

City of Bigfork

Work Session & Regular City Council Meeting
January 14, 2014
5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Amy Pifher, Dave Evensen, and Pete Johnson

Members Absent: Randy Nei and Krista Lane

Also Present: none

Mayor Amy Pifher called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. Items discussed included SEH invoice #274529, the proposed airport hangar lease and the various resolutions on the agenda.

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

Also Present for Regular Meeting: Warren Welch, Becky Passeri, Joe Zimmer, and Travis Lovdahl

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the public forum opened. Warren Welch stated there are rumors about the dump property and he asked for clarification. Itasca County wanted to get an appraisal on the property before anything is decided and the City is waiting on word from them.

As no one else wished to address the Council, the public forum was closed.

Changes to the agenda included: addition of the Fire Department, Xerox Lease and Resolution 2014-04 under New Business. The fishing tournament was removed from the agenda. ***Motion by Johnson to accept the agenda with changes noted, seconded by Evensen motion carried unanimously (MCU).***

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

- 1. minutes of the December 3rd special and December 10th regular City Council meetings,*
- 2. City Clerk's office report for December 2013,*
- 3. Public Works Department report for December 2013,*
- 4. payroll and timecards for December 6th, 11th, 20th, 27th, and 31st in the amount of \$17,219.06, and*
- 5. claims for payment in the amount of \$83,093.75*

Fire Department: Fire Chief Travis Lovdahl was moved to this point on the agenda. Lovdahl reported that he is a member of the Lion's Club and asked if the Council would be in support of the Lion's holding a bingo fundraiser at the Fire Hall. The Council had no problems with this. Lovdahl also reported that the fire department has the opportunity to accept a donation of land in the City of Effie. The future use of this land is unknown but possibilities include using it for training, selling it or using it for a satellite garage location. City Attorney John Licke is currently drafting the agreement for the donation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Airport Hangar Lease: *Motion to enter into a five-year lease agreement with Earl Snell at a price of \$374.40 per year by Evensen, seconded by Johnson, MCU.*

Pay Application #12: *Motion by Evensen to approve pay application #12 in the amount of \$19,000, seconded by Johnson, MCU.*

SEH Invoice: Jeff Ledin had provided the requested itemization for invoice #274529. *Motion to table this item by Evensen, seconded by Johnson, MCU.*

NEW BUSINESS

Xerox Lease Proposal: *Motion by Evensen to accept the proposal and have the City Clerk check into a lease/purchase option, seconded by Johnson, MCU.*

Resolution 2014-04: This resolution authorizes the City to make application to IRRRB grant program for well #5. *Motion to approve Resolution 2014-04 by Johnson, seconded by Evensen, MCU.*

Resolution 2014-01: *Motion by Evensen to approve Resolution 2014-01 designating official appointments for 2014, seconded by Johnson, MCU.*

Resolution 2014-02: This resolution approves the application for a “Transportation Alternatives” grant for the Bigfork Riverwalk Trail project. *Motion by Evensen to approve Resolution 2014-02, seconded by Johnson, MCU.*

Resolution 2014-03: This resolution approves a joint maintenance agreement with Itasca County for Riverwalk Trail. *Motion by Evensen to approve Resolution 2014-03, seconded by Johnson, MCU.*

Aaron Gould Probation Period: Public Works Department employee Aaron Gould has requested that the three months he worked for the City of Bigfork through an employment agency be counted towards satisfying his 6-month probationary period. No action taken.

Approval of Public Works Department Forms for Use: As directed at the December Council meeting, Johnson met with the Public Works Department to review various work forms to be used. Copies of the proposed forms were provided to the Council. The Council was satisfied with the forms.

Two Rivers Cenex Payment Terms: Two Rivers Cenex has requested that the City pay on account with them twice per month rather than just once. *Motion to approve this request by Evensen, seconded by Johnson, MCU*

Police Department/Budget: Johnson felt there was a strong desire by the residents to have some form of law enforcement coverage in the City and he wanted to look at the 2014 budget to see what could be trimmed to free up funds for this. There was not much interest from other communities in a combined police force. Dave and Amy will be meeting with the City of Deer River to discuss what services they may be able to provide.

OTHER: Pifher noted a reminder to all residents to be sure to use their correct physical address when having deliveries shipped to them as there have been some issues with incorrect address usage/deliveries.

Lovdahl addressed the Council again and informed them that at this time last year, the Department was down to only 12 members. One year later they are back up to 19 members and still have applications coming in.

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. by Evensen seconded by Johnson, MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting held on the
11th day of February, 2014

Mayor