

City of Bayfield Common Council

Minutes of Monday, February 21, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Ringberg called the virtual meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present: Beagan, Bryan, Burkel, Carrier and Mayor Ringberg

Staff: PWD Kovachevich, Treasurer Johnston, Clerk Hoopman, Office Admin. Mather, GBWWTP Op. Pearson, and Chief Ladwig

Others: Diane Fizell, Paul Swanson, Ted Dougherty, Craig Skadden, Annalisa Bremel, Rachael Lamkin, Carol Fahrenkrog-Chamber.

Review/Approve Agenda: Burkel/Bryan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Public Comment and Suggestions from Persons Present on Agenda Items: None.

Discussion and Identification of Items for Future Agendas: None.

Review/Approve the Common Council minutes of January 17, 2022: Bryan/Carrier made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes of January 17, 2022, as presented. Carried.

Agenda

1. Alcohol Licenses:

- a. Surrender From Mary Rice Estate to Holly and Munch Properties, LLC, contingent upon issuance of Original Class B Combination License, Bates Bar, 14 So. Broad Street: Bryan/Burkel made a motion to accept the surrender from the Mary Rice Estate and issue the Class B Combination License to Holly and Munch Properties, LLC, Larry Munch Agent as presented for the property located at 14 So. Broad Street, Bates Art Bar. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Beagan, Bryan, Burkel and Carrier – yes.
- b. Transfer from Person to Person: from Kevin Hunt to Amie Hunt, Captain’s Spirit Class A Liquor and Beer, 33 No. First Street: Bryan/Carrier moved to grant permission to the Clerk to process the Transfer Request, pending all required documents are received. Discussion. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Burkel, Carrier and Beagan.

2. 2022 Fireworks: The Council received information about the 2022 proposed Fireworks including the vendor estimate of \$16,000 for a similar show to 2021, and an offer from the Chamber to assist with the 2022 Fundraising needs for this event. Discussion ensued. Bryan/Burkel made a motion to move forward with a contract for service for the 2022 Fireworks on July 4 in the amount not to exceed \$16,000 with the understanding we will receive the fundraising support offered by the Chamber. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Burkel, Carrier, Beagan and Bryan – yes. Thank you Carol and the Bayfield Chamber and Visitor Bureau!

3. Street Use – Lisa Flemming, Silverwaves Jewelry, LLC

Bryan/Beagan moved to table action since the Public Works Committee would be addressing this street closure at their meeting tomorrow. It was expected this agenda item would be placed on the March Council Agenda for final action. Carried.

4. Project Updates:

- a. Apostle Islands Marina Project: Work continues. The Harbor Commission has a special meeting tomorrow and will be reviewing a no cost change order to replace the treated dock on E Dock with poured concrete.
- b. Waterfront Walk – Review Bids / Award Project: The City received four bids for this project. Bryan/Burkel moved to accept the low bid from Luppino in the amount of \$29,010.00. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Carrier, Beagan, Bryan and Burkel – yes.
- c. Courthouse Improvements: The Council learned the project would soon be posted for bid and would include the owner and tenant improvements requested.
- d. Playground Replacement Project: Carrier noted that fundraising efforts are ongoing. Their next event will be during Bayfield’s Winter Festival.
- e. Parking Plan Update – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2022.
- f. EMS Study Committee Update – Beagan provided a summary of the last meeting and noted Lyn Cornelius represented the Bayfield EMS very well. The large amount of paperwork, billing time, an upcoming required audit, need for additional mental health and recruitment support were all issues mentioned by Cornelius. Similar issues were noted by other departments.
- g. BART Update – They are working on one-way fares. Additionally, BART will be taking over the Ashland County Aging Unit Transit.

File Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards

Architectural Review Board: Minutes of January 24, 2021

Fire Department: Minutes of February 7, 2022

Harbor: Minutes of February 2 and 7, 2022

Library: Minutes of January 26, 2022

Parks and Rec.: Minutes of February 3, 2022

Planning: Minutes of January 25, 2022

Police Department: January 2022 Report

Scenic By-Way: Minutes from November 2, 2021

Tree Board: Minutes of January 24, 2022

Burkel/Bryan made a motion to place the minutes list above on file. Bryan commented on the Plan Commission minutes and noted his support for any/all chairpersons to suspend meetings and vacate premise if meetings get unruly to protect members and staff. Carried.

Correspondence: Chequamegon Bay Regional Coalition Housing Update

The Council would like to invite Kelly Pederson to their next meeting to review the findings of the Housing Study. Mayor Ringberg also noted work continues on the WHEDA Pilot Project and where that project lands will be of interest to all.

Treasurer: January Treasurer’s Report, Voucher Payments, Fund Summary, and Budgets

Bryan/Beagan made a motion to approve and place on file the January Treasurer’s Reports as provided. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Beagan, Bryan, Burkel and Carrier – yes.

Next Mtg.: Wednesday, March 23, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Closed Session: Beagan/Bryan made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss employee evaluations. The Council reserves the right to reconvene into open session to make any decisions on the discussion and/or for purposes of adjournment.

Present: Beagan, Bryan, Burkel, Carrier and Mayor Ringberg

Moved to reconvene into open session for purposes of adjournment. Carried.

Adjournment: moved to adjourn. Carried.

Minutes by Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk