

# City of Bigfork

## Work Session & Regular City Council Meeting December 9, 2014 5:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Amy Pifher, Krista Lane, Dave Evensen, Peter Johnson, Randy Nei

**Members Absent:** none

**Also Present:** Joe Zimmer, Drew Francisco, Becki Passeri

Mayor Pifher called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. There were questions on the airport plowing bids and Zimmer was asked to clarify with the bidder exactly what is included. There was discussion on which Council Members would be able to attend newly-elected and experienced officials conferences put on by the League of Minnesota Cities.

Pifher called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Also Present for Regular Meeting:** Warren and Caroline Welch, Frankie and Bella Evensen

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the public forum opened. Warren Welch asked if the Council Members had any advice on chasing pigeons out of town. A few suggestions were given. As no one else wished to address the Council, the public forum was closed.

**Results of November 12, 2014 Closed Meeting:** Pifher reported that at the closed meeting held on November 12, 2014, the annual salary for the position of City Clerk/Treasurer was negotiated and was included in the consent agenda for approval.

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

**Consent Agenda:** *Motion by Evensen, seconded by Lane and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of Item #8, including:*

- 1. minutes of the November 12<sup>th</sup> regular City Council meeting,*
- 2. City Clerk's office report for November 2014,*
- 3. Financial reports for November 2014,*
- 4. Public Works Department report for November 2014,*
- 5. Ordinance #175 setting water rates for 2015,*
- 6. increasing the City Clerk/Treasurer's annual salary by \$4,160 effective 1/1/15,*
- 7. 2015 meeting schedules for City Council and Planning & Zoning,*
- 8. removed*
- 9. payroll and timecards for November 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> paydays in the amount of \$6,203.63*
- 10. claims paid in the amount of \$5,604.65 and claims for payment in the amount of \$21,397.75*

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**2014/2015 Snowplowing Contracts:** *Motion by Lane to amend the motion made at the last meeting to accept the bid from Gus David to reflect that David will be used on an as-needed basis, seconded by Nei, MCU.* Bids on airport snow removal were tabled until Zimmer obtains more information

## NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution 2014-22:** This resolution sets the final budget and levy for 2015. Pifher noted that the final levy is \$137,800 which is a 2% increase from 2014. It was further noted that over the last 8 years, the property tax levy has increased just 4.5% in total. *Motion by Evensen, seconded by Lane to approve Resolution 2014-22, MCU.*

**2015 Liquor License Renewals:** *Motion by Nei, seconded by Johnson to approve liquor license renewals for Bigfork Wilderness Bar and Kocians IGA, motion carried with Lane abstaining.*

**Assessment of Utility Account #765:** *Motion by Evensen to assess the past due balance on account #765 to the property owner, to be filed for collection with 2016 taxes, in the amount of \$1,063.94, seconded by Lane, motion carried with Johnson abstaining.*

**Council Training:** *Motion by Lane to approve training and travel expenses for any Council Member interested in attending the League of Minnesota Cities' conferences, seconded by Evensen, MCU.*

**Training Request:** *Motion by Johnson to approve training and for Storlie to attend the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Region VI meeting and training on January 22-24, 2015, seconded by Nei, MCU.*

**Vacation Request:** *Motion by Lane, seconded by Evensen to approve a vacation request from Storlie for December 22-26, MCU.*

## OTHER:

Pifher extended her thanks to out-going Council Members Evensen and Lane for their years of service to the City.

**Public Forum:** Pifher opened the public forum again and Carol Mills was present to address the Council. Mills apologized for an error she made in a statement during a Bigfork Valley Hospital Board meeting regarding the hospital's contribution to City projects. The hospital did not pay for a bridge repair, but did contribute \$22,264.56 for enzymes for the sewer pond, and another \$62,735.44 for safety equipment and various repair projects. Mills encouraged a continuing partnership between the City and hospital and apologized for any negative publicity to either due to her statement. Mills was thanked for her time and comments.

*Motion to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. by Lane, seconded by Evensen, MCU.*

Angela L. Storlie  
City Clerk/Treasurer