

City of Bigfork
Regular City Council Meeting
May 10, 2022
9:30 am.
Edge Center for the Arts

Members Present: Bryan Boone, Paul Gustafson, David Mann,
Members Absent: Andrew Francisco, Ben Maxa, Junior Council Member Lili Danielson
Also Present: Bigfork Highschool & Elementary Students, Dan Heinecke

Mayor Boone called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

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

Michele Carnahan asked the Council if there is anything more the 5th grad class needs to do to do their parade for Memorial Day. The Council addressed that there is nothing more that needs to be done at this time.

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

Blandin Foundation Grant added to the agenda. Motion by to approve agenda as amended by Mann, seconded by Gustafson, motion carried unanimously (MCU).

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

1. Minutes of the April 12, 2022, Regular City Council meeting
2. City Clerk's office report for April 2022,
3. Financial report for April 2022,
4. Public Works Department Report for April 2022
5. Payroll and timecards for April 15, 2022, and April 29, 2022, regular payrolls, in the amount of \$7,617.80
6. Claims paid in April & May in the amount of \$5,664.16 and claims for payment in the amount of \$39,871.53.
7. Resolution 2022-05: Adoption of the Itasca County All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Soft Ball Field Update: Stuart Ostendorf stated that last fall they got the dugout blocks finished. He is waiting for the weather to cooperate and the ground to dry up for the shop classes to go back out there to build the canopies over the dugouts and the bleachers. He will be going out there today to give us a price estimate on the materials for the canopies.

Mayor For a Day Contest: Contest winners were Pejah Richensburger & Makinzey Wheat. Bryan Boone will be doing a fundraiser with those students to raise money for more school supplies.

Fire Department Purchase of Fire Truck: Dan Heinecke Assistant Fire Chief, presented explaining what a Fire Tender is. The Fire Department is looking at purchasing a new fire tender that carries 3,000 gallons of water. They have contacted a company that is willing to build one to the Departments expectations. Estimated to cost around \$200,000- \$250,000. He stated that he has a meeting set up with Jeff Fisher from the First State Bank of Bigfork, and retired Fire Chief to discuss how much the Department will have to take out on debt for the truck. They are looking at also purchasing in a few years, a new truck that will cost about \$750,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Hall: Water & Building Issues: Dan Heinecke reached out to Hawkinson Construction regarding the Fire Hall having some water damage issues and leaning of a wall. Jeremiah, the fire chief is waiting to receive bids from carpenters on the costs to repair the building.

Blandin Foundation Community Development Grant: The city of Bigfork received \$100,000.00 Community Development Grant from the Blandin Foundation. There is currently \$96,730.00 remaining from this grant. This Grant is for Community Development. The Council has a list of potential projects from the Comprehensive Plan: Fishing Pier, Splash Pad, repairing trestle bridge, improvements or replacement of pedestrian bridge, Softball field improvements, RV/Camper Parking, Adding lights on the Riverwalk trail, larger TVs for City Hall, and Playground Equipment. The Council asked the students what projects they would be interested in. One student said new nets for the basketball hoops around town. One student really liked the idea of a Splash pad. Some more ideas that were presented were a swimming pool, garbage's on the school grounds and playground, additional sidewalks, a roller blade/skate park, more picnic tables at the Bigfork beach, ATV trails, Upgrade the city park, longer dock at the beach, Refresh the beach & retaining walls, sand volleyball court, Cleanup garbage in town, racket ball court, taller basketball hoops, repair the dressing rooms at the beach, and connecting the river walk trail to the school forest.

After getting ideas from the students the Council discussed what suggestions would be possible for the city to do. Gambling tax funds could be used to do garbage cans at the school, picnic tables at the beach and nets on basketball hoops in town. There was a lot of input from the students regarding refreshing the beach. The Council discussed creating a priority list for these projects and determining the costs for these as well. That way the city can do multiple projects without eating up the entire budget.

OTHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bigfork Cleanup Days are being held May 20-21, 2022 & May 27-28, 2022.

Bigfork Elementary Students city cleanup on May 23, 2022.

Next Council meeting is to be held on June 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM at the Bigfork City Hall.

Motion to adjourn at 10:25 AM by Mann, seconded by Gustafson, and MCU.

Melissa J. Grover

City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the regular meeting held on
June 14, 2022

Mayor