

City of Bigfork
Regular City Council Meeting
February 11, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Amy Pifher, Sarah Scheff, Samantha Olson, Annette Buckingham

Members Absent:

Also Present: Sally Sedgwick, Pam & Bob York, Josh Manske, Matt & Allie Jorgensen,

Mayor Pifher called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Public Forum was opened.

Painting Donation: Pam York attended the meeting to donate a painting to the City. The painting is of Chief Busticogan, Bob York was raised in Bigfork. Bob had a dream that she painted this, and so she did. It is Pam's hope that with the painting and the history she provided, it will be shared with the residents and visitors of Bigfork. She would like to have the painting hung in the hall for others to see. Pam read the history excerpt that will be included with the painting.

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

Add PTA Permission Request Under New Business. Motion to approve the Agenda by Olson, seconded by Scheff, and MCU.

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

1. Minutes of the January 14, 2025, Regular City Council meeting,
2. City Clerk's office report for January 2025,
3. Financial report for January 2025,
4. Public Works Department Report for January 2025,
5. Payroll and timecards for January 17, 2025, regular payroll, and January 31, 2025, No Deductions payroll in the amount of \$9,637.83
6. Claims paid from January 2025, in the amount of \$6,451.74 and claims for payment in the amount of \$65,441.60

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

City Attorney: Proposal from Paul Shaffer: Paul Shaffer apologized for not getting the proposal to the council sooner, and explained that he has been fairly busy with the transitions of taking over

most of John Dimich’s duties to surrounding city’s as their attorney. He sent over his proposal for the city council to review. **Motion to accept the contract for Professional Criminal Legals Services from attorney Paul Shaffer by Pifher, and seconded by Buckingham, and MCU.**

Appointing New City Councilor: Session closed at 5:53PM to discuss letters of interest received from interested parties. The session was opened back up to the public at 6:00PM. After discussion the city council has voted to appoint Matt Jorgensen as Council Member. **Motion to appoint Matt Jorgensen for the city council vacancy by Pifher, seconded by Olson.**

Adopting Ordinance #203 Floodplain Regulations Amendment: explain. Motion to approve and accept Ordinance Amendments #203 by Scheff, seconded by Olson, and MCU.

PTA Permission Request: Olson stepped out of her Council seat to ask permission from council for the PTA to hang banners for the Senior Class. The banners would be put up April 7th and taken down May 23rd. The banners go to students after graduation. 21 banners will be hung this year with the aid from North Itasca Electric Co. if given permission. **Motion to grant permission to the PTA to hang Senior Class of 2025 banners on the light poles by Scheff, seconded by Pifher, and MCU.**

OTHER/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fire Budget Meeting is February 26, 2025, at 6:00PM at the Bigfork Fire Hall

Next Council meeting is March 11, 2025, at 5:30 PM at Bigfork City Hall

Meeting Schedule for 2025 can be found on the table near the sign-in sheet.

Motion to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. by Pifher, seconded by Scheff, and MCU.

Melissa J. David

City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting held on
March 11, 2025

Amy Pifher, Mayor