

# City of Bigfork

## Emergency City Council Meeting

June 11, 2014

6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mayor Amy Pifher, Dave Evensen, Krista Lane and Randy Nei

**Members Absent:** Peter Johnson

**Also Present:** None

Mayor Amy Pifher called the emergency meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and stated the purpose was to discuss the situation with well #5. She had talked with Brandon from Eagle Construction that morning. Brandon informed Pifher that Jeff Ledin of SEH had worked closely with the MN Department of Health for a variance to drill just 15' from existing well #3, hoping to hit the same geology/water vein. Unfortunately, we did not get those same results. At this time the driller has gone to a depth of 213 feet and is in bedrock. Bruce Bloomgren at the Minnesota Geological Survey was consulted and it is his opinion that the slate will yield water, but it may not be in a sufficient amount to meet the City's needs. The new quote provided by Keys Well Drilling for a total of \$57,880 includes \$27,180 worth of work that has already been done. It will cost another \$3,700 to install a test pump and determine how much water this well can produce. Provided that it will supply what the City needs, the remaining work would be done. The increase in costs from the original quote for well #5 includes \$8,000 in expenses related to drilling through bedrock as opposed to sand and \$4,180 for additional pipe and drilling. These amounts are offset by a \$4,000 credit because a screen will not be needed since we are in bedrock. The other option is to abandon this well and start again in a new location.

***Motion by Evensen, seconded by Lane to have Keys Well Drilling install the test pump and run the necessary tests to see what the yield is, motion carried unanimously (MCU).***

It was noted that Eagle Construction had submitted a request for payment to Ledin on April 28<sup>th</sup> and it has not been processed yet. Pifher will email Bob Beaver and Jeff Ledin of SEH tomorrow and give them a deadline to get this pay request taken care of.

***Motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. by Lane seconded by Evensen, MCU.***

Angela L. Storlie  
City Clerk/Treasurer