

City of Bigfork
Regular City Council Meeting
June 11, 2020
5:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Drew Francisco and Ben Maxa

Also Present: Sally Sedgwick

Mayor Boone called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Boone noted that he has been having conversations with a concerned citizen about the Chief Busticogan statue located on the south end of Main Street and its potentially offensive nature. Boone has been in contact with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Region 1 Representative Robbie Howe to discuss whether or not changes need to be made to the statute to accomplish the goal of honoring Chief Busticogan. As a reminder, the statue is privately-owned and located on private property, but Boone expressed he is committed to working to ensure it does not reflect poorly on the community.

Councilman Mann commended the Public Works Department for the City looking good even with the Department being short staffed at times.

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

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

- 1. minutes of the May 14, 2020 regular City Council meeting,***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for May 2020,***
- 3. financial report for May 2020,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for May 2020,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for May 15 and 29 regular payrolls in the amount of \$7,643.54***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$11,380.83 and claims for payment in the amount of \$70,200.71***
- 7. Resolution 2020-10 authorizing budgeted transfers for 2020***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Engineering Update: The Clerk reported that Widseth was successful in securing a \$99,900 grant from Iron Range Resources. This will allow the Ash Street/Rajala Mill Road project to be completed with no omissions. Project bidding and management will be handled by Itasca County.

MnDOT Demonstration Project Update: The Clerk reported that after several committee meetings, it was determined that the demonstration project will include the elements of a center left-turn lane, back-in angle parking, and sidewalks bump outs for pedestrians at crosswalks. The demonstration project will take place from mid-July through the end of October. MnDOT will assist with public outreach/education before and during the project and evaluation afterwards.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Commission Recommendation – Animal Ordinance Amendments: The Planning Commission is recommending updates to the animal regulations. With no police department and the County being unable to enforce animal regulations, the Commission came up with a list of regulations which can be enforced with administrative fines. The City Attorney is working on drafting amendments to the ordinance to incorporate these regulations. An informational letter will be sent to all City residents and the proposed ordinance will be posted for 10 days prior to its consideration at the July 9 meeting.

Motion to approve a vacation request from Storlie for June 26-July 2 by Mann, seconded by Gustafson, MCU.

Motion to adjourn by Mann at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Gustafson, MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer