

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 13, 2019

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

Additions. The 2018 Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report was added to the agenda. A public group asked to add a discussion concerning the Sunview Apartments to the agenda.

Commissioner's Report. Wayne Skoe was present to talk to the council and hear updates on city issues.

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

- Approval of April Minutes
 - Approval of April Financial Reports
 - Approve Annual County Tax Forfeited Apportionment \$6,304.20
 - Adopt Resolution 2019-03, Authorization to Execute MN DOT Airport Maintenance and Operation Grant Contract
- 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 \$41,945.60, check 17380 – 17441, and ACH 17214E-17234E and April payroll. Second by Warner. Motion carried. There was a motion by Pritchard to approve payment to Maggert Machine in the amount of \$136.86. Second by Warner. The motion carried with Kennedy abstaining.*

Request. Linda Dey inquired about a donation for the Cindy Donner benefit. The council noted that donations to private individuals are not a "lawful purpose" for city governments. But the council did agree to waive the rental fee for the gym.

Campground Project. Lynn Eaton with WSN was present. He brought updated maps and plans. The archaeology dig preliminary findings were discussed. Some artifacts were found in the area of the shower house construction site. Options and alternatives were discussed. The Hufnagle family informed the city that they will not be claiming the 2 small buildings on the property, so they are now owned by the city. The council discussed that they would like to restore the old log building if funds were available.

Sunview Apartments. Several members of the public were present to discuss issues at the Sunview Apartment building. The issue of turning off the heat in April, with no backup heat, was the main concern. At this point, the city has no authority to regulate this, as there is no city ordinance addressing rental properties. There is also no state law that would require a property to maintain a certain temperature. One resident stated her opinion that she did not feel it was a problem, as it has always been this way. Other issues noted were laundry problems, with only one washer for 20 apartments, and that it does not work properly. The clerk is to look into options for the city to address the heat issue.

Liquor Report. Linda Dey was present for a report. A DJ will be outside after the Donner benefit, provided by the benefit sponsors. If weather is inclement it will be moved inside. Casey Maurer has been hired as a bartender. Tia Martin has been hired to clean at the liquor store and community building. Recycling of bottles and cardboard was discussed. The clerk is to look into options for recycling. The clerk is to look into updating the employee policy to specifically include wording to prohibit drinking while on duty. *There was a motion to approve the liquor report by Warner. Second by Oehlerking. Motion carried.*

Fire/EMS. There was no report this month.

Maintenance Report. Terry Baird was present for a report. He noted a recent sewer pump problem that was caused by cleaning wipes being flushed. He noted that these types of wipes are NOT to be flushed, even though they are labeled

as flushable. He also reported on a talk with the DNR. The brush/burn pile by the rifle range has recently been used as a trash pile, with items other than yard waste being deposited there. The DNR will consider getting rid of this pile, or may begin issuing citations. He reported that the campground restroom was broken into by kicking open the lock. The council discussed adding cameras to the area. The clerk will look into costs. The MPCA Compliance Evaluation Inspection Report was reviewed. There were no notable findings in this report. *There was a motion to approve the maintenance report by Pritchard. Second by Warner. Motion carried.*

Clerks Report. No items to report.

2018 Drinking Water Report. The council reviewed the 2018 Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report issued by MN Department of Health. There were no violations or exceptions in the report. *There was a motion to approve by Pritchard. Second by Oehlerking. Motion carried.*

Voyage Forward. The mayor presented information concerning the Voyage Forward Koochiching Technology Initiative. This included an overview of the marketing campaign plan.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, June 10th at 7 p.m.

There was a motion to adjourn by Pritchard. Second by Oehlerking. Motion carried. Adjourned.

A closed meeting was held for an employee review for Linda Dey. She did not request that the meeting be held open to the public.

Marta Lindemanis, Mayor

Joan Nelson, City Clerk