

City of Bigfork
Regular City Council Meeting
October 14, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Bryan Boone, Paul Gustafson, Ben Maxa (via Telephone)
Members Absent: David Mann, Drew Francisco, Junior Council Member Lily Danielson
Also Present: Sally Sedgwick, Dean Sedgwick, Tim Johnson, Gary Erickson

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

The pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Public Forum was opened. Tim Johnson asked the Council to address the Softball Field Project's progress and timeline. Update was given by Gustafson stating the timeline was on track for the Grant provided by the Bigfork Valley Community Foundation.

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

Addition of Fire Hall Purchase of Lockers, Waiving of Fees for School Shed & Outhouse Building Permit, and Utility Discount Letter for LakeShirts, Inc were made to the agenda by Mayor Boone.

Motion by Boone to approve agenda as amended, seconded by Gustafson, motion carried unanimously (MCU).

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

1. Minutes of the September 9, 2021 regular, and September 21, 2021 special City Council meetings
2. City Clerk's office report for September 2021,
3. Financial report for September 2021,
4. Public Works Department Report for September 2021,
5. Payroll and timecards for September 17, and October 1, regular payrolls in the amount of \$7,794.25,
6. Claims paid in the amount of \$35,861.08 and claims for payment in the amount of \$59,594.76.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tim Johnson-Bigfork School & Community Project Update: There are no new developments. Tim clarified that the City of Bigfork is the applicant for state bonding and has asked for \$1.2 million of the costs needed for the total project. Estimated to be around \$2.82 million. The project design has been revised and approved by the committee of the project and the school. There will be less new construction and more renovation of spaces that are available within the school. This was decided due to the school having different funds available for renovation versus building

new. The fitness and wellness center along with the restroom will all be new construction. The City of Bigfork is tied to congressionally directed funding and Klobuchar and Smith have made it a priority to see this project take place. Completion of the project depends on the available funding as it moves forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Delinquent Utility Assessments on Tax Forfeit Property: After receiving a letter from Cindy Shevich from the Itasca County Land Department regarding parcel number 85-027-3321, the Council was made aware that this property had approximately \$6,822.55 of outstanding water and sewer fees, most of which were from assessments and late fees while the resident didn't live there, not actual usage of water and sewer. It is in the City's best interest to lower this amount in hope that the property sells in auction. **Motion made by Maxa, seconded by Gustafson to lower costs to \$3,411.33 from the original \$6,822.65, MCU.**

Letter of Support for Itasca County Trails EDA Grant: The Itasca County Trails contacted the City looking for support to look at trails within Itasca County for the EDA Grant. Mayor Boone asked Tim Johnson his thoughts on the grant being supported and he stated it was a good effort to make by the City of Bigfork because the grant would support trails within our community.

Waiving of Building Permit Fee for School Shed & Outhouse: The Council discussed waiving the fees for the building permit the shop class at the Bigfork Highschool would need to build a shed and outhouse. **Motion to waive fees for building permit made by Gustafson, seconded by Maxa, and MCU.**

Utility Discount Letter for LakeShirts, Inc: With incentive to see the e2ip building filled, the Council agreed to offer whichever company purchases the building \$6,500 over 2 years for sewer bills. Tamara Lowney; president of Itasca Economic Development Corporation asked if the City would be willing to make the same offer for LakeShirts, Inc as incentive to move forward with purchase of the building. Mayor Boone also stated that an offer of intent has been presented to the State of MN for purchase of the property. **Motion to give LakeShirts, Inc \$6,500 over 2 years for City Sewer bills made by Gustafson, seconded by Maxa, and MCU.**

OTHER/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

Motion to adjourn at 6:01 p.m. by Boone, seconded by Gustafson, and MCU.

Melissa J. Grover

City Clerk/Treasurer