

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

July 8, 2024

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, LouAnn Abendroth, Brenda Sursely, and Angela Boes

Additions. Brenda/Campground Reservations

Commissioner's Report. Dale Erickson was not present for a report.

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

- Approval of June regular meeting minutes
- Approval of June Financial Reports
- Approve Ordinance #227 Adopting a Schedule of Fees and Charges for various services
- Accept Lions Club Donation in the amount of \$15,000.00
- Approve Building Permit #217

There was a motion by Oehlerking to approve the consent agenda, without Approval of Ordinance 227 per Boes. Second by Boes. The motion carried with all in favor.

Disbursements and Payroll. The disbursement and payroll were reviewed. *There was a motion by Abendroth to approve disbursements in the amount of \$102,426.15, check #21156-21213 and ACH 18248E-18265E, and June payroll. Second by Sursely. The motion carried with all in favor.*

Liquor Report. Dey was present for a report. Dey reported Liquor Store appraisal came in at 300k. Walk-in cooler was repaired. Received four (4) applicants for open position. Dey recommends hiring Joslin and Jack.

There was a motion to approve the liquor report by Oehlerking. Second by Abendroth. The motion carried with one opposed to hiring Joslin.

Fire/EMS. City Clerk gave report. Fire & EMS Luncheon on the Fourth of July raised \$857.00 plus \$500 from Lions Club as a donation.

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

Campground Reservations. Brenda had spoke with some campground customers and they were wondering how to book a year out. Reservations can go a year out from the date of booking.

Maintenance Report. Baird was present for a report. The Fourth of July festivities turned out excellent, maintenance team and everyone did an amazing job setting up and getting things in order. Discussed smoked testing for I & I. 6-week check for Baird's hip surgery.

There was a motion to approve the Maintenance report by Boes. Second by Abendroth. The motion carried.

Ordinance #227. Lengthy discussion was had regarding the water and sewer rate increase. Boes is apposed to the increase. *There was a motion to approve Ordinance 227 schedule of fees by Oehlerking. Second by Abendroth. The motion carried with one apposed.*

Campground Project Update. Discussion on the bids and approval on Low Bid for Phase II.

There was a motion to approve the Low Bid by Gustafson & Goudge, Inc. by Oehlerking. Second by Abendroth. The motion carried.

Clerk's Report. Clerk put together pricing for padded folding chairs for the gym. Discussed Kinect for the Liquor Store.

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

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, August 12, 2024 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



Veronica Bistodeau, City Clerk