

City of Bigfork

Regular City Council Meeting

July 12, 2022

5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Drew Francisco, Ben Maxa, David Mann
Members Absent: Bryan Boone, Paul Gustafson, Junior Council Member Lilli Danielson
Also Present: Matt Stone, Randy Collins, Jeremiah Gilbertson, Gary Erickson, Sally Sedgwick

Acting Mayor Francisco called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Public Forum was opened.

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

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

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

1. Minutes of the June 14, 2022, Regular City Council meeting
2. City Clerk's office report for June 2022,
3. Financial report for June 2022,
4. Public Works Department Report for June 2022
5. Payroll and timecards for June 24, 2022, and July 8, 2022, regular payrolls, in the amount of \$8,653.11
6. Claims paid in June in the amount of \$8,252.42 and claims for payment in the amount of \$32,803.36
7. Resolution 2022-07: Appointing Election Judges.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Blandin Foundation Community Development Grant Ideas: Follow up/Request: Melissa has contacted Kacie from the DNR's office out of grand rapids and is waiting for a response to set up a meeting date for him to come up to the city to look at the City's River front to determine a good place for the fishing pier, and to discuss options for building it. David Mann asked Melissa to have Joe check with Widseth about coming up to look at the trestle bridge so they can determine what the needs are to maintain the bridge. Tim Johnson requested that the council designate funds to some outdoor fitness equipment on the River Walk Trail. The city ordered equipment a year ago that has yet to be received. Tim has cancelled that order and will be ordering from another company. With the raised prices he asked the city to allocate up to \$2,500 from these funds. **Motion by Maxa to allocate \$2,500 from the Blandin Foundation**

Community Development Grant for purchase of the outdoor fitness equipment, seconded by Mann, MCU.

Fire Department Tender Truck Quote: A quote was provided to the Fire Department from Osco Tank and Truck for a 2011 International 7400 6x6 tandem axel with 45,000 miles on it. The quote received was for a total of \$194,305.00. Osco has requested that 20% of that price be put down on the truck to ensure that it is the departments. This truck is well below what the department has been anticipating and meets almost all of the needs while still being in the budget. They have stated that they may have to add approximately \$20,000 in parts but will not know for sure until they have the truck in person so that it can be inspected. Council member Maxa asked if they plan to sell one of the older trucks once they get the new one. Jeremiah stated that for now he would keep the older trucks for training purposes until everyone is trained on the new truck and potentially selling it in the future. **Motion by Mann to approve of the purchase of the Fire Tender and putting 20% down on the truck with the funds coming from the SMM Fire Fund, seconded by Maxa, MCU.**

Liability/Life Insurance for Fire Department Members: At last night's Fire Chiefs Association Meeting Jeremiah was presented with additional liability/life insurance for each of the Fire Department's members. This insurance would cover a member should they be injured on a call and were unable to go to work. It covers injuries or disabilities up to \$16,000. And should a member die or receive fatal injuries on call there is a death benefit up to \$25,000. The cost for the first year of the plan is \$14/member. After the first year the price drops to \$10/member. The Council voted on whether to approve the purchase of this plan from the fire fund. All voting yes. This cost will be included in the fire departments budget for 2023.

Fire Hall Repairs: The Fire Hall has damage to the eaves of the building from the frost lifting this past spring. Because of the damage water backed up into the Fire Hall. The department was quoted by Hawk Construction to fix the concrete, slanted wall, and install sidewalks that would allow the water to run away from the building totaling \$34,700.00. The price was discounted because Hawk agreed to do the project while they were in the area for the school Project. **Motion by Maxa to approve of construction on the Fire Hall pending the start of the school Project using money from the SMM Fire Fund, seconded by Mann, MCU.**

NEW BUSINESS

WiDseth: Sanitary Sewer Upgrades Proposal: The city received a letter from WiDseth proposing professional engineering and grant writing services for the Sanitary Sewer Upgrades that need to be done on Golf Course Lane. The Sanitary sewer system including the lift station on Golf Course Lane is failing, requiring extra efforts from city staff. The proposed improvements would include removing the existing Lift Station and replacing it with a compact grinder station. A new 1-1/4" HDPE force main would be installed to bypass the current piping system. The current piping system, existing lift station, and one manhole would be plugged and abandoned. Specific tasks related to their proposal are site visits by engineering and survey staff, preparation of construction plans and documents, preliminary cost estimates, construction administration and

construction inspection, and grant writing. Grant writing would include meeting with engineering staff on the proposed cost estimate to determine the amount of request, preparation of narrative for grant application, preparation of budget, drafted application for city review, submission and follow ups as needed. **Motion by Mann to approve the Proposal for Professional Engineering and Grant Writing Services for Sanitary Sewer Upgrades, seconded by Maxa, MCU.**

OTHER/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Set Budget Committee Meeting Date & Time: Mann will stop in Melissa’s office to discuss a time and date that would work for him. Joe and Paul both told Melissa they were flexible. As Mayor Bryan Boone is on sabbatical, he will not attend the meeting.

Candidate Filing Period for Mayor and Council Seats is August 2nd- 16th, 2022. The filing office (clerks office) will be open until 5PM on the 16th. Filing fee is \$2.00.

Motion to adjourn at 600: p.m. by Maxa seconded by Francisco, and MCU.

Melissa J. Grover

City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting held on
August 9, ,2022

Interim Mayor