City of Bayfield

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

02/11/20

Meeting called to order by Bryan at 08:00 AM. Present: Bryan, Eldred, Peterson, Whiteside

City employees; Kovachevich, Burg

Howl Representative, John Thiel

Motion to approve agenda was approved.

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- 1. Financials
 - a. Review of financials was discussed, no action at this time.
- 2. Old Business, None
- 3. Public Works Directors report
 - a. The snow removal lot on Washington is full. Snow is now being moved to the soccer field area.
 - b. Icy roads continue to be an issue. They are being treated with sand and salt. Our inventory of sand and salt is at appropriate levels for this year.
 - c. The orange truck has had some repair needs, which have been completed. In addition the backhoe has had issues also, being repaired.
- 4. Utility Operator report
 - a. Most of Mikes time has been spent on snow removal and clearing fire hydrants.
- 5. Winter Parking
 - a. There was a discussion on winter parking issues and regulations. In a few areas, residents are not following the regulations. Signs have been posted in violation areas, but this has not resolved the issue. Alternative rules were discussed and Ashland's regulations were reviewed. It was suggested that law enforcement should be reminded to enforce current regulations.
- 6. Howl Sewer Credit Request
 - a. Howl had a leaky toilet that ran up the sewer/water bill over \$2000.00 above norm. Mike had informed them of the unusual usage and the problem was fixed. The request for credit was not allowed based on the current rules on this matter. John explained that this brings on a hardship to them and any other resident that might have this problem. Apparently, city staff suggested he pay the full amount on time before review with PW. It would have been appropriate to consider a payment plan to lessen the hardship of such a large bill. PW will review policy with city staff.
- 7. Next Meeting
 - a. March 10th, 2020 at 9AM, at the Fire Hall.
- 8. Adjourned