

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

February 10, 2020

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

Additions. There were no additions to the agenda.

Commissioner's Report. Wayne Skoe was present to visit with the council about city and county concerns. He reported that Northome is working to try to get home health care services more available in the southern part of the county, which is currently underserved.

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

- Approval of January regular minutes
- Approval of January Financial Reports
- Appoint CERC Board member Loretta Reese
- Approve "Certificate of Support" for Littlefork Fire Department USDA RD Community Facilities Financial Assistance Application to purchase new radios and turn out gear.

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

Disbursements and Payroll. The disbursements and payroll reports were reviewed. *There was a motion by Pritchard to approve disbursements in the amount of \$45,555.18, check #18445-18494 and ACH 17382E-17395E, and January payroll. Second by Oehlerking. Motion carried. There was a motion by Oehlerking to approve payment to Maggert achine in the amount of \$127.10. Second by Warner. The motion carried with Kennedy abstaining.*

Campground Project. Lynn Eaton was present for a project report. The bid results were reviewed. Three civil bids were received and only one architectural bid. Linnco Inc. was the apparent low bid for the civil at \$452,259.00, with an apparent line item error in calculation that may reduce the bid by about \$30,000. The building bid was \$753,000, but did not contain the requested alternate bid for heating system options. The council has 30 days to accept or reject the bids. A special council meeting will be held to meet with the architect and campground committee members to discuss possible options to reduce the building cost substantially. The clerk will contact GMRPT to discuss any other possible funding options. *There was a motion by Pritchard to table bid acceptance or rejection until a special meeting can be held with the architect. Second to the motion by Warner. The motion carried. The SHPO reply was discussed. An official "Unanticipated Discoveries Monitoring Plan" must be developed to proceed with the project. The city will contract with Duluth Archaeology to prepare this report at a cost of \$1,612.70.*

Liquor Report. Linda Dey was present for a report. She is back to work full time. The 2020 budget was discussed. Customer appreciation date was set for April 18th. *There was a motion by Pritchard to approve the liquor report. Second by Warner. Motion carried.*

Fire/EMS. Bill Pihlaja and Albert Moe were present for a report. Bill located a truck in Wisconsin that appears to be what the department is looking for, at a cost of \$29,900.00. The truck replacement fund has \$21,000 available, along with \$34,000 in the State Aid fund. *There was a motion by Pritchard to approve purchase of the truck if it is found to be suitable for the department. Second by Oehlerking. The motion carried. The PERA program for volunteer fire fighters was discussed. The clerk will get detailed information on the program and costs involved, and how it relates to the State Aid funds. The department is trying to hold a new first responder course this spring, and is looking for interested persons to join. There was a motion by Warner to approve the fire report. Second by Oehlerking. Motion carried.*

Maintenance Report. Terry Baird was present for a report. The chip hauling is now complete, with total revenues received of just under \$8,000.

Clerk's Report. The council approved for the clerk to attend a Koochiching County Habitat for Humanity informational meeting. The on-line credit card payment system is up and running smoothly. *There was a motion by Pritchard to approve the clerk's report.* Second by Oehlerking. Motion carried.

2019 Clerk's Financial Report. The council reviewed the 2019 financial report as presented by the Clerk. *There was a motion to accept the 2019 Clerk/Treasurer's Report by Kennedy.* Second by Pritchard. Motion carried.

All School Reunion. The council reviewed a letter from the planning committee seeking input and asking about possible sponsorship of events. They are also looking for items to give out in a "Vikings Swag Bag" for people that register for the reunion.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7 p.m.

There was a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and open a closed meeting session for labor negotiations with I.U.O.E. Local 49 by Warner. Second by Pritchard. *Motion carried.* The regular meeting was adjourned.

Marta Lindemanis, Mayor

Joan Nelson, City Clerk