

City of Bigfork

Work Session & Regular City Council Meeting

July 12, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Amy Pifher, Andrew Francisco, Eric Storlie, Peter Johnson

Members Absent: Randy Nei

Also Present: Warren & Caroline Welch, Becki Passeri, Joe Zimmer

Mayor Pifher called the work session to order at 7:00 p.m. The Clerk answered questions on the claims. Brent Varin spoke to the Council regarding a popular new mobile game in which people move around the real world utilizing their smart phone to find imaginary digital characters known as "Pokémon". Varin stated there is concern over safety issues related to playing the game including predators utilizing the GPS location information to target victims, kidnapping, assault, etc. There have also been concerns over unsafe or illegal actions by people playing the game such as trespassing, traffic/pedestrian accidents, property damage and burglary. Varin wanted to raise awareness of the popularity of the game and how it is played in order to try to prevent any negative consequences of the game being played in Bigfork.

Pifher closed the work session and opened the regular meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Pokémon game awareness and rescheduling of the MnDOT airport meeting 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 June 14th regular City Council meeting,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for June 2016,***
- 3. Financial reports for June 2016,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for June 2016,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for June 17th and July 1st paydays in the amount of \$5,924.78***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$5,460.79 and claims for payment in the amount of \$163,228.40***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Property Complaint: A verbal complaint was received from a resident regarding the condition and appearance of the property located at 200 Poplar Street. Neighbors have been trimming the weeds on the property. In 2014, the City began the process of condemning the property but did not complete it due to the length of time it takes and the fact that the property will go tax forfeit in

2017 if taxes remain unpaid. ***Motion by Pifher to serve a blight ordinance violation to the property, seconded by E. Storlie, MCU.***

Paving Salmi Blvd: Zimmer had obtained a quote for paving the north end of Salmi Blvd to alleviate drainage issues in that area, however the quote was well out of budget range. No action was taken.

Continuation of Skate Park Discussion: The Clerk provided the Council with information on skate park insurance issues. Francisco had not had a chance to discuss possible available funds with the prior fundraising group. This item will be on the August agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-07 – Appointing Election Judges: ***Motion by Francisco, seconded by E. Storlie to approve Resolution 2016-07, MCU.***

Resolution 2016-08 – Authorizing Budget Transfers: ***Motion by Francisco, seconded by E. Storlie to approve Resolution 2016-08, MCU.***

Speed Sign (for Hwy 38): The Council had previously discussed speed issues with traffic coming into town from the north on State Hwy 38. An advertisement for a sale on speed radar signs was recently received. The Council would like to see three signs purchased for all three entrances to the city. The Clerk was directed to see if the company would honor the sale price in order for the city to budget to purchase three signs in 2017.

Pokémon Game Awareness: Johnson offered to write up a public service announcement to be posted on the city's Facebook page.

Rescheduling of MnDOT Airport Meeting: This meeting, originally scheduled for Monday, July 11, was cancelled due to weather. It was rescheduled for Monday August 15th at 4:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Johnson at 8:02 p.m., seconded by Francisco, MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer