

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 24, 2020

A special 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. The following items were added to the agenda:

- Approval of final labor contract
- Fire truck purchase
- Koochiching County Sheriff room request

Civil Campground Project. Lynn Eaton was present to review bids and discuss options. He noted a possible line item reduction in the amount of silt fence needed, which may make a small reduction in the final cost. Mr. Eaton recommended that the council accept the low bid. *There was a motion by Shawn Pritchard to award the civil bid to low bidder LinnCo in the amount of \$474,347.00.* There was a second to the motion by Jeff Oehlerking. The motion carried with all in favor.

Architectural Campground Project. Ron Jasmer was present to go over options for the building components of the project. The low bid was extremely over budget. Ideas to possibly negotiate with the low bidder with modifications to stay on budget do not appear to be realistic. *There was a motion by Warner to reject the architectural bid due to being overbudget.* Second to the motion by Pritchard. The motion carried with all in favor. Ideas were discussed as to building construction modifications that can be incorporated into a new design to be in-line with the budget. The council agreed to the following modifications:

- Eliminate the roof with hips and large overhang to a simple, smaller overhang with gable ends; and to roof with shingles rather than tin
- To eliminate the epoxy floor covering as per architect recommendations. This step can be done at a later time, and with better results after the concrete has cured.
- A boiler will not be included, but piping will be placed in the floor for a future option
- The stone masonry will be eliminated in favor of masonry walls with core filled blocks.

It will be 1 to 2 months for the new bid documents to be drawn up and re-bid. Marta Lindemanis has spoken with Representative Ecklund about seeking an appropriate bill for additional funding for the building. He is willing to seek this funding, but there is no guarantee that it will pass. The city will proceed with looking into this option.

Labor Contract. The final labor contract was received from the union with the changes as agreed upon at the labor negotiation meeting. *There was a motion by Kennedy to approve I.U.O.E. Local 49 Labor Agreement dated March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2023.* There was a second by Warner. The motion carried with all in favor.

Fire/EMS. Bill Pihlaja reported that the truck he had previously found was sold before he could make an offer on it. He has found another truck for \$32,500, with the company willing to deliver from Wisconsin for an additional \$1,000. He would like to inspect it in person before payment is made, but at present time it would be hard for him to make the drive that far. He will ask if the company would be willing to give a short-term warranty if they deliver it here, so that an inspection could be made.

Koochiching County Sheriff. Deputy Dusty Hell has asked if the Sheriff Department could have access to the old council chambers to use as an office area for deputies while on duty in Big Falls, to file reports and have internet access. The council approved of this request.

*There was a motion to adjourn by Pritchard. Second by Warner. Motion carried.*

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Marta Lindemanis, Mayor

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Joan Nelson, City Clerk