

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

May 09, 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 Angela Boes, LouAnn Abendroth, Brenda Sursely and Jeff Oehlerking.

Additions: Two additions were added and discussed; Library reorganization and the Big Falls Laundromat. Abendroth discussed having a group come in and reorganize the Library, Rownea Knaeble will put a group together and go through the book and videos. Boes mentioned some complaints she had received regarding the Laundromats yard. The council discussed sending a letter for spring clean-up, the council had a lengthy discussion and decided to put a spring clean-up notice in the Ripple and on Facebook. Pritchard said it looked like they had started to clean-up at the laundromat, to hold off on the letter and see how it goes.

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

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

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

- Approval of April regular meeting minutes
- Approval of April Financial Reports
- Resolution 2022-05 to adopt the 2021 Koochiching County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

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

Disbursements and Payroll: The disbursement and payroll reports were reviewed. *There was a motion by Oehlerking to approve disbursements in the amount of \$42,094.13, check #19791 - 19834 and ACH 17765E-17782E, and April payroll. Second by Abendroth. The motion carried with all in favor.*

Liquor Report: Linda Dey was present for a report. Discussed highlights from the conference Dey attended. Liquor store mounts were cleaned. Cooler issue was discussed. Contractor came and looked at ramp and gave recommendation for the roof to go over the ramp on the west side of the building, still waiting on estimate. Band for the 4th is a possible cancel. Customer Appreciation night raised \$500.75, council discussed using the funds to put in Fire Pit and memorial benches at the Campground.

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

Fire/EMS: Bill Pihlaja was present for a report. Received new signs for the trucks. All online training set up; Roster completed.

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

Maintenance Report: Terry Baird was present for a report. Bush Hog for Airport is in, requested approval to cut check. Drain tile discussion for community building, going to get an estimate. The Storm sewer drain system at the Big Falls Housing corner always floods and needs repair. Clerk will look into a grant for storm sewer drain systems. Campground new bathroom building, water isn't shutting off, working on getting it started up for the summer, place notice online regarding temporary closure of bathhouse.

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

Clerk's Report:

2020 Census Count; approved count, no resolution. USDA Rural Development Grant, possible place to look for road work/storm sewer drain system repair. Fourth of July planning, Lions will put together a flyer of events, tents and porta potties, same as last year minus one porta potty at the campground due to new bathhouse. Council received loan summaries for Revolving & SCDP loans. Campground Phase II survey – Reviewed Duluth Archeology Phase II estimate.

Cell phone for Ryan Street or reimburse him, contact Verizon for cost. Campground Firewood, the sawmill we used to get it from is no longer an option. Display on Facebook and website that City is no longer providing Firewood.

There was a motion by Sursely to approve the clerk's report. Second by Boes. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, June 13, 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

Veronica Bistodeau, City Clerk