

City of Bigfork

Regular City Council Meeting

April 9, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Bryan Boone, Sarah Scheff, Samantha Olson,
Members Absent: Jerry Denny, Ben Maxa
Also Present: Don Jenson, Caleb Strandlie, Aaron Gould, Jeremy Schwarze

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

Reverend Boone opened with a prayer.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Public Forum was opened.

Don Jenson attended the meeting tonight to address the council regarding blight and burnt homes in the community. Melissa stated that blight notifications were mailed out today regarding the properties. Don would like to see the city cleaned up again. Don also mentioned that there have been two homes burnt now for well over a year and he would like to see something done regarding cleaning up those properties as well as they hinder the appearance of the town.

As no one else wished to address the Council, the public forum was closed.

Motion by Olson to approve the agenda, seconded by Scheff, motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Consent Agenda: Motion by Olson seconded by Scheff, and MCU to approve the consent agenda including:

1. Minutes of the March 19, 2024, Regular City Council meeting,
2. City Clerk's office report for March 2024,
3. Financial report for March 2024,
4. Public Works Department Report for March 2024,
5. Payroll and timecards for March 15, 2024, and March 29, 2024, regular payrolls, in the amount of \$8,673.50
6. Claims paid from March 2024, in the amount of \$5,901.87 and claims for payment in the amount of \$66,919.59

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Airport Security: Tabled until next month.

Dock Bids: three sealed bids were received; one person withdrew their bid. The first bid received from Domanick David was for \$1,503. The second bid was from Don Jones for \$1,550. **Motion to accept the \$1,550 bid from Don Jones for the dock by Olson, seconded by Scheff, and MCU.**

Riverside Residence/Charlie & Jessica Hazzard: Melissa drafted a letter of intent for the Hazzards. Bryan will be reaching out to a surveyor to come and look at the property lines. The city would need to have a public hearing in order to vacate the portion of the right of way in order to set the corrected property lines. Melissa and Bryan will get in contact with Jessica and Charlie and ISD 318 to set the letter of intent in motion and to get the surveying done in a timely manner. Widseth is going to have their surveyor give Bryan a call to work out the details. **Motion to approve the letter of intent for the Hazzards regarding property line corrections to parcel 85-430-04301 by Scheff, seconded by Olson, and MCU.**

NEW BUSINESS

Widseth PER Study/ Water Tower Project: Caleb and Jeremy from Widseth presented the PER Water Study for the upcoming water tower/water main project. This report is to get an idea of what the project will cost and determines what the city can afford funding wise. Caleb did provide a map highlighting the areas of concern with watermain deterioration. This report justifies the needs for the infrastructure and health and wellness for the community. The plan includes four recommendations for the project ranging from \$3,880,950.53 to \$7,223,710.53. The city's annual operating budget and cost is currently \$389,320.00. The PER is separate from the ER (Environmental Report) which Widseth started last month. Caleb wanted to present the PER so that the city could get an update on where they are with the project, the completed reports will be presented to Aaron and Melissa as they are complete. Once the full report is completed Widseth will present the final report to City Council. Caleb said that PER and ER approval can take up to eight months. Project start is estimated to begin in 2026, as long as the PER, ER, and funding package is approved once submitted.

Ordinance NO. 201- Streetlight Fees: Motion to Adopt Ordinance NO 201 Amending Fees & Charges by Scheff, seconded by Olson, and MCU.

Window Cleaning Quote: Aaron received a quote to have the City Hall windows cleaned after the construction was done last summer. The quote is for interior, exterior and screen cleaning at a total of \$1,152.00. **Motion to accept quote of \$1,152.00 with Northcliff Property Services for window cleaning by Scheff, seconded by Olson, and MCU.**

Sewer Additions on Division Ave- Estimate from Jeff Powell: Melissa and Aaron have been approached by a few landowners on Division Ave about sewer access, water access is already present. Aaron went ahead and asked Powell to put together a quote that includes the cost of including 120 ft of sewer main connection. **Motion by Boone to accept Quote from Jeff Powell in the amount of \$17,700 in contingency that the Jorgensen's agree to connect within 365 days after addition of the sewer line, seconded by Olson, and MCU.**

OTHER/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting is May 14, 2024, at 5:30 PM at Bigfork City Hall

Motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. by Scheff, seconded by Olson, and MCU.

Melissa J. Grover

City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting held on
May 14, 2024

Mayor