

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 14, 2025

The regular meeting of the Big Falls City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Richard Ferguson. Members present were, Brenda Sursely, Ken Kennedy and Ken Warner + Jeff Oehlerking.

Additions. Hattie Pritchard – Playground Committee, Keyes Burgess

Commissioner's Report. Commissioner Erickson was Present for a report. There was discussion around the Governor's budget, discussed getting citizen involvement. Discussed sustainable aviation fuel.

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

- Approval of regular and special meeting minutes
- Approval of Financial Reports
- Approve purchase of Fireworks display in the amount of \$10,000

*There was a motion by Sursely to approve the consent agenda. Second by Oehlerking. The motion carried with all in favor.*

Disbursements and Payroll. The disbursement and payroll were reviewed. *There was a motion by Warner to approve disbursements in the amount of \$57,069.37, check #21629-21656, ACH 18436E-18453E, and March payroll and claim to Maggert Machine in the amount of \$87.77.* The motion carried with Kennedy abstaining. Second by Oehlerking.

SEH Status Report. Jason Chopp presented an updated progress report for the pavilion and discussed future grants available to the city.

Liquor Report. Dey was present for a report. Customer Appreciation went well, was much slower than previous years. One bartender put in notice of resignation as of April 8<sup>th</sup>, another bartender discussed retiring, waiting no formal letter, and one bartender will be going out on medical leave.

*There was a motion to approve the liquor report by Sursely. Second by Warner. The motion carried with all in favor.*

Fire/EMS. Kjellgren was present for a report. Fire I & II course completed, many will need to retest. Gary discussed adding to the By Laws to eliminate volunteers signing up for courses and then not completing the course. Fire Dept had a meal at Ducks Unlimited Bingo as fundraiser, was very slow. Fire Department would like to split the 4<sup>th</sup> of July luncheon with the Playground committee.

*There was a motion to approve the Fire/EMS report by Warner. Second by Sursely. The motion carried with all in favor.*

Maintenance Report. Baird was present for a report. Baird reported Albert and himself will be going to training and Albert has the opportunity to re-test. Ordered 200 lbs. of bugs for the ponds. Discussed adding a washer and dryer to the campground utility room for the hosts to utilize; Keyes Burgess stated he has a dryer to donate. Baird also reported the toilets in the old bathhouse need to be replaced. Pop machine in community building has quit working, Baird has a line on a new machine. There was a discussion around the airport and trees that need to be removed. Baird also mentioned the tires on the grader need to be re-capped. Summer mosquito spraying was discussed and decided that volunteers did not work, Terry and Albert will do the spraying.

*There was a motion to approve the Maintenance report by Oehlerking. Second by Warner. The motion carried with all in favor.*

Playground Committee. Hattie Pritchard discussed upcoming meeting and future plans for playground.

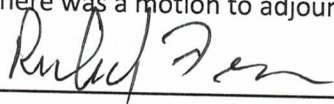
Keyes Burgess. Keyes Burgess had some questions around the Cities Ordinance for Public Nuisance. A Discussion was had around how the city could promote community pride and clean-up our properties.

Clerk's Report. Clerk reported; accepted into the MN Municipal Clerks Institute, 1 week a year for 3 years, starts May 5<sup>th</sup>, Council agreed it's a good course. The Ukulele Festival canceled for June. Clerk discussed benefits of joining I Falls Chamber of Commerce, price for the year is \$200, council agreed it's a good benefit to our city. Tip Money from Customer Appreciation in the amount of \$513.97, will go toward the Playground Fund. Clerk wanted to set new pavilion price, tabled for next meeting.

*There was a motion by Kennedy to approve the Clerk's Report. Second by Warner. The motion carried with all in favor.*

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

There was a motion to adjourn by Kennedy. Second by Sursely. The motion carried with all in favor.



Dick Ferguson, Mayor



Veronica Bistodeau, City Clerk