

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BIG FALLS, COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING, STATE OF MINNESOTA, INCLUDING ALL ACCOUNTS SUBMITTED BY SAID COUNCIL.

June 13 2016

The regular meeting of the Big Falls City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Marta Lindemanis. Members present were Shawn Pritchard, Ken Warner and Ken Kennedy. Absent was Jeff Oehlerking.

Additions. There were no additions to the agenda.

Commissioner. Wayne Skoe was not present for a report. It was noted that the paving of main street will not begin until August at the earliest.

Consent Agenda. The consent agenda was presented with the following items:

- Approval of May Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of May Financials
- Approve Election Judge Appointments

There was a motion by Pritchard to approve the consent agenda. Second by Warner. Motion carried.

Disbursements. The disbursements were reviewed. *There was a motion by Warner to approve disbursements in the amount of \$682,951.03, check numbers 15600 to 15667 and ACH 15042E – 15062E. Second by Pritchard. Motion carried.*

Liquor Report. Linda Dey gave a liquor store report. T-shirts, shot glasses and can cozies have been received and are available for sale. Plans for the 4th of July and the beer garden were discussed. The clerk presented information concerning a new law that goes into effect December 1st, in which the FLSA rules will change regarding salaried employees. In order to be an "Exempt Employee" for salary, the salary must be over \$47,500. The council noted that when this goes into effect, Linda's position will revert back to an hourly rate. *There was a motion to approve the liquor report by Kennedy. Second by Warner. Motion carried.*

Parking Lot. Pet Mai asked to address the council concerning the parking lot work to be done. He expressed concerns about the intended fencing not leaving enough room for trucks to turn into his driveway. The council agreed to move the corner post approximately 20 feet back from the sidewalk, to allow for a turn radius for trucks.

Fire/EMS. The county has started a test phase for cell phone paging. It appears to be working quite well so far. The council discussed ideas for any possible building acquisition to increase garage space for both the fire department and city maintenance. They would like to have a discussion with the fire chief, to hear the department's thoughts and concerns.

Maintenance Report. There was no report from the maintenance department. The council would like to see work on the parking lot continued as soon as possible. The clerk is to put a discussion of parking lot plans on the next month's agenda. The council also noted items that need to be added to the punch list for the water project's warranty inspection in June. The remaining meters need to be installed soon. The clerk will continue to try to get dates chosen with the plumber and maintenance department to set appointments.

Clerk's Report. The clerk reported that KCC TV from International Falls has left a video camera for the city's use. KCC TV will broadcast any events that the council would like to submit to them. Employee evaluations were discussed. More information will be brought to the July meeting.

Voyage Forward. Marta Lindemanis reported on several of the driver meetings she has attended. The project organizers are asking for community support in the form of a formal resolution. *There was a motion by Pritchard to adopt Resolution 2016-05, A Resolution in Support of Voyage Forward. There was a second by Warner. Motion carried.*

Lease Space. The council would like to continue to seek interested parties for the available lease space. The clerk is to continue with some advertising, and research other options.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. *There was a motion to adjourn by Pritchard. Second by Warner. Motion carried.*

Adjourned.

Marta Lindemanis, Mayor

Joan Nelson, City Clerk