

City of Bigfork
Regular City Council Meeting
January 8, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Bryan Boone, Drew Francisco, Paul Gustafson and David Mann

Members Absent: Ben Maxa

Also Present: Sally Sedgewick, Chelsea & Ezra Mann, Joe Zimmer, Eric Storlie, Warren Welch, Diane Bakke

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-elect Bryan Boone and Councilmen-elect Andrew Francisco and David Mann.

Mayor Boone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the public forum was opened. Sarah Stone with Edge of the Wilderness Ski Club spoke with the Council about grooming RiverWalk trail for skiing. The Council expressed a preference for half of the trail to be cleared for walkers and directed Stone to find out if the other half would be enough room to groom for skiers. Stone was asked to work with Zimmer to make a final decision. As no one else wished to address the Council, the public forum was closed.

Three items were added to the agenda under New Business: main lift station generator repair, softball field, and disposal of Durango.

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

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

- 1. minutes of the December 11th regular City Council meeting,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for December 2018,***
- 3. financial reports for December 2018,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for December 2018,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for Dec 11th annual, 14th and 28th regular, and 28th cemetery payrolls in the amount of \$15,034.50***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$57,449.83 and claims for payment in the amount of \$124,023.47***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance #187: This ordinance changes the date and time of regular City Council meetings to the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. ***Motion to approve Ordinance #187 by Mann, seconded by Francisco, MCU.***

2019 Meeting Schedules: This schedule reflects the change made in the ordinance 187, plus moving Planning & Zoning Commission meetings to the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. *Motion to approve the 2019 meeting schedule by Francisco, seconded by Gustafson, MCU.*

City Hall Use Policy Update: The Clerk presented a draft policy with amendments as discussed at the previous meeting. *Motion by Mann to approve the amended policy, seconded by Gustafson, MCU.*

Letter of Response to Bigfork Township: Mann provided a draft response to the letter from Bigfork Township regarding communication surrounding the annexation of the Dollar General property. Receipt of this letter was acknowledged at the November Council meeting. The Council thanked Mann for his efforts in drafting the response. The letter will be signed by all Councilmembers and mailed to Bigfork Township.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-01 – Appointments: Boone presented his appointments. Gustafson volunteered for the Budget Committee. *Motion to approve Resolution 2019-01 by Mann, seconded by Francisco, MCU.*

Bids for Sale of Excess Flooring: No bids were received. *Motion by Francisco to donate the excess flooring to the Bigfork High School shop class if they can use it, seconded by Gustafson, MCU.*

Amendment to Motion: *Motion by Mann, seconded by Gustafson to amend the motion passed on 12/13/18 under the “City Hall Restoration Funding” agenda item by striking out \$39,446 and replacing it with \$5,614, MCU.*

Hunting Regulations: Boone requested that the City ordinance restricting hunting to only areas zoned as agricultural be changed to allow hunting in other zones wherever an individual owns a set number of contiguous acres. There was discussion on the implications of this change. The issue was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

City Hall Open House: Boone noted that an open house will be held upon completion of Phases 2 & 3 of the Restoration project. Project funders, donors and key contributors will be invited and recognized at this event. More details will be decided at future meetings.

Purchase Request: Zimmer requested a snow bucket for the Bobcat at a cost of \$2,400. This would allow the Public Works Department to do snow removal at the airport in-house rather than contracting it out. *Motion to approve the purchase by Francisco, seconded by Gustafson, MCU.*

Main Lift Station Generator Repair: Zimmer reported that the generator control board at the main lift station needs to be repair. He obtained an estimate from Lighthouse Power Systems of \$2,087.50. *Motion by Francisco to approve the repair, seconded by Mann, MCU.*

Softball Field: Boone opened discussion on the proposed softball field development. Several suggestions were made as to potential contributors to the project. Cost estimates will be gathered for the next meeting and the Clerk will research grant opportunities.

Disposal of Durango: The old police squad is still in cold storage. Council was of the consensus to have Zimmer dispose of it as he sees fit.

Motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. by Mann, seconded by Gustafson, MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer