

**City of Bigfork**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**June 10, 2021**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Drew Francisco, David Mann, Paul Gustafson

Members Absent: Mayor Bryan Boone, Ben Maxa

Also Present: Tim Johnson, Joe Zimmer, Gary Erickson

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

The clerk administered the Oath of Office to Junior Council Member Lily Danielson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Public Forum was opened. Gary Erickson was present with an update on the property he previously suggested could be made into an access for non-motorized use of Cemetery Lake. The property will be going to Sheriff's auction. Erickson stated that, while he is understanding of the City's financial constraints, he feels this is an opportunity to obtain the property for a very reasonable price. Councilmembers did not feel this was a feasible project for the City to take on.

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

A Public Hearing on a rezoning request was added to the agenda. ***Motion by Mann to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Gustafson, motion carried unanimously (MCU).***

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

- 1. Minutes of the May 13, 2021 regular Council meeting***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for May 2021,***
- 3. financial report for May 2021,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for May 2021,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for May 14 and 28, 2021 regular payrolls in the amount of \$8,190.41***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$54,971.47 and claims for payment in the amount of \$157,937.04***
- 7. Resolution 2021-08 approving budgeted transfers***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Rural Community Coordinator Tim Johnson:** Johnson presented on the Edge of the Wilderness Lodging Association. The EOWLA's primary source of funding is a 3% lodging tax. Five percent of this is used for administrative costs with 95% being spent on advertising and promotion. Other

funding comes from grants. The Association is currently exploring replacement of interpretive panels along the EOW Scenic Byway as well as a new gateway sign coming into the City of Bigfork from Scenic Hwy 7. Johnson gave an overview of the types and amount of advertising they use. Johnson's second item related to the Bigfork School and Community Enhancement Project. He reminded the Council at the May meeting they had approved an application for Federal Congressionally Directed funding. ISD #318 has requested that the City serve as applicant for State bonding dollars as well. ***Motion by Mann, seconded by Gustafson to serve as the applicant for State bonding in the amount of \$1.2 million dollars for the Bigfork School and Community Enhancement Project, MCU.***

**Recreation Coordinator Position:** No applications were received. It was suggested that the \$2,700 budgeted for wages for the position be made available to any person or group who wants to plan and put on a community event, with Council approval. This item was tabled.

**Bids for Mower Sale:** Four bids were received for the mower. ***Motion by Gustafson, seconded by Mann, to accept the high bid from Sheila Beyer in the amount of \$1,065, MCU.***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing on Rezoning Request:** A request was received to rezone the property located at 104 Ash Street from General Business to Single Family Residential. No one was present to speak at the hearing. ***Motion by Mann, seconded by Gustafson to adopt Ordinance 195 amending the official zoning map, MCU.***

**Gambling Tax Fund Use:** Mann presented a proposal for stewardship of the Gambling Tax fund over the coming months to ensure adequate funding for the softball field, Junior Council Member scholarship, and support for community events. He suggested rolling the \$2,700 budgeted amount for the Recreation Coordinator into the Graduated Investments fund and allocating \$3,000 annually from the Gambling Tax Fund for the Recreation Coordinator/community events.

**Resolution 2021-09:** ***Motion by Mann, seconded by Gustafson to adopt Resolution 2021-09 Accepting American Rescue Plan Funds, MCU.*** The clerk provided information on eligible uses of the funds.

**Declaration of Surplus Property:** ***Motion by Gustafson, seconded by Mann to declare as surplus property a 2003 Chevy Silverado and plow, a Bobcat snowblower attachment, and parcels 90-410-0351 and 90-410-0353 and to direct the Public Works Superintendent and Fire Chief to dispose of the property in the manner they see fit, MCU.***

**Designation of Funds from Property Sale:** The sale of the 6-acre parcel on North Hwy 38 approved at last month's meeting has been completed. The proceeds from the sale were not designated for any specific purpose. Council discussed upcoming needs. No action was taken.

## **OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Francisco closed the meeting at 6:43 for the purpose of conducting annual employee performance evaluations.

Francisco adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Angela L. Storlie  
*City Clerk/Treasurer*

Approved at the regular meeting held on  
July 14, 2021

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Mayor