

City of Bigfork
Regular City Council Meeting
August 12, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Bryan Boone, Drew Francisco, David Mann, Ben Maxa, and Junior Council Member Lily Danielson

Members Absent: Paul Gustafson

Also Present: Gus David, Warren Welch, Cynthia Johnson, Sally & Dean Sedgwick

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Public Forum was opened. Cynthia Johnson addressed the Council regarding a Constitution Day celebration. After discovering that not everyone celebrates this day as she did growing up in Pennsylvania, she has worked to bring this celebration to every school she has been involved with. She requested the City's support of a parade to cap off the celebration which is September 17. Council was supportive of this and the Clerk was directed to send a letter of support along with contact information for the necessary parade permits from County and State departments.

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

Resolutions 2021-11, 2021-12 and 2021-13 were moved to the Consent Agenda. Gus David, Savich Lift Station and Golf Course Lane Signage were added to the agenda. ***Motion by Mann to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Francisco motion carried unanimously (MCU).***

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

- 1. Minutes of the July 8, 2021 regular City Council meeting***
- 2. City Clerk's office report for July 2021,***
- 3. financial report for July 2021,***
- 4. Public Works Department report for July 2021,***
- 5. payroll and timecards for July 9, 23 and Aug 6 regular and July 9 retro payrolls in the amount of \$14,212.20***
- 6. claims paid in the amount of \$14,054.06 and claims for payment in the amount of \$39,298.63***
- 7. Resolution 2021-11 Adopting Comprehensive Plan***
- 8. Resolution 2021-12 Authorizing State Bond Funds***
- 9. Resolution 2021-13 Terminating Local State of Emergency***

The Clerk announced that at the closed meeting held on July 8, 2021, an annual performance review was conducted for Public Works employee Aaron Gould.

Golf Course Lane Signage: Karin Grandia with the Itasca County Highway Department was present via Zoom to discuss Golf Course Lane and the intersections along it. After a site visit and discussion, the County has determined the following changes will be made:

- Removal of the stop sign at the NE corner of the Golf Course Lane,/Scenic Hwy 7/Huskie Blvd intersection (making this a two-way stop)
- Removal of the stop sign at the NE corner of the Golf Course Lane/CSAH 78 (hospital road) intersection
- Addition of a stop sign to the NW corner of the Golf Course Lane/CASH 78 (hospital road) intersection
- Addition of a “Stop Ahead” sign on Scenic Hwy 7
- Replacement of stop signs at Golf Course Lane/Huskie Blvd and Golf Course Lane/Scenic Hwy 7 with larger stop signs and relocation of the Golf Course Lane/Scenic Hwy 7 sign closer to the road
- Addition of “End 30 mph” sign eastbound on Golf Course Lane after intersection with CSAH 78 (hospital road)
- Placement of “traffic control change ahead” signs for about one year

The County hopes to have all signs installed by the time school starts so the changes are in place before busses and other school traffic are back on the road in that area.

Gus David: Mr. David informed the Council that there is a good chance that Itasca County will be shutting his salvage yard down even though he has met the requirements of his conditional use permit and passed all inspections by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The Clerk was directed to send a letter of support for the continued operation of David’s salvage yard.

Savich Lift Station: Public Works Lead Joe Zimmer obtained a quote of just under \$33,000 for a much-needed repair of the Savich lift station. It was suggested to pay for half of this with American Rescue Plan funds and the other half with Sewer investment funds. ***Motion by Maxa to approve the MN Pump Works quote and cover the cost with ARP and investment funds, seconded by Mann, MCU.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bids for Truck and Snowblower: No bids were received for these items. They will be advertised for another month.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-14: This resolution identifies three utility accounts that have been deemed uncollectible and writes off the balances associated with them. ***Motion by Mann seconded by Maxa to adopt Resolution 2021-14, MCU.***

Resolution 2021-15: This resolution authorizes the transfer and designation of Small City Assistance Funds to the 2020 Ash Street/Rajala Mill Road project fund. ***Motion by Mann, seconded by Francisco to adopt Resolution 2021-15, MCU.***

OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boone noted that there is a wonderful opportunity for the community to have Lakeshirts, a screen printing company from Detroit Lakes, expand to Bigfork and utilize the old Bergquist building. The company is very motivated and their biggest concern is available workforce. They are hosting a job fair at City Hall on Thursday, August 19 from 11am to 1pm and 3pm to 6pm. A good showing at this fair is vital to Lakeshirt's decision on whether to expand in Bigfork. Part time positions start around \$12.50/hour and full time around \$15.00/hour with benefits. Many people around town know of this company and they have a great reputation. They are looking for up to 30 employees to start. Boone encouraged everyone to come to the open house and help spread the word about this opportunity.

Motion to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. by Mann, seconded by Francisco, MCU.

Angela L. Storlie
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting held on
September 9, 2021

Mayor