

**City of Bigfork**  
**Public Hearing & Regular City Council Meeting**  
**August 14, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Mayor Amy Pifher, Drew Francisco, David Mann and Ben Maxa

**Members Absent:** Paul Gustafson

**Also Present:** Curt Meyer, Becky Passeri, Bryan Boone and Joe Zimmer

Mayor Pifher called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the public forum was opened. As no one wished to address the Council, the public forum was closed.

***Motion to approve the agenda by Francisco, seconded by Maxa, motion carried unanimously (MCU).***

***Consent Agenda: Motion by Francisco, seconded by Mann and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda including:***

- 1. minutes of the July 10 regular and July 18 special City Council meetings,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for July 2018,***
- 3. financial reports for July 2018,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for July 2018,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for July 13, 27, and Aug 10 regular payrolls in the amount of \$9,940.64***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$6,795.91 and claims for payment in the amount of \$82,992.47 with the exception of the claim from Jeff Powell Excavating in the amount of \$2,309.00.***
- 7. official summary of Ordinance 182 for publication***

***Claim from Jeff Powell Excavating:*** Pifher noted the claim was for culvert replacement which the Council was unaware was happening. Zimmer explained that the culvert was plugged and backing up into Powell Auto's garage. Pifher noted that it should have been discussed by Council first. ***Motion to pay the claim by Maxa, seconded by Francisco, MCU.***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

***Cedar Street Lot Bids:*** One bid was received. ***Motion by Maxa, seconded by Mann to accept the bid from Jeff & Robin Johnson in the amount of \$11,001, MCU.***

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Curt Meyer, Widseth Smith & Nolting:** City Engineer Curt Meyer's first item was submission of an invoice related to the Well #6 project. He explained that WSN had billed their full contract amount for the project and closed it out, however they did have additional expenses of about \$20,000 above the contract amount. They have written off almost \$16,000 of this and are submitting \$4,175.50 for consideration for payment. No action was taken on the invoice. Meyer next presented three different options for supplying water/sewer service to the newly-annexed property on the south end of town. He noted that the property owner has not yet requested connection, but we anticipate they will be doing so soon. The three options are as follows:

1. \$110,144.65 – connect to sewer main and water main on west side of Main Ave with casings for both mains
2. \$71,693.30 – connect to sewer main on west side of Main Ave. Connect to fire hydrant on east side of Main Ave
3. \$36,276.70 – low pressure sewer line connected to sewer main on west side of Main Ave (no casing needed). Connect to fire hydrant on east side of Main Ave

Meyer answered Councilmember questions regarding additional connections in the future, life expectancy of grinder pump, environmental impact, benefits and drawback of each option. These options will be considered at such time as the property owner makes application for connection. They will be responsible for paying 70% of the cost.

Meyer's final item was notification that the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is not taking new applications in 2018 but is re-considering applications that were not funded in 2017, of which Bigfork's application was one.

Zimmer spoke to the Council regarding the Rajala Mill lift station. It is a very outdated, being installed in 1964, and is hard to get parts for. It has to be operated manually right now. Zimmer has requested a quote on rebuilding it to the same style as the other lift stations in town.

**2019 Preliminary Budget:** The Clerk presented a summary of the preliminary budget for 2019. The Budget Committee had met prior to the Council meeting to finalize some of the line items. There was discussion on increasing water rates to pay for conversion of the gas chlorine system to liquid. A recommendation will be presented for approval at the September meeting.

***Motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. by Mann, seconded by Francisco, MCU.***

Angela L. Storlie  
City Clerk/Treasurer