

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

October 14, 2014,

The regular meeting of the Big Falls City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Marta Lindemanis. Members present were Shawn Pritchard, Les Lepisto, Ken Warner and Ken Kennedy.

Additions. Perryn Hedlund, sheriff candidate, asked to be added to the agenda.

Candidate. Perryn Hedlund, candidate for sheriff asked to speak to the council. He talked about his campaign goals.

Commissioner Skoe. Mr. Skoe informed the council that the KDA has determined that it would like to pursue Big Falls as the first choice site for the gasification project. More work is needed with the environmental review for the site.

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

- September Regular Meeting Minutes
- September Financials

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

Disbursements. The disbursements were reviewed. *There was a motion by Lepisto to approve disbursements in the amount of \$486,389.12, check numbers 14332 to 14400. Second by Pritchard. Motion carried.*

Water Project. Craig Torgeson was present from WSN. Mr. Torgeson will be the project's resident inspector. Wagner construction will need to reach substantial completion of the raw water line to the treatment plant by November 15th. The first interim finance disbursement was reviewed, which would draw funds from MN Rural Water Finance Authority, for items not covered as payable from MN DEED grant funds. *There was a motion by Pritchard to approve Disbursement Addendum No. 1 to Master Note with MRWFA in the amount of \$205,572.87. Second to the motion by Warner. Motion carried.*

Liquor Report. Linda Dey reported that Dave Wenz resigned and Reed Pritchard has been hired. The council approved. A DJ has been hired for Halloween night. A local artist has asked for permission to display art work for sale on the wall. The council approved, with only limited items allowed, with the liquor store not being responsible for lost or damaged items, and all sales to be handled through the seller, and not liquor employees. Linda reported that the vendor has raised beer prices again. The council approved to raise beer bar prices to \$3.50, and to adjust any off-sale as needed. An energy audit was conducted by North Star Electric. A full report will be presented next month. *There was a motion to approve the liquor report by Pritchard. Second by Warner. Motion carried.*

Fire/EMS. No report was given for the fire/EMS.

Maintenance Report. The council discussed installing drain tiles before next spring around the community building. The council would like the North and East side of the building done, with city maintenance department to do the work. Ken Warner will talk with Terry Baird about the project.

Clerk's Report. A policy committee meeting will need to be set in the near future to go over the property tax rebate policy for the LMC taxing district.

Water/Sewer Budgets 2015. The clerk discussed plans for the 2015 water and sewer budgets. It was noted that connections have decreased. The council discussed rates for 2015 for the water and sewer funds. The clerk will bring a draft ordinance with new rates to the next meeting, for a 1st reading.

City Loans. The council reviewed a quarterly report showing payments made and balances due for all revolving loans and small cities loans. The clerk updated the council with information from a meeting she attended concerning the

original MIF (Revolving Loan) funds. MN DEED is starting to look into how the original funds are re-spent, and there will probably be more state tracking of funds, as well as mandated changes to our revolving loan program.

The Mayor would like to schedule a meeting with the Economic Development Committee to discuss the old dentist office. The meeting will be posted. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 7 p.m. Canvassing of city election results will take place at this time.

There was a motion to adjourn by Pritchard. Second to the motion by Lepisto. Motion carried.

Adjourned.

Marta Lindemanis, Mayor

Joan Nelson, City Clerk