

BAXTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Work Session

March 7, 2017

Mayor Darrel Olson called the Work Session to order at 6:45 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Darrel Olson, Council Members Quinn Nystrom, Steve Barrows, Todd Holman, and Mark Cross.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director Josh Doty, Interim City Administrator Kelly Steele, Public Works Director Trevor Walter, Chief of Police Jim Exsted, and Finance Director Jeremy Vacinek.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Community Development Director Doty explained he has received an inquiry from Scott Lykins regarding another music event this summer at Oscar Kristofferson Park. Currently, Mr. Lykins has provided a range of dates for the event and he has not solicited any musicians at this time.

Mr. Doty explained there are associated fees with the event including additional staff time that has not been budgeted for 2017. Staff is requesting direction from City Council if they would like to pursue a July 2017 Music in the Park Event.

Council Member Holman inquired if there would be any interest in holding the event at Whipple Beach? Council Member Nystrom stated that Oscar Kristofferson was her preference in case of a rain event since the pavilion is larger and can hold more people.

Council Member Barrows inquired if the City is looking at creating an annual event and perhaps a non-profit or another party would take over instead of a city event. Council Member Nystrom explained the City of Brainerd does a weekly summer concert series and she felt it was a nice event. If budgeting for the event was a concern, it is really not necessary to do the advertising as it can be posted in the city newsletter and website.

Mayor Olson inquired where did the funding come from last year and if the Parks Commission would have an interest in running the event? Mr. Doty stated the advertising for the event was donated last year but he researched the costs so there was not relying on any donations. The musician fees were paid by the City and the event could be simple or more involved.

Mayor Olson stated if the council should chose to have an annual event then staff time and expenses would need to be budgeted and consideration would need to be given to entertainment rotation or same musicians.

Council Member Holman felt it is a great idea and it was a fabulous event last year; however, if the consensus was to move forward on an annual event, budget yearly for it and let staff handle it.

Consensus of the City Council was to make this an annual event and schedule the music event for early July depending on the musicians' availability.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Council Member Cross, seconded by Council Member Barrows to adjourn to the regular council meeting at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Olson
Mayor

Mary Haugen
Administrative Assistant