

## City of Bigfork

### Work Session & Regular City Council Meeting January 12, 2016 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Amy Pifher, Peter Johnson, Randy Nei and Eric Storlie

**Members Absent:** Andrew Francisco

**Also Present:** Becki Passeri

Mayor Pifher called the work session to order at 7:00 p.m. Additions to the agenda included Resolution 2016-02 and a letter of support for Cook Area Health Services.

At the recommendation of City Attorney John Dimich, the City will not be reinstalling a meter on water account #765 as discussed at the last Council meeting. The Public Works Department has verified that the residence on this property is not hooked up to City water illegally, nor is the private well hooked up illegally. Dimich recommends that the City continue to bill the minimum monthly charge to the account indefinitely or until such time as the account is paid in full and the owner requests re-connection to the municipal water system, at which time the service would be metered again and billed accordingly.

At this same property, the nuisance ordinance violation complaint discussed at the last Council meeting has been taken care of.

The appointments for 2016 were discussed. Pifher will serve as co-commissioner to Parks & Rec Commissioner with Nei. Dean Haley will fill the vacant Planning & Zoning Commission seat. Pifher closed the work session and opened the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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

***Motion by Nei to approve the agenda as amended during the work session, seconded by Johnson, motion carried unanimously (MCU).***

***Consent Agenda: Motion by Nei seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda including:***

- 1. minutes of the December 8<sup>th</sup> regular City Council meeting,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for December 2015,***
- 3. Financial reports for December 2015,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for December 2015,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> paydays in the amount of \$8,476.90***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$14,713.61 and claims for payment in the amount of \$78,311.37***
- 7. 2016 schedule of meetings for the City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission***

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time, Attorney Shelley Ryan of Hoff, Barry & Kozar was connected via speaker phone to the meeting and recommended that the Council move into closed session, pursuant to the attorney client exception found in Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05 subdivision 3b to discuss the matter of City of Bigfork and League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust vs. Wayne Kruse, as there is a need for confidentiality of the information to be exchanged. ***Motion by Johnson to close the meeting at 7:23 p.m. under the authority and for the purpose stated, seconded by E. Storlie, MCU.***

***Motion by Johnson to reopen the meeting at 7:33 p.m., seconded by E. Storlie, MCU.***

## NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution 2016-01 Appointments:** This resolution sets the appointments to various positions for 2016. Johnson noted that the Fire Department Safety Officer should be listed as Greg Griffith and not Matt Dahlke. With this change and those noted during the work session, a ***motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nei to adopt Resolution 2016-01, MCU.***

**2016 Insurance Renewal:** A memo from the Pederson Hovila Agency was reviewed outlining various insurance issues and options for 2016. It was the consensus of the Council to leave all optional coverages at the same level as the previous year.

**Letter of Support:** Cook Area Health Services has requested a letter of support from the City for expansion of their services at the Bigfork location. ***Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nei to authorize the Mayor to supply the letter as requested, MCU.***

**Resolution 2016-02 IRRRB Grant:** The City will be applying to the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board for additional funding for the RiverWalk Trail project due to the fact that bids for the project came in higher than anticipated. ***Motion by Johnson seconded by Nei to approve Resolution 2016-02 authorizing application to and acceptance of funds from the IRRRB grant program for the RiverWalk Trail Project, MCU.***

## OTHER

***Motion to adjourn by Johnson at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Nei, MCU.***

Angela L. Storlie  
City Clerk/Treasurer