

City of Bigfork

Work Session & Regular City Council Meeting

June 10, 2014

5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Amy Pifher, Peter Johnson, Krista Lane and Randy Nei

Members Absent: Dave Evensen

Also Present: Curt Meyer

Mayor Amy Pifher called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. The Council agreed to remove Main Lift Station Pump from the agenda due to the absence of Joe Zimmer. Storlie answered questions on a few of the claims for payment

Curt Meyer from the engineering firm of Widseth, Smith & Nolting gave a brief presentation and provided a packet of information to the Council on WSN's services.

Pifher called the regular meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Also Present for Regular Meeting: Gus David, Lynn Marthaler, Tom David, Warren Welch, City Attorney John Licke

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the public forum opened. Pifher commended the Public Works Department for the cemetery looking great on Memorial Day and doing community clean-up the same weekend. Tom David asked about putting a sign up. Storlie will get a permit form to him. As no one else wished to address the Council, the public forum was closed.

Changes to the agenda included the removal of Main Lift Station Pump from New Business and the addition of Widseth Smith & Nolting Engineering Firm under New Business.

Motion by Lane to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Johnson, motion carried unanimously (MCU).

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

- 1. minutes of the May 13th regular City Council meeting,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for May 2014,***
- 3. Financial reports for May 2014,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for May 2014,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for May 9th and 23rd paydays in the amount of \$6,168.53,***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$6,350.31 and claims for payment in the amount of \$29,808.23***

Public Hearing: Mayor Pifher opened the public hearing regarding the proposed street vacation at 6:16 p.m. City Attorney John Licke gave a review of the vacation process to this point. The process was started because of known encroachment issues with the Bigfork Ambulance and Tom David properties. The Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed the City maps after waiting for new aerial photographs

on Itasca County's GIS mapping system. It was then learned that the aerial photos had a greater margin of error that was originally expected. Because of this, no encroachment issue could be proven for the Marthaler property and so the Planning & Zoning's original proposal for vacation was amended upon consultation with the County Surveyor's office. Lynn Marthaler expressed concern that the vacation as proposed would not solve her issues. Licke responded that unless they have a survey of their property which shows an encroachment, the City does not have a good reason to vacate any further property. Marthaler believed she did have a survey and was asked to bring it in to the Clerk's office. It was Licke's recommendation to move forward with the vacation as proposed and the Marthaler property could be dealt with at a later time, provided a survey is produced. Pifher closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. and introduced Resolution 2014-12, Vacating Portions of Various Streets on Council Initiative. ***Motion by Lane, seconded by Nei to pass resolution 2014-12, MCU.*** Marthaler and Tom David exited the meeting at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Well #5 Update: A memo had been received this morning from Keys Well Drilling regarding the situation with the new well #5. ***Motion by Johnson to table the issue until we have more information and input from the contractor, seconded by Lane, MCU.*** Pifher will contact Brandon at Eagle Construction in the morning.

Pifher moved the discussion on Widseth, Smith & Nolting engineering firm to this point on the agenda. There was discussion on hiring WSN to finish out the water project. Storlie was directed to forward all contracts related to the project to Licke for review to see if this could be done. Pifher and Storlie will contact some of the cities that WSN has worked with for references. Licke exited the meeting at this time.

City Hall Cleaning Bids: No further bids were received after advertising for two more weeks. It was the general consensus of the Council that neither of the two original bids were in the budget for this year and that the Public Works Department would be asked to make Hall cleaning duties more of a priority.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-13: This resolution was proposed by Councilman Evensen to dedicate any revenue recognized from the city-owned property on County Road 225 to the future maintenance of City Hall and RiverWalk Trail. ***Motion by Lane, seconded by Johnson to pass Resolution 2014-13, MCU.***

Playground Equipment Purchase: Brian Rajala has confirmed that his group has about \$2,000 left to put toward the purchase of equipment for McGarry Park. The Council had previously discussed matching that amount with money from the Gambling Tax Fund which currently has \$3,145 in it. ***Motion by Lane, seconded by Johnson to authorize Storlie to purchase equipment costing up to \$5,000, MCU.***

Beach Security: The Public Works employees have been opening the beach gate each morning and closing it at the end of their shift, however 5:30 p.m. is often too early to close it. There have been some security problems at the property since summer started so the gate does need to be locked by dark each night. Joe and Aaron will let the Mayor know if they do not lock it when they leave so that it can be taken care of by her or one of the Council members.

OTHER:

Lane suggested that the City have a welcome packet for new businesses with information on utilities and contact information, as well as information on the Edge of the Wilderness Business Association. Storlie was directed to put this together.

Pifher and Zimmer have discussed putting up a volleyball net at the beach one or two nights a week. Councilmembers had concerns about vandalism and it was decided that if a specific person were interested in taking responsibility to put up and take down the net, they would be allowed to do so.

Johnson thanked the Public Works Department for getting the memorial benches relocated to the Veteran's Memorial and for all their work to get ready for Wilderness Day.

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. by Lane seconded by Johnson, MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer