

Polish and sauerkraut or alternative
Fresh fruit