

City of Bigfork
City Council Meeting
October 10, 2017
5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Amy Pifher, Benjamin Maxa, Andrew Francisco and Peter Johnson

Members Absent: Eric Storlie

Also Present: Aaron Gould, Ryan Davies, Gus David, Warren Welch, Becki Passeri

Mayor Pifher called the closed meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of union negotiation strategy discussion.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:09 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 by Johnson to approve the agenda, seconded by Francisco, motion carried unanimously (MCU).

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

- 1. minutes of the September 12, 2017 regular and September 21, 2017 emergency City Council meetings,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for September 2017,***
- 3. financial reports for September 2017,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for September 2017,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for September 8 and 22, 2017 and October 6, 2017 in the amount of \$10,703.89***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$17,076.65 and claims for payment in the amount of \$21,900.70***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recreation Activities: A number of ideas were generated from the City's Facebook page about possible winter activities and events to promote the new skating rink, disc golf course, and outdoor activity in general.

Pifher appointed Francisco, Maxa and Johnson to head a committee to plan an event. Other community members will be invited to participate, including representatives from the school and hospital.

Proposed Changes to Airport Lease: A final draft of the proposed changes to the airport hangar land lease drafted by Robert Thydean and edited by the League of Minnesota Cities contract review service was presented to the Council. The Council was in agreement that this is an acceptable lease agreement.

Bids for 2017/2018 Plowing:

Motion by Francisco, seconded by Johnson, to accept the bid from Jeff Powell Excavating in the amount of \$1,485 and \$345 respectively for airport runway light snow removal and airport road/parking lot snow plowing services for the 2017/2018 winter, MCU.

Motion by Francisco, seconded by Maxa, to accept the bid from Jeff Powell Excavating in the amount of \$225 per time for grading services for the 2018 grading season, MCU.

Motion by Johnson to accept the bid from Jeff Powell Excavating in the amount of \$385 per time for street snow plowing services for the 2017/2018 winter on the conditions that the City be the first priority customer and that Powell serve as primary snow removal rather than backup only. If Powell is not able to agree to these conditions, the bid from Gus David will be accepted in the amount of \$600 per time for 0-6" of snow, \$700 per time for over 6" up to 12" of snow, and \$800 for over 12" of snow. Motion seconded by Maxa, MCU.

OTHER

The Council acknowledged receipt of the Wannigan visitors report for 2017. 391 individuals signed the guest book making a total of 5,101 visitors since the guestbook was placed in the Wannigan in 2006. There have been visitors from 46 different states and 15 different countries.

Pifher closed the meeting at 6:41 p.m. for the purpose of continued union negotiation strategy discussion.

Pifher adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer