

City of Bigfork
Regular City Council Meeting
September 11, 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, Bryan Boone, Warren & Caroline Welch

Mayor Pifher 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.

Motion to approve the agenda by Francisco, seconded by Gustafson, motion carried unanimously (MCU).

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

- 1. minutes of the August 14 regular City Council meeting,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for August 2018,***
- 3. financial reports for August 2018,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for August 2018,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for Aug 24 and Sept 7 regular payrolls in the amount of \$6,654.40***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$5,800.07 and claims for payment in the amount of \$40,700.81***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2018-10: This resolution adopts the preliminary budget and levy for 2019 as discussed at the August meeting. It includes a 1.5% tax levy increase along with a 3% increase in water rates. The water rate increase is to cover half the cost of converting the gas chlorinate system to liquid and will be repeated in 2020. ***Motion by Maxa, seconded by Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2018-10, with the stipulation that water rates be revisited in two years to lower them if possible, MCU.***

Dollar General Update: The Clerk reported that the annexation was declined by the State since the property did not abut city limits. The Overland Group has submitted a new petition for annexation with an additional legal description to remedy this. A public hearing on this petition will be held at the start of the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

The Overland Group has indicated that paying 100% of the cost of the needed water/sewer extension will not be a problem.

Rajala Lift Station Update: Zimmer has received a quote for rebuilding this lift station. It has been forwarded to City Engineer Curt Meyer to begin putting together funding options for the city to consider at the October meeting. Pifher knows a fabricator that will be meeting with Zimmer to see if there is an alternative solution.

WSN Well #6 Invoice: As referenced by Meyer at the August meeting, WSN had significant cost over-runs for the well #6 project. They wrote off all but \$4,175.50 of the overage and submitted an invoice in that amount to the City. ***Motion to pay this invoice by Mann, seconded by Pifher, MCU.***

NEW BUSINESS

Quote for Skating Rink Fencing: Zimmer has tried contacting two fencing companies and neither has called him back. Francisco has the equipment to do this and will work with Boone and the public works department to get the fencing project done.

Resolution 2018-11: This is a blanket resolution authorizing application to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board for any grant funds needed during the current fiscal year. ***Motion by Pifher, seconded by Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2018-10, MCU.***

Motion to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. by Pifher, seconded by Maxa MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer