

City of Bigfork

City Council
Regular Meeting
March 14th, 2011
6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Wayne Kruse, Police officer Jon Babcock, Liaison officer James Manske

Call Meeting to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum

Mike Kocian asked for the ability to ask questions and present information on City Hall agenda item during that portion of the meeting. Permission was granted.

Agenda

Pifher made a motion to move the City Hall presentation to the beginning of current agenda items. Seconded by Heinecke and approved unanimously.

Motion made by Pifner and seconded by Heinecke to approve amended agenda, passed unanimously

Consent Agenda

Pifher asked to have a closed session regarding time cards at end of meeting. Police report for March was not ready so will be presented at April's meeting.

Motion made by Pifher and seconded by Heinecke to approve consent agenda with above revisions

Engineering Updates

City Engineer Mathew Pellinen updated on the water rehab project and asked for official acceptance of resolution 2011-05 concerning interim financing for project. Logdahl asked for wording of resolution to be modified to say “the estimate to be approximate” instead of a set dollar value.

Motion made by Zimmer to approve 2011-05 resolution as modified, seconded by Pifher and approved unanimously

Liaison’s Reports

City works liaison officer James Manske reported that the main break on Ash street was repaired in a timely manner

Bob Zimmer, cemetery liaison, said an excellent job has been done at cemetery to raids cleared.

Parks and Recreation Liaison Amy Pifher addressed the possibility for swimming lessons at the beach this year. She will contact Alisha(lifeguard) and the Township of Bigfork concerning this.

Old Business

City Hall Proposal

City Clerk Wayne Kruse presented information regarding costs for repair and replace of City hall and the reasoning behind them. Mike Kocian spoke on the reasoning of repairing the City Hall. The council has asked for a special Public Forum be set up for this.

Union Contract

City attorney, Jophn Licke, addressed the new union contract that was agreed upon in negotiations. Some changes for 2011-2013 are a follows:

Total number of paid holidays are reduced from ten to nine

Cities cost of health insurane will increase from \$800 to \$810 in 2011, \$830 in 2012, and \$850 in 2013

Wages will have an increase of 1% for 2011, 1% in 2012 and 1.5% in 2013

Motion made by Heinecke and Seconded by Lane to accept new union contract, Approved 4 to 0 with Zimmer abstaining

Public works superintendent letter

The council discussed the letter form the union asking for Joseph Zimmer,s starting date as Superintendent to be June 1st instead of August 22nd.

Motion made by Heinecke and seconded by Pifher to keep starting date as August 22nd. Approved unanimously with Zimmer abstaining

LMC Liability Coverage

City Clerk informed council that he had met with LMC representative and was advised to take the maximum coverage as the cost was minimal, \$150, for the extra \$500,000 coverage.

Casper Construction Billing

Casper sent a letter explaining billing for repair made on water in October. The questioned billing was explained because of question regarding of main location.

Motion made by Pifher to pay the bill, seconded by Heinecke and approved unanimously

First Call Services

City Clerk explained that First Call is asking for donations for its services in Itasca County. The Clerk informed the council that First Call is a service that directs people in need to the proper services within the county.

Zimmer made a motion to donate \$100 to First Call, Pifher seconded and passed unanimously

Police Chief Vacation Pay

The amount of hours for vacation pay for Jon Babcock was discussed regarding the hrs/day and the amount of days earned. The amount of days earned was determined to stay as is(30 days) as there is no records concerning the original agreement when he was employed. The hrs /day was discussed based on his hrs scheduled/week vs. 8hrs/day.

Dan made a motion for Jon to be paid based on 8hrs/day for the 2011 year, Pifher seconded, the vote was 3-1 with Lane as the no vote and Zimmer abstaining.

Update On Hotel Demolition

City Clerk informed council that he contacted the county and demolition was scheduled for the end of the week.

New Business

Review of Employee Personnel Policy

Review was rescheduled for a closed meeting on April 7, 2011

Local Phone Service for Police Chief

City Clerk informed council that the home phone service is costing the city \$600 for the year. Jon was asked how often this phone was used and he said almost never. City clerk was informed to cancel this phone service when the next phone book was due out and replace the numbers in the city contacts for police to be changed to the Itasca County Sheriffs numbers at that time.

Itasca County agreements for plowing and snow removal

Council wants Works Superintendent to look over agreement and routes and report at next meeting.

DRAFT – These minutes are not official until approved at the next regular City Council meeting.

Minnesota Hwy 38 Leadership Board Contribution

The Leadership Board is asking for a \$150 contribution. This is the same as last year.

Pifher made a motion for \$150 contribution, seconded by Zimmer and passed unanimously

Additional Items

Resolution 2011-04 regarding Public Positions

Clerk asked the council if Mike Bakke will continue as Police Liaison and Gene Ward as Airport liaison.

Motion by Heinecke and seconded by Lane to approve resolution 2011-04, passed unanimously

Public Forum

No one presented

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm

Wayne Kruse
City Clerk/Treasurer