

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

April 8, 2019

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

Additions. Discussion of a city clean up day was added to the agenda.

Commissioner's Report. The commissioner was not present for this meeting.

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

- Approval of March Minutes
- Approval of March Financial Reports

There was a motion by Warner to approve the consent agenda. Second by Kennedy. The motion carried.

Disbursements and Payroll. The disbursements and payroll reports were reviewed. *There was a motion by Warner to approve disbursements in the amount of \$34,843.3, check 17335 – 17379, and ACH 17198E-17213E and March payroll. Second by Oehlerking Motion carried.*

Liquor Report. Linda Dey was present for a report. Customer appreciation tips were donated to Cindy Donner for medical expenses. Carol Burmeister will be taking a leave of absence again this summer. Kasey Maurer and Logan Pritchard have been hired as bartenders. Jim Olson will make new hand rails for the porch steps. A neon "Bar" sign has been purchased for the window. There was an attempted break in, in which the suspects cut the wires to the phone/internet line but did not gain access to the building. The council discussed adding outside cameras at the doors, but no decision was reached. *There was a motion to approve the liquor report by Warner. Second by Oehlerking. Motion carried.*

Fire/EMS. Bill Pihlaja was present for a report. There was one fire call and several EMS calls last month. He reported that the officer training was very valuable. *There was a motion to approve by Kennedy. Second by Warner. Motion carried.*

Maintenance Report There was no maintenance report this month.

Clerks Report No items to report.

Campground Project. The topic of outdoor wi-fi was discussed. Paul Bunyan Communications will not install this type of service, but would only install the line to the building and the modem. The monthly fee would be about \$70. Estimates and ideas were obtained from Small Town Tech for the outdoor equipment and installation. It would be approximately \$1200 for one access point that would serve about a 200-foot radius. Additional access points would be about \$300. No action will be taken until the new shower house facility is completed. Project expenses and financing was discussed. The engineers will work payment staging into the contract, so that the city will not have to secure financing, but can use existing balances from all funds. The archaeological dig still needs to be scheduled, pending ground thaw.

Clean up Day. The council discussed whether or not to sponsor a city wide clean up day/week. It was noted that the county will not provide free dumping, and that the city would have to absorb the costs. No action was taken at this time.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, May 13th at 7 p.m.

There was a motion to adjourn by Kennedy. Second by Oehlerking. Motion carried. Adjourned.

Marta Lindemanis, Mayor

Joan Nelson, City Clerk