

City of Bigfork
Regular City Council Meeting
October 9, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Amy Pifher, Drew Francisco, David Mann, Paul Gustafson and Ben Maxa

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Becki Passeri, Warren & Caroline Welch, Joe Zimmer, Amanda Clark, Chris Cheney, Curt Meyer, Bob Zimmer, Rex Sala

Mayor Pifher called the Public Hearing on the proposed annexation to order at 6:00 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing was subsequently closed.

Pifer called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Councilman David Mann wished to take the alternate oath of office provided for in State Statute. He renounced the oath originally administered to him on April 10, 2018. The City Clerk administered the alternate oath.

Clark sewer backup was added to the agenda. ***Motion by Mann to approve the agenda as amended, 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 11 regular City Council meeting,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for September 2018,***
- 3. financial reports for September 2018,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for September 2018,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for Sept 21 and Oct 5 regular payrolls in the amount of \$6,677.12***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$9,695.11 and claims for payment in the amount of \$77,619.39***

Clark Sewer Backup: Amanda Clark addressed the Council regarding repeated sewer backups into her basement. The first occurred in March and was covered by the City's insurance company. The most recent was over the weekend. It was due to a mechanical failure which Public Works Superintendent Joe Zimmer has corrected. Clark requested that the City cover the cost of a professional cleaning service and replacement of rugs that were ruined. ***Motion by Pifher, seconded by Maxa to cover cleaning costs and losses for this sewer backup, MCU.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineering Updates: Curt Meyer of WSN was present with updates for the Council. He first congratulated the Fire Department on their receipt of a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for new SCBAs. WSN served as grant writer for this application.

Meyer reported that they have completed the topo survey and existing conditions report for water/sewer to the Dollar General site. They still need to design the pipe crossings and connections and apply for permits from MnDOT, MDH and MPCA. Dollar General's engineering has indicated they wish to begin work next week, but the City cannot have them install any utilities that will be city-owned until these permits are secured. As Dollar General is paying the complete cost of this extension, they will need to sign a contract with WSN for the work and pay them directly. Once WSN has certified that the installation was made according to their plans, the City will accept ownership of that portion within the right-of-way.

Meyer's final item was the Rajala lift station reconstruction. Zimmer has a quote in the amount of \$34,962.04. Meyer stated that Mark Hallan from their office will be reviewing the quote to ensure it is what we need. There are not many funding options available for projects of this size. Meyer felt the best option was a micro loan through Minnesota Rural Water.

Ordinance #184: The ordinance approving annexation passed at the July 18 special meeting was not approved by the State due to an insufficient legal description. Dollar General's engineering firm has supplied an updated legal description. Ordinance #184 annexes the property into city limits. ***Motion to approve Ordinance #184 by Francisco, seconded by Gustafson, motion carried with Mann opposing.***

City Hall Restoration Quote – Order #1: This change order relates to additional electrical work needed. ***Motion by Francisco, seconded by Mann to accept the change order in the amount of \$4,883, MCU.***

Skating Rink Fence Quote: A quote was received from Keller Fence in the amount of \$1,072.54. It was determined that the Public Works department and Francisco would attempt to complete the fencing themselves as discussed at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chippewa Lodge City Hall Use: Chris Cheney stated the Chippewa Lodge is interested in renting meeting and storage space in City Hall. The Council was in favor of negotiating an agreement with them once the restoration is complete.

Letter of Intent: The Fire Department is applying for a grant for a washer/extractor and dryer for their turn-out gear. A letter of intent to purchase is needed from the City. ***Motion by Mann, seconded by Maxa to supply the letter, MCU.***

National Homeless and Hunger Awareness Month: Pifher acknowledged Itasca County Resolution 2018-42 and made note of events happening during National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week, November 11-17, 2018 including a luncheon on Wednesday, November

7 at Itasca Resource Center and an awareness walk/soup line on Wednesday, November 14 at Grace House.

Motion to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. by Mann, seconded by Francisco, MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer