

**City of Bigfork**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**March 13, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

**Members Absent:** Andrew Francisco

**Also Present:** Joe Zimmer, Warren & Caroline Welch, Curt Meyer, Dakota Vezina

Mayor Pifher called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

***Motion to approve the agenda by Maxa, seconded by Gustafson, motion carried unanimously (MCU).***

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

- 1. minutes of the February 14 regular City Council meeting,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for February 2018,***
- 3. financial reports for February 2018,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for February 2018,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for February 23 and March 9 payrolls in the amount of \$7,105.85***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$5,204.40 and claims for payment in the amount of \$28,144.82***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Well #6:** Curt Meyer of Widseth Smith Nolting presented change order number 2 which reduces the amount of the contract by \$2,500 for work the City will be completing rather than the contractor. ***Motion by Maxa to approve change order number 2, seconded by Gustafson, MCU.*** Meyer reported that the only remaining item on this project is the retainage which can be paid out in May or possibly later depending on whether any issues arise between now and then.

**Change of Date for May 2018 Council Meeting:** The May Council meeting will be held at the Edge Center for the Arts on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

**Healthy Northland Active Communities Assistance Program Grant:** After discussion with Get Fit Itasca following the February Council meeting, it was determined that this grant would be used in a community that would benefit more from it than Bigfork would.

**Swimming Lessons:** Storlie has been in contact with the City of Grand Rapids Parks and Rec Department in the hopes of collaborating with them to provide swimming lessons in Bigfork this summer. She was directed to advertise on Facebook to see if anyone locally has the necessary certifications to teach lessons and is interested in doing so.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Softball Field:** The City has been offered a property trade for the parcel of land just to the west of the parcel recently acquired via trade at the corner of Hwy 14 and State Hwy 38. This property would be much more conducive to development of a softball field. It fronts on N Division Ave and would have plenty of room for parking, playing space, bleachers and dugouts. ***Motion by Pifher and seconded by Maxa to move forward with the property swap, MCU.*** There was much discussion on how the property would be laid out. Zimmer was directed to work on a plan for the property including obtaining quotes for the necessary work.

**Resolution 2018-04: *Motion by Pifher, seconded by Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2018-04 declaring the council seat formerly filled by Peter Johnson as vacant, MCU.***

**Direct Deposit for Payroll: *Motion by Maxa to approve the use of direct deposit for employee payroll, seconded by Gustafson, MCU.***

**Letter from Bigfork Improvement Group:** There has been damage to the new flooring in the basement. Zimmer explained that the table legs have all been recovered with rubber ends to prevent this from happening again. Additionally, the City just received the O&M manual for Phase I which includes information on the procedure for prepping this flooring for commercial use. This will be completed as soon as possible. Replacement of the damaged tiles will be incorporated into Phase II of the Restoration project.

There was discussion on providing more opportunities for youth in the community. Some ideas mentioned were showing movies, hosting dances, and having game nights at City Hall. The Clerk was asked to place this item on the agenda to discuss with Bigfork students when the Council meeting is held at the school in May.

## **OTHER:**

A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of opening bids for Phase II of the City Hall Restoration project.

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

Angela L. Storlie  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting held on  
April 10, 2018

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