

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

August 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Big Falls City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Shawn Pritchard. Members present were Jeff Oehlerking, Brenda Sursely, and Angela Boes. Absent: LouAnn Abendroth

Additions. Additions to the agenda Lorraine Nygaard NorthStar Electric announcement.

Commissioner's Report. Rich Mastin and Dale Erickson won the Primary.

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

- Approval of July regular and Fire/EMS public meeting minutes
- Approval of July Financial Reports
- Adopt Resolution 2023-09 Approving the Fire Taxing District Levy
- Approve Satisfaction of Mortgage
- Accept Koochiching County Road Maintenance Agreement at \$1,360 per year
- Adopt Resolution 2023-10 Certifying unpaid water and sewer Utility charges to county Auditor
- Adopt Resolution 2023-11 Allowing Koochiching County to retain all Voting Operations, Technology, & Election Resources (VOTER) Account Funds

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

Lorraine Nygaard. Lorraine wanted to let the council know she was able to get \$5,000 for the Big Falls Fire/EMS Department from unclaimed capital credits from NorthStar Electric. Wants to present check at the Fire/EMS Bratt Feed.

Disbursements and Payroll. The disbursement and payroll reports were reviewed. *There was a motion by Boes to approve disbursements in the amount of \$137,255.44, check #20578-20650 and ACH 18036E-18053E, and July payroll. Second by Oehlerking. The motion carried with all in favor.*

Casey Sursely to discuss Hospital Tax Levy. Mr. Sursely spoke in depth regarding the Big Fork Hospital and the financial trouble it's in. The finance committee wants to double the levy to 1.6 million.

Liquor Report. Dey was present for a report. The liquor store had a great month of July. Dey's Food Licensed was just renewed for another 3 years. Hired Total Entertainment for Halloween and New Years Eve parties. Just getting geared up for hunting season and the upcoming holidays.

There was a motion to approve the liquor report by Boes. Second by Oehlerking. The motion carried.

Fire/EMS. Beth Pihlaja was present for a report. Bratt Feed Sept 11th at the Fire Hall. Training Videos received. Will be doing a Blood Borne Pathogens training. No update on the MPCA items.

Report on Public Hearing Concerning Budget and Levy. 2 individuals showed for the hearing. No questions no concerns.

There was a motion to approve the Fire/EMS Budget and Levy by Boes. Second by Oehlerking. The motion carried.

There was a motion to approve the Fire/EMS report by Boes. Second by Oehlerking. The motion carried.

Maintenance Report. Terry Baird wasn't present for a report.

Park Project Phase II Review/Update. Council reviewed the letter from SHPO and SEH for next steps.

Ducks Unlimited. Requested Off-site gaming permit

There was a motion by Sursely to approve the Ducks Unlimited Resolution 2023-12 for Off-Site Gaming Permit and A Temporary Liquor License for the Event on October 7th. Second by Boes. The motion carried with Oehlerking sustaining.

Clerk's Report. There was a request for a family to have free Gym rental for a party, Council denied. Discussed paying OT to Liquor Store employees for July 3rd, Council see's a need for this extra pay to have help on the holiday, continue to pay OT. The Clerk received notice of resignation from one of the Janitors for the Community Building, the other Janitor will take over this position also. Koochiching Auditors/Treasurers office requested Big Falls Voting booths for use.

There was a motion by Sursely to approve the Clerk's Report. Second by Boes. The motion carried.

Resurrectors Reunion. Requested use of barricades for the event on August 19th and gave city Certificate of Liability Insurance.

Loan Summary Review. Council reviewed remaining SCDP and Revolving loans.

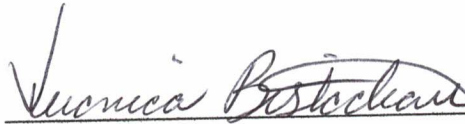
Preliminary Budget Discussion. Council reviewed the Preliminary Budget with discussion.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, Sept 11, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

There was a motion to adjourn by Boes. Second by Oehlerking. The motion carried with all in favor.



Shawn Pritchard, Mayor



Veronica Bistodeau, City Clerk