

City of Bigfork

Work Session & Regular City Council Meeting May 13, 2014 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Amy Pifher, Dave Evensen, Peter Johnson, Krista Lane and Randy Nei

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Joe Zimmer and Becki Passeri

Mayor Amy Pifher called the work session to order at 5:34 p.m. The engineering firm of Widseth, Smith & Nolting has requested permission to visit the Council. They will be invited to attend the regular June meeting. A uniform shirt style was decided upon by the Public Works employees with input from Johnson and Lane and these will be ordered. The Council discussed the SEH invoice that is still in dispute. Zimmer answered questions regarding the fluoride content in City water.

Pifher called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Also Present for Regular Meeting: Kathy Syrus, Warren Welch, Lyle & Anna Lehinger

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

Additions to the agenda included a grading contract under Unfinished Business.

Motion by Lane to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Johnson, motion carried unanimously (MCU).

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

- 1. minutes of the April 8th regular City Council meeting and the April 22nd Work Session,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for April 2014,***
- 3. Financial reports for April 2014,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for April 2014,***
- 5. Resolution 2014-10,***
- 6. Resolution 2014-11,***
- 7. Airport Hangar Lease agreement with Rick Reinhart,***
- 8. payroll and timecards for April 11th and 25th paydays in the amount of \$6,182.47,***
- 9. claims paid in the amount of \$5,078.94 and claims for payment in the amount of \$47,343.77***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Memo from SEH: An email and detailed backup information was received from Jeff Ledin in regard to the invoice currently in dispute. The Council felt the information submitted was not sufficient to prove that extra work had been done specifically due to the damaged control panel. ***Motion by Lane to table the issue, seconded by Evensen, MCU.***

Engagement Letter for 2014-2016 Audits: A proposal was received from CliftonLarsonAllen to perform audit services for 2014 through 2016. *Motion by Lane to accept this proposal and sign the engagement letter, seconded by Nei, MCU*

Christmas Streetlight Decorations: A quote was obtained from Temple Display for new lighted decorations for the streetlights. The quote includes one custom lumberjack and 15 trees with a six-year warranty for a total of \$6,603.75. As discussed at the April 22nd budget work session, this will be paid for with residual funds in the Streetlight account. *Motion by Evensen to approve this purchase based on quote, seconded by Johnson, MCU.*

Water/Sewer Acct #765 Payment Contract Breach: The Council reviewed the status of this account which the owner signed a payment agreement for at the beginning of 2014 but is in breach of. Kathy Syrus, who is living in the house now, was present and stated that she is taking responsibility for the account and asked for an extension of the agreement. *Motion by Evensen to allow a 90-day extension for the account to be made current, seconded by Lane, motion carried with Johnson and Pifher abstaining.*

City Hall Cleaning Bids: Two bids were received. Due to the large difference in the amounts, *a motion was made by Lane to table the item and have Storlie advertise for more bids, seconded by Evensen, MCU.*

Grading Contract: *Motion by Lane to approve the grading contract with T & T Excavating, seconded by Johnson, MCU.*

NEW BUSINESS

Feeding Deer in City Limits: Johnson has had questions from residents about restricting the feeding of deer in city limits due to concerns about accidents involving deer and the possibility that deer in town attract wolves closer to town. Evensen stated this was discussed several years ago and the Council decided to continue to allow feeding of deer as it is an enjoyable activity for our many senior residents. The Council felt the same at this time and no change was made.

Potholes: Johnson has received complaints on this issue as well. The Council felt that the Public Works department is doing what it can but this is just something we deal with every spring. Lane suggested that the Budget Committee discuss possible funding for road improvements.

5K Run for Wounded Warrior Project: Johnson reviewed his plans for his Patriot's Place Café to sponsor a 5K walk/run, a 10K run and a 15K bicycle event on June 14th during Wilderness Days. Johnson requested permission to utilize portions of City streets for the event. *Motion by Evensen to grant permission for this, seconded by Lane, MCU.* 100% of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the WWP.

Blight Inspections: The Public Works department was directed to conduct inspections for violations of the blight ordinance and Storlie was directed to send letters to any property owner in violation and to including information on the upcoming clean-up days.

MCFOA Regional Meeting Attendance: *Motion by Evensen to approve Storlie's attendance at this meeting on May 30th, seconded by Johnson, MCU.*

Payment Plan for Acct #305: Lyle and Anna Lehinger were present to discuss the status of their water/sewer account with the Council. *Motion by Evensen, seconded by Lane to approve a payment plan for \$100 a month, MCU.*

OTHER:

A reminder to all residents and property owners of the clean-up days coming up on May 23rd and 24th.

Vacation requests for Storlie and Gould were approved in a motion by Evensen, seconded by Nei, MCU.

Pifher opened the public forum again. Warren Welch asked about eradicating nuisance pigeons. Storlie will check on regulations for shooting in the City. As no one else wished to speak, the public forum was closed.

Mayor Pifher issued a reminder to all drivers that pedestrians on the crosswalk have the right of way.

Pifher thanked all the businesses that sponsored prizes for the medallion hunt and everyone that participated in the hunt.

Motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. by Lane seconded by Evensen, MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer