



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
January 21, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The work session meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm.

Present: Mayor: Tim Hultmann; Council: Tom Skjaret, Kurt Kaminski, and Liz Olson

Staff Present: City Administrator-Scott Weske, Fire Chief- James Van Eyll

Others: Jim Elders and Kelly Shaugnessy- Fire Relief Representatives

Absent: Absent: Don Chillstrom (with prior notice)

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Kaminski, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discuss Fire Relief Association Interest Rate Set on Deferred Retirees

Every year the Fire Relief Association need to set an interest rate of deferred retirees. This criteria are the fire fighters that have retired but are not able to take their pension because they aren't 50 year old.

In 2013, the fund earned around 17% and the policy states that the retirees will get the same interest rate as the fund up to 5%. The association set the rate at 5% for the year and will need to be approved by the council at a future meeting.

Discuss Fire Relief Association Pension Benefit Level Increase

Elders explained to the council that the relief fund is currently funded at about 130%. Last year the association came to the board asking for a raise in pension and it was funded at 108% and the council agreed to a 1% increase.

This year Elders feels a double digit increase should be agreed upon since the fund is doing so well. The biggest issue is that Long Lake is the only city responsible for the fund if at any time it loses money and can no longer be self-supporting.

The council will discuss this more in depth once all the hard numbers are available from the auditors.

Discuss Joint Meeting with Orono Regarding No Wake Ordinance

The council discussed having a joint meeting with Orono in March. This will give everyone time to send letters to the residents living on the lake to notify them of the discussion that will be taking place about the no wake ordinance.

Date for Additional CSAH 112 Open Forum

Council plans to have an additional open forum about the trail going through the downtown district on February 4.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Kaminski, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.