

City of Bigfork

Work Session & Regular City Council Meeting May 12, 2015 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Warren & Caroline Welch, Aaron Saude, Becki Passeri

Mayor Pifher called the work session to order at 7:00 p.m. Aaron Saude, CEO from Bigfork Valley Hospital was present to introduce himself and let the Council know they are welcome to contact him at any time with questions or concerns. Mayor Pifher closed the work session and opened the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Also Present for Regular Meeting: Curt Meyer, Marlyn Halvorson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Pifher opened the public forum. As no one from the public wished to address the Council, the public forum was closed.

Thank you to volunteers and Holt lift station pump replacement 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 April 14th regular City Council meeting,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for April 2015,***
- 3. Financial reports for April 2015,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for April 2015,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for April 10th, 24th and May 8th paydays in the amount of \$9,459.97***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$5,731.39 and claims for payment in the amount of \$19,686.36***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Widseth, Smith & Nolting – Water Study Proposal: Curt Meyer was present to discuss WSN's proposal to conduct a water study. Meyer reviewed that, at the March meeting, the Council had proposed to include funds for the study in the 2016 budget. The City would like to expedite that timeline in the interest of operating with only one well for as short a time as possible. The Clerk stated that there are funds available in the water investment fund to pay for this study. Meyer stated that any funding agency that is approached is going to want to see a study done due to the prior failed attempt. The first thing the water study will review is the failed attempt. This will be done in order to determine if that site is in fact a suitable location, but perhaps the drilling method and process used was insufficient/ineffective. The study will then look at data such as existing well information, pumping records, drilling logs, and any other hydrological information that is available. WSN is proposing an hourly rate contract for this study

with a cap of \$10,000. It will take approximately 90 days to complete. ***Motion by Johnson to direct Widseth, Smith & Nolting to proceed with the study, seconded by Francisco, MCU.***

NEW BUSINESS

Itasca County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (Resolution 2015-05): Marlyn Halvorson from the Itasca County Sheriff's Department was present to discuss this plan with the Council. He thanked the City for their involvement in the process of creating the plan. It has been approved by the Itasca County Board, the State of Minnesota and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). All 16 cities in the County need to adopt the plan in order to be eligible for FEMA funding in the future. ***Motion by Johnson, seconded by Francisco to approve Resolution 2015-05, adopting the Itasca County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, MCU.***

Thank you to Volunteers: Pifher extended a thank you from the City to Dave Asher for picking up litter, Gwen Olson for weeding the flower beds around the lumberjack statue, and to the EOW Art League members and Carol Pifher for making over the medallions for the annual hunt.

Bigfork Ambulance Service Request for Use of Airport: The Bigfork Ambulance Service and Bigfork Fire Department requested use of the airport for landing zone training on July 9, 2015. ***Permission was granted in a motion by Francisco, seconded by Nei, MCU.***

Ordinance 176, Amending Title III: The Planning & Zoning Commission completed a review of Title III of the City of Bigfork Code of Ordinances and presented recommended changes. ***Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nei to approve Ordinance 176, Amending Title III, MCU. Motion by Johnson, seconded by E. Storlie to approve the summary of Ordinance 176 for publication, MCU.***

Training Request – League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference: The clerk requested permission to attend the LMC Annual Conference, June 25-26, 2015 in Duluth, MN. ***Motion by Francisco, seconded by E. Storlie to allow the clerk to attend this training, MCU.***

New Pump for Holt Lift Station: The pump in the Holt lift station needs to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$600-\$700. Johnson requested that the Public Works Department consider placing the new pump in a more utilized lift station and moving the pump from that one to the Holt station. ***Motion to authorize purchase of a new pump by Johnson, seconded by E. Storlie, MCU.***

Clerk's Office Hours Change for week of June 15th: The Clerk requested permission to change the office hours for the week of June 15, 2015 to 12:30pm to 4:30pm. ***Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nei to approve this change, MCU.***

Motion to adjourn by Johnson at 7:49 p.m., seconded by Nei, MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting held on
June 9, 2015

Mayor