

City of Bigfork
Work Session & Regular City Council Meeting
October 11, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Joe Zimmer, Travis Lovdahl

Mayor Pifher called the work session to order at 7:00 p.m. Additions to the agenda included propane vendor selection, November meeting schedule, public works truck tire purchase, and City Hall restoration update – drain tile.

Training Request – Zimmer was removed from the agenda.

Francisco discussed his desire to attract economic development to Bigfork. The Clerk was asked to contact Itasca Economic Development Corporation to discuss any potential opportunities.

Pifher closed the work session and opened the regular meeting at 7:12 p.m.

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

Motion by Johnson to approve the agenda as amended during the work session, seconded by E. Storlie, 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 September 13, 2016 regular and September 22, 2016 special City Council meetings,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for September 2016,***
- 3. Financial reports for September 2016,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for September 2016,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for September 23, and October 7, 2016 paydays in the amount of \$6,020.11***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$7,211.88 and claims for payment in the amount of \$25,280.82***

NEW BUSINESS

2016/2017 Plowing & Grading Contract: One bid was received for 2016/2017 plowing and grading services. ***Motion by Johnson, seconded by Nei to accept the bid from Jeff Powell Excavating, LLC, MCU.***

Fire Department Redistricting: Fire Chief Travis Lovdahl informed the Council that a petition had been submitted to Itasca County requesting that two sections of unorganized land be re-assigned to the Bearville Fire Department. Lovdahl attended a meeting with Itasca County, the Bearville Fire Chief, and the State Fire Marshall's office where it was determined that the change

should be made. This will result in about a \$9,000 loss in revenue per year for the Bigfork Fire Department.

Acknowledgement of Itasca County Resolution 2016-46: Pifher noted that the Itasca County Board had adopted Resolution 2016-46 Re: National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month in Itasca County (November 2016). The resolution and additional information will be shared on the City's Facebook page.

Propane Vendor: The City received a solicitation from Lakes Gas Co. for propane at a cost of \$0.74 per gallon for the first fill and \$0.84 per gallon for the rest of the heating season. They would switch out the tanks for free. The current vendor, FerrellGas, has offered \$0.999 per gallon.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Francisco to switch to Lakes Gas unless FerrellGas will match their price, MCU.

November Meeting Schedule: It was the general consensus of the Council to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of opening bids for the Bigfork Commercial Redevelopment project (demolition of the building located at 308 Main Ave). It was also the general consensus of the Council to move the regular November meeting to Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in order to accommodate the schedule for canvassing election results and to hold all future City Council meetings at 6:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m.

Public Works Tire Purchase: Zimmer requested permission to purchase new tires for the white public works truck. ***Motion by Johnson, seconded by Francisco to purchase the tires from Unger's, MCU.***

City Hall Restoration Update - Drain Tile: The existing drain tile around City Hall is hooked up to the sanitary sewer system. The plans call for a catch basin and diversion into the storm sewer instead. The City could save on costs by leaving everything hooked up to the sanitary sewer instead of adding a catch basin, pumps, etc. City ordinance does not allow discharge of unpolluted water into the sanitary sewer system; however the Council could waive this restriction. The amount of water being discharged to the sanitary sewer system from the City Hall drain tile is minimal. The decision to allow the drain tile to connect to the sanitary sewer system would be contingent upon videoing the line to make sure there is no damage. ***Motion by Johnson to make an exception to the ordinance for this purpose and to revisit the ordinance at a later date, seconded by Francisco, MCU.***

Mayor Pifher closed the meeting at 7:51 p.m. for the purpose of conducting an employee performance review.

Mayor Pifher reopened the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Johnson at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Francisco, MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer