

City of Bigfork

Work Session & Regular City Council Meeting
October 14, 2014
5:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Peter Johnson

Also Present: Chris Fulton, Mark Hallan

Mayor Pifher called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. Chris Fulton from the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation gave a presentation on the creation of a community endowment fund. He discussed what the GRACF does, gave an example of a success story, and concluded that his purpose was to plant the seed of the idea and encourage everyone to start thinking about how this could be a benefit to the Bigfork area.

Mark Hallan of Widseth, Smith & Nolting was present with an update. He reported that Keys Well Drilling had mobilized back to the well #5 site yesterday and had completed the grouting of well #5 under the supervision of the Minnesota Department of Health. Tomorrow they will move to well #3 and complete grouting of that. Eagle Construction plans to have a crew up on Thursday to clean up the site, and apply topsoil, seed and mulch for the winter.

Hallan informed the Council that he has completed the final report necessary to close out the grant agreement with the IRRRB. Prior to this being submitted, the City will need to receive the final billing from Eagle Construction and submit for final payment from the IRRRB.

Hallan notified the City that Itasca County has issued a request for proposal for the RiverWalk Trail project and WSN plans to submit a proposal. He wanted to make sure the City did not have any issues with this and the Council indicated that they did not.

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

Also Present for Regular Meeting: Warren & Caroline Welch

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

Motion by Lane to approve the agenda, seconded by Nei, MCU.

Consent Agenda: *Motion by Nei, seconded by Evensen and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda including:*

- 1. minutes of the September 9th regular City Council meeting,*
- 2. City Clerk's office report for September 2014,*
- 3. Financial reports for September 2014,*
- 4. Public Works Department report for September 2014,*
- 5. payroll and timecards for September 12th and 26th paydays in the amount of \$6,589.56*
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$6,083.77 and claims for payment in the amount of \$48,890.14*

Results of September 9, 2014 Closed Meeting: Pifer reported that at the closed meeting held on September 9, 2014, a performance review of Public Works Assistant Aaron Gould was conducted. Gould received a satisfactory result on his review.

NEW BUSINESS

Signage Request for Golf Course Lane: A request was received to have a “stop ahead” sign placed on the westbound side of Golf Course Lane prior to its intersection with CSAH 78 (hospital road). Pifer has already forwarded this request on to Itasca County as this is a County road.

OTHER:

Motion by Evensen, seconded by Nei to approve vacation requests from Joe Zimmer for November 11th-21st and Angie Storlie for October 16th-17th, MCU.

At this time, Attorney Shelley Ryan of Hoff, Barry & Kozar was connected via speaker phone to the meeting and recommended that the Council move into closed session, pursuant to the attorney client exception found in Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05 subdivision 3b to discuss the matter of City of Bigfork and League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust vs. Wayne W. Kruse, as there is an absolute need for confidentiality for the information to be exchanged. *Motion by Evensen to close the meeting at 6:09 p.m. under the authority and for the purpose stated, seconded by Lane, MCU.*

Motion to reopen the meeting by Evensen at 6:17, second by Nei, MCU

Motion to close the meeting at 6:18 p.m. for the purpose of conducting an employee performance evaluation by Lane, seconded by Evensen, MCU.

Motion to reopen the meeting at 6:27 p.m. by Evensen, seconded by Lane, MCU

Motion to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. by Evensen, seconded by Nei, MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting held on
November 12, 2014

Mayor