

City of Bigfork

**City Council
Regular Meeting
June 14, 2011
6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

Members Present: Mayor Roger Logdahl, Dan Heinecke, Krista Lane, Amy Pifher , Bob Zimmer

Members Absent: none

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Wayne Kruse, Matt Pelinen(SEH), Police chief Jon Babcock, Jim Manske (Public Works liason)

Call Meeting to Order

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

Pledge of Alleigence

Public Forum

Dave Evensen asked the council who had authorized the testing of the City Hall for mold contamination. Roger Logdahl informed him that the clerk informed the council of the situation of visible mold. The council approved the testing. He was also informed by the mayor that the City Attorney was also consulted and the attorney stated that health concerns have to be addressed.

Gene Madsen then spoke and asked the council who was in charge of authorizing repairs to the City Hall. The Mayor informed him that the council was responsible for that. Gene asked why the roof had not been repaired before as the Preservation Committee hired someone to patch the roof in over 20 places. The Mayor said that the roofs problems were noticed before he was on the council and that funding could not be found to replace the roof which is what it actually needs. Gene then asked Bob Zimmer as to why repairs were not done many years before. Bob then said that he was on the council in the late 90's but then was off it for six years so he can not speak for those on the council during the time he wasn't on the council.

Mike Kocian then stated that the Preservation Committee has a petition signed by over 300 people in support of maintaining the current City Hall and that 150 of those were city residents. He then asked the council for a referendum to support the preservation of the City Hall. He also asked the council if the Preservation Committee could use the Citys 503C non-profit number. The city clerk then informed him that the cities are not considered non-profit and are not even exempt form paying taxes including sales tax. Mike Kocian then stated that the Preservation would then proceed to get their own non-profit status no. The Mayor then brought up the point that the at the last meeting they addressed the council and were given 6 months to look into funding for the City Hall.

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Amy Pifher made a motion on a resolution to support the the Preservation Committee in keeping and maintaining the City Hall. Dan Heinecke seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the city council.

Public forum was closed

Agenda

Bob Zimmer made a motion to approve agenda, Amy Pifher seconded approved unanimously

Consent Agenda

Amy Pifher asked that consent agenda items 1 (minutes) and 6 (time cards) be moved to the end of the meeting in a closed session.

Bob Zimmer made a made a motion to approve the consent agenda with changes, Krista Lane seconded, approved unanimously.

Engineering Report

Matt Pellinen from SEH informed the council that the initial \$250,000 of funding was approved for the water project and that it should begin this Fall.

Matt also asked for a letter to be drafted to cover the \$60,000 of the citys costs for the airport apron, taxiway and road repair. The mayor then asked that letters also be sent out to thank all the agencies that have funded the airport.

Motion was made by Heinecke and seconded by Zimmer to allow the SEH to apply for a the funding and for the Thank You letters to be sent. Approved unanimously.

Matt then informed the council that the MNDOT has informed them that the trees present at the approach to the runway have to be removed. He stated that MNDOT will pay for this. But the problem is that the land is not owned by the City but by Mr. Pifher. He was instructed to contact Mr. Pifher and inform him of the situation. If he is not willing to have the trees removed then the city has to look into acquiring the area in question. Matt also stated if the trees do not get removed the MNDOT can close the airport.

Bob Zimmer made a motion to approve a SEH to contact Mr. Pifher and look into getting the trees removed, seconded by Dan Heinecke, approved unanimously.

Liaison's Reports

Public Works Liaison Jim Manske commended Public Works on the work being done. He did mention that the fence around the airport mound needs cleaning.

Amy Pifher, parks and recreation liaison, said that Wilderness Days went very well. Also said that Bigfork Township gave verbal agreement to continue funding for the beach.

Bob Zimmer, Cemetery Liaison, said that the cemetery is in excellent shape.

Roger Logdahl, Mayor, thanked everyone for involvement in the Cities Three Day Cleanup.

The Clerk then informed the council that the water hydrants at the City Park, landing and Dump Station are in need of replacement. They asked the clerk to inform Joe Zimmer to let them know on June 28th the condition of all the hydrants in the City.

Old Business

City hall update

The council was updated as to repairs done to the city roof. Roger Logdahl then mentioned that repairs to the City Hall should go through Joe Zimmer as Public Works Superintendent. Clerk is to inform Mike Kocian about the need to go through Joe for any work done on the City Hall.

Howard McKinney Land Purchase

City Clerk informed the council that he had contacted the county to get the Legal Description for the land in question and should be finalized before the next council meeting.

New Business

Brian Rajala Land Sale Request

Brian Rajala addressed the council on the availability of land for the City to purchase just north of the New Grace Community Church on Highway 38. Bob Zimmer asked if it had been appraised and Brian said that the last appraisal was for \$1,000/acre and that there is approximately 20 acres at that location. Bob also asked if there was land along Ottum and Brian said there is 40 acres also at that location. Brian Rajala said that any of this land is available but only if it would be used to enhance the city.

Fungal Testing.

The council was given a report by Braun Intertec to assess the extent of Fungal contamination in the City Hall. The report showed contamination of three principle types of fungal contamination mostly within the basement area. A citizen then asked if any of the more harmful types of bacteria was found and if people should be concerned in using the City Hall. The city clerk informed them that none of the more harmful types, such as "Black Mold", was found but that mold concentrations may be high enough to affect those with an already

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compromised respiratory condition. The council then told the City Clerk to send a copy of the report to Mike Kocian of the Preservation Committee for them to look at and possible address.

State Council on Results and Innovation

The council was given an informational request by the state informing the City that they may take place in a study. For taking place I this ongoing study the City would receive \$0.14/resident. As this would only amount to approx. \$60.00 the cost of time might not be worth it. The Council decided to table the matter for future consideration.

Twin Homes Property Tax Assessment

Roger Logdahl informed the council that at the last Joint Powers Board meeting he was informed that Dan Odegaard had approached the county into classifying the Twin Homes as non-profit. This would result in the City not getting any tax revenue from these properties. The City Clerk informed the council that two emails were sent to Mr. Odegaard requesting he be present at this meeting to explain his reasoning. The Mayor stated that originally this development was as taxable structures. As Mr. Odegaard was not present the Clerk was told to send a request by certified mail to Mr. Odegaard and Bigfork Valley to appear at the next council meeting in regards to this.

Public Forum

No one presented information

Open meeting Adjourned at 7:08

Closed Session

Meeting was adjourned after closed session

Wayne Kruse
City Clerk/Treasurer