

City of Bigfork

Work Session & Regular City Council Meeting October 13, 2015 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Travis Lovdahl and Becki Passeri

Mayor Pifher called the work session to order at 7:00 p.m. The Council and Fire Chief Travis Lovdahl discussed the closing of house accounts at Two Rivers Cenex effective 1/1/16. Several options for alternative ways to obtain fuel were discussed. This item was removed from the regular agenda and Lovdahl will present more information at the November meeting. Lovdahl exited the meeting at this time. The water study report by Widseth, Smith & Nolting was removed from the agenda. Pifher closed the work session and opened the regular meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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.

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 Nei, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda including:

- 1. minutes of the September 8th regular and September 17th special City Council meetings,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for September 2015,***
- 3. Financial reports for September 2015,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for September 2015,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for September 11th and 25th paydays in the amount of \$6,177.90***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$22,007.16 and claims for payment in the amount of \$21,595.81***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-07 – Supporting Bustic Lake Name Correction: This item was tabled until Brian Rajala could be present with further information.

NEW BUSINESS

Legal Services Proposal Review: The Council reviewed a proposal from John Dimich for city attorney services. *Motion by Johnson, seconded by E. Storlie to accept the proposal from John Dimich and appoint him as City Attorney, MCU.*

Planning Commission Vacancy: No one has expressed interest in the open Planning & Zoning Commission seat. Any resident or property owner within the City limits is eligible to serve.

Sale of Ford Ranger: *Motion by Francisco, seconded by Johnson to advertise for sealed bids on the sale of the Ranger with a minimum bid of \$200, MCU.*

Complaints on Scenic Hwy 7/Golf Course Lane/Huskie Blvd Intersection: Two complaints have been received in the last month regarding the 3-way stop at this intersection. Complainants report that drivers are assuming that it is a 4-way stop and are pulling out in front of eastbound traffic on Golf Course Lane which does not have a stop sign. This issue was discussed by the City Council in 2003 and additional signage was added to clarify the 3-way stop. The Council discussed several options including converting the intersection to a 2-way stop, requesting additional presence from the Itasca County Sheriff's Department, installing flashing red lights, and extending the school zone so that any tickets written for stop sign violations would carry a steeper penalty. The Clerk was directed to contact the Sheriff's Department to request that they patrol the area more often, and to obtain pricing information on flashing red lights.

OTHER

Training Request: A. Storlie requested permission to attend an MCFOA Region II meeting on October 23, 2015 in Tower, MN and the IIMC Region VI meeting on January 22-23, 2016 in LaCrosse, WI. Travel and one night's hotel costs for the IIMC meeting will be paid by the MCFOA on Storlie's behalf. *Motion by Johnson to approve Storlie's requests, seconded by Nei, MCU.*

Vacation Request: *Motion by Francisco, seconded by E. Storlie to approve A. Storlie's request for vacation on October 16, November 27 and December 21-25, MCU.*

Mayor Pifher closed the meeting at 7:33 p.m. for the purpose of conducting an employee performance review.

Mayor Pifher reopened the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Johnson at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Nei, MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting held on
November 10, 2015

Mayor