

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

May 9, 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, Ken Kennedy and Jeff Oehlerking.

Additions. The following items were added to the agenda: River board contribution request, to be added to the consent agenda, and a discussion of the Voyage Forward project.

Commissioner. Wayne Skoe was present. A discussion of the Voyage Forward initiative was held. Mayor Lindemanis presented information from two of the "Driver" committee meetings that she attended. Mr. Skoe reported that the DNR is in the process of working on a Birding Trail project throughout the county. An informational meeting will be held on the 10th in Big Falls and International Falls. The county is currently discussing the options for using cell phones for emergency paging due to some of the current problems receiving clear pages. The paving of main street will not be until mid-to late summer this year.

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

- Approval of April Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of April Financials
- Acknowledge receipt of Tax Forfeited Apportionment Promotion Account Tourism Funds from Koochiching County in the amount of \$6,492.73.
- Approve Resolution 2016-04, A Resolution Acknowledging a Donation from the Big Falls Lions Club for the Special Projects Account in the amount of \$6,000
- Approve a One-Day Off Site Gambling License for the Big Falls Lions Club 4th of July Raffle
- Approve a \$250 contribution to the Big Fork River Board

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 Pritchard to approve disbursements in the amount of \$29,421.68, check numbers 15554 to 15599 and ACH 15027E – 15041E. Second by Oehlerking. Motion carried.*

Liquor Report. Linda Dey gave a liquor store report. The council discussed Sunday hours on holiday weekends. Per statute, the liquor store can be open until 1 a.m. The council decided to keep the hours until midnight only for Memorial Weekend Sunday. Linda reported on the conference she attended. The council discussed the employment status of Talia Thompson. *There was a motion by Pritchard to remove Ms. Thompson from the schedule and to not rehire her. Second to the motion by Warner. Motion carried with all in favor. There was a motion to approve the liquor report by Warner. Second by Kennedy. Motion carried.*

Fire/EMS. Brent Arnold was present for a Fire/EMS report. The department recently assisted on a DNR wildland fire, and are anticipating pay from that call. He mentioned a grant Littlefork Fire is trying to apply for, to be a combined effort between several departments to purchase updated radio equipment. He discussed attendance issues at department meetings and calls. *There was a motion to approve the Fire/EMS report by Pritchard. Second by Oehlerking. Motion carried.*

Maintenance Report. Gravel roads in the city are starting to be worked on. The council would like to see work on the new parking area to begin before the 4th of July.

Clerk's Report. Customer Appreciation tips totaled \$456.32, and will go to the playground fund. It was reported that work on renovating the old train bridge will begin this summer. It was noted that more food vendors should be sought for the 4th of July this year.

Resolution 2016-05. The council reviewed the documents concerning the bond refinance. *Member Warner moved to adopt Resolution 2016-05, A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of \$650,000 General Obligation Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A.* There was a second to the motion by Pritchard. The motion carried with all in favor.

Computer Use Policy. The council reviewed a draft Computer Use Policy, as approved by the policy committee. *There was a motion by Oehlerking to adopt a Computer Use Policy for the City of Big Falls. Second by Kennedy. Motion carried.*

Clean Up Day. The council discussed options to try to have a city wide clean-up day or week. They discussed that it should be an annual event, with planning to begin early in the winter, and possibly get the CERC involved. For this year, a cemetery clean-up day will be planned for May 17th, with the 18th as an alternate date. The CERC will be asked to organize a clean-up event at the playground on the same day, for the kids to get involved also.

Lease Space. Ripple Effects consignment has terminated their lease this month. The space has been advertised in several places. The council will discuss other ideas/options at the June meeting.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7 p.m. *There was a motion to adjourn by Kennedy. Second by Pritchard. Motion carried.*

Adjourned.

Marta Lindemanis, Mayor

Joan Nelson, City Clerk