

City of Bigfork
City Council Meeting
December 12, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Amy Pifher, Andrew Francisco, Benjamin Maxa and Peter Johnson

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Curt Meyer, Public Works Lead Joe Zimmer, Becki Passeri, Warren & Caroline Welch

Mayor Pifher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the public forum was opened. Pifher made note that Itasca County Commissioner Terry Snyder will be scheduling "Coffee with the Commissioner" along with new District 5 Commissioner Ben Denucci in February or March.

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

Resolution 2018-01, EOWSKI equipment storage, and a water meter for the fire hall were added to the agenda. ***Motion by Johnson to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Francisco, motion carried unanimously (MCU).***

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

- 1. minutes of the December 12 regular City Council meeting,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for December 2017,***
- 3. financial reports for December 2017,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for December 2017,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for December 12 annual, December 15 and 29 regular and December 20 cemetery payrolls in the amount of \$15,233.88***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$7,932.51 and claims for payment in the amount of \$79,981.09***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Well #6 – Change Order #1: Curt Meyer of Widseth, Smith, Nolting was present with change order #1 encompassing all the items that had been discussed at the December meeting. ***Motion by Johnson to approve change order #1 in the amount of \$8,940.35, seconded by Francisco, MCU.***

Meyer noted that the City may opt to take over some of the project clean-up duties from Traut in order to reduce the contract price. Meyer will work with City staff on this.

Meyer informed the Council that WSN will be assisting the City with an application for a Business Development Public Infrastructure grant to cover the soft costs of the proposed road improvement project.

Winter Festival Planning: While there seems to be interest from individuals online and talking around town, no one was present as had been requested. It was the consensus of the Council to let it rest until next year.

Vacant Council Seat: A letter of interest was received from Paul Gustafson for the vacant Council seat. ***Motion by Maxa, seconded by Francisco to appoint Paul Gustafson to fill the remaining one year of this Council seat, MCU.***

City Hall Restoration – Phase II: Storlie informed the Council that a grant for Phase II of the City Hall Restoration project was received from the Minnesota Historical Society. This is in addition to the grant from the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board. Scalzo Architects are finalizing the bidding documents and anticipate the City will be able to call for bids in February.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2018-01: This resolution sets the appointments for 2018. ***Motion by Johnson, seconded by Francisco to adopt Resolution 2018-01, MCU.***

EOWSKI Equipment Storage: Sarah Stone has requested permission to temporarily store the EOWSKI group's equipment at City Hall. It was the general consensus of the Council to allow this.

Change of Date for May 2018 Council Meeting: ***Motion by Francisco, seconded by Johnson to hold the May City Council meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at The Edge Center, MCU.***

Airport Runway – Hospital Use: Zimmer notified the Council of a conversation he had with Bigfork Valley Hospital Director of Nursing Nancy Probst regarding their increased usage of the airport for air ambulance services. The City will need to expect more plane traffic for emergencies. The airport must be given higher priority and weekend hours may be needed to keep the runway clear and ready for emergency landings. ***Motion by Johnson to approve weekend hours/overtime for this purpose, seconded by Maxa, MCU.***

Pump Purchase for Water Treatment Plant: Zimmer notified the Council that a new pump was needed for the potassium permanganate feed at the water treatment plant. ***Motion to approve the purchase by Francisco, seconded by Pipher, MCU.***

Water Meter at Fire Hall: Zimmer requested permission to install a water meter at the Fire Hall. This will help with the annual report to the Department of Natural Resources which compares the number of gallons of water sold to the number of gallons pumped. ***Motion by Maxa to approve the purchase and installation of a water meter at the Fire Hall, seconded by Francisco, MCU.***

OTHER

Training Request: *Motion by Pifher, seconded by Maxa, to authorize Zimmer to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Annual Conference in March 2018, MCU.*

Motion by Pifher, seconded by Francisco, to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m., MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting held on
February 13, 2018

Mayor