

**City of Bigfork**  
**Public Hearing & Regular City Council Meeting**  
**July 10, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Mayor Amy Pifher, Paul Gustafson, David Mann and Ben Maxa

**Members Absent:** Drew Francisco

**Also Present:** David & Franki Evensen, Tom Moors, Mike Sitz, Jim Manske, Warren & Caroline Welch, Dean Haley, John Thomas, Brian Boone, Farrell & Judy Gunelius, Jim Vojta, Dean Springer, Becky Passeri and Joe Zimmer

Mayor Pifher called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing was being held pursuant to M.S. 414.033 Subd. 2b regarding a petition for annexation. The petition was received from Carol Lindgren for 1.61 acres of her property located south of existing City limits on Highway 38. There were questions on the cost to the City. There is no cost for the annexation. There would be an approximate cost of \$12,000-\$20,000 to extend water/sewer mains to the property if that is requested. The benefits of annexation are an increase in the tax base and potential for water/sewer revenue. There were some questions on the potential development of a Dollar General store on the site. Pifher reminded everyone present that the public hearing was only about the annexation request. There were questions on the family's wishes for the property as the owner recently passed away.

Pifher closed the public hearing and called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the public forum was opened. Tom Moors addressed the Council, informing them that through the process of moving for the restoration project, the VFW determined they would like to use the lower level meeting room as their space once the project is done. Moors gave a brief history of the VFW concluding with an explanation of their building fund. He then presented a check for \$20,000 to the City to be used for the City Hall Restoration project. The Council thanked the VFW for their generous contribution. As no one else wished to address the Council, the public forum was closed.

Ordinance #183 and Cedar Street Lot Bids were added to the agenda. ***Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Mann, seconded by Gustafson, motion carried unanimously (MCU).***

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

- 1. minutes of the June 12 regular City Council meeting,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for June 2018,***
- 3. financial reports for June 2018,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for June 2018,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for June 15 and 29 regular payrolls in the amount of \$7,167.71***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$5,720.32 and claims for payment in the amount of \$136,535.19***

**7. results of the closed meeting of June 12, 2018 – Performance reviews of City staff were conducted. The Council deemed performance as satisfactory or better for all evaluation points.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**#181 – Mayor & Council Compensation:** As discussed at the last meeting, this ordinance provides a per-meeting payment for the Mayor or any Councilmember who attends a non-City Council meeting as an official City representative (for example, Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board, etc.). ***Motion by Mann, seconded by Maxa to adopt Ordinance #181, MCU.***

**City Hall Restoration Funding:** As requested at the last meeting the Clerk provided information on bonding for the remainder of the funding needed for the City Hall Restoration project. This option was compared to spending down or reallocating various other City funds. In light of the VFW's generous donation, the Council determined they would not pursue issuing a bond.

**Cedar Street Lot Bids:** One bid was received and opened for the lot on Cedar Street in the amount of \$5,100. No action was taken on the bid. It was the consensus of the Council to call for bids again with a minimum bid amount of \$10,000.

**Ordinance #183:** This ordinance annexes the property discussed during the public hearing into the City limits. No action was taken. It was the consensus of the Council to contact the family and see if they still desire annexation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**VFW Relocation:** As Moors discussed during the public forum, the VFW would like to relocate from their current space to the lower level meeting room once the City Hall Restoration project is complete. ***Motion by Mann to allow the VFW to utilize the lower level meeting room, seconded by Gustafson, MCU.***

**Resolution 2018-06: *Motion by Pifher, seconded by Maxa to adopt Resolution 2018-06 Appointing Election Judges, MCU.***

**Ordinance #182 - Cable Franchise Agreement:** This ordinance sets out the terms of the cable franchise agreement as discussed with Arvig Communications at the May City Council meeting. ***Motion by Mann, seconded by Maxa to adopt Ordinance #182, MCU.***

#### **OTHER:**

***Motion by Pifher, seconded by Maxa to approve vacation requests for Aaron Gould for August 13-17, 2018 and Angie Storlie for Aug 6-9, 2018, MCU.***

***Motion to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. by Pifher, seconded by Maxa, MCU.***

Angela L. Storlie  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting held on  
August 14, 2018

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Mayor