

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

January 10, 2022

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

Additions. There were no additions to the agenda.

Commissioner's Report. Wayne Skoe was not present for a report.

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

- Approval of December regular meeting minutes
- Approval of December Financial Reports
- Adopt Resolution 2022-01, A Resolution Acknowledging a Donation from Big Falls Lions Club in the amount of \$25,000 for the Special Projects Fund.
- Approve Annual Audit Agreement with Brady Martz
- Acknowledge LMC Dividend Announcement of \$6,288

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

Disbursements and Payroll. The disbursement and payroll reports were reviewed. *There was a motion by Abendroth to approve disbursements in the amount of \$52,291.74, check #19589-19631 and ACH 17709E-17722E, and December payroll. Second by Sursely. The motion carried with all in favor.*

Liquor Report. Linda Dey was present for a report. The liquor store will try sponsoring indoor Corn Hole Board tournaments on Sundays after football season. If there is not a good turnout for these, the liquor store may close again on Sundays. Linda noted that distributors have indicated that there will be price increases in the near future. *There was a motion to approve the liquor report by Boes. Second by Abendroth. The motion carried.*

Fire/EMS. Bill Pihlaja was present for a report. The department is hoping to sponsor a membership drive potluck next month. There was a discussion of repairs needed on the EMS truck. *There was a motion to approve the Fire/EMS report by Abendroth. Second by Boes. Motion carried.*

Maintenance Report. Terry Baird was present for a report. He is still trying to get a contractor to commit to fixing the gym doors, but very little interest or response in the project. He will be installing protective cages over the gym thermostats to prevent damage or misuse. *There was a motion by Sursely to approve the maintenance report. Second by Abendroth. The motion carried.*

Clerk's Report. The annual financial report will be presented at the February meeting. It was noted that the annual audit will occur next week. *There was a motion by Oehlerking to approve the clerk's report. Second by Abendroth. The motion carried.*

Mayoral Appointments. The 2022 Mayoral appointments were as follows:

Acting Mayor.....Jeff Oehlerking
Water & Sewer Commissioner... ..LouAnn Abendroth
Street Commissioners.....Angela Boes & Brenda Sursely
Weed Commissioner..... Jeff Oehlerking
CERC Representative..... Angela Boes, Heidi Watson
Timber CommissionersJeff Oehlerking and Angela Boes
Airport Commissioner..... ..Terry Baird
Liquor Commissioners..... Shawn Pritchard & Angela Boes
Official Depository.....TruStar Credit Union

Official Newspaper..... Rainy Lake Gazette
Economic Development Commissioners....City Council
Revolving Loan Committee.....To appoint as needed
Park/Campground Commissioner.....Jeff Oehlerking
Policy Committee.....Brenda Sursely, Jeff Oehlerking and Joan Nelson
Campground Committee.....Shawn Pritchard, Jeff Oehlerking, Joan Nelson, Terry Baird, Heidi Watson, Bill Gorden
Fire ChiefBill Pihlaja
Cemetery Board.....Les Lepisto, Terry Baird, Joan Nelson, Lorraine Nygaard, Linda Parson & Ken Warner

Maintenance Position. The council reviewed all applications. Interviews will be conducted with 3 candidates at a special council meeting on Monday, January 24th beginning at 6 p.m. The council approved adding additional candidates to the interview schedule if there are any qualified applicants in the interim. They also approved to conduct interviews by WebEx if a candidate is unable to attend in person due to current work commitments or driving distance.

Pay Equity. The council reviewed the draft 2022 Pay Equity Implementation Report. *There was a motion by Sursely to accept and submit the report as presented.* Second by Boes. The motion carried with all in favor.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

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

Shawn Pritchard, Mayor

Joan Nelson, City Clerk