

City of Bayfield Common Council Mtg.

Bayfield City Hall, 125 South First Street, Bayfield, WI 54814 * 715-779-5712

Minutes of Monday, February 9, 2015 -- 4 pm

- **Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Bayfield City Hall followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.
Present: Nelson, Bryan, Johnson, McMullin, and Mayor MacDonald
Others: Joanne Cirillo, Don Albrecht, and Tom Kovachevich-PWD
- **Approve Agenda:** Johnson/McMullin made a motion to approve the agenda. Carried.
- **Approve Council Meeting Minutes:** Nelson/Johnson moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015 as presented. Carried.
- **Public Input on Agenda Items:** None

Agenda Items:

1. **Bayfield Inn Alcohol License Request:** The Council received a written request from the Bayfield Inn, to extend their existing Alcohol License to cover an area in their northern parking lot for their annual “Freeze Your Glass Off” party on Friday, March 6, 2015 from 4-10 p.m. McMullin/Bryan made a motion to approve this one day alcohol premise extension request as specified in their letter dated February 6th, 2015 and accompanying map. Discussion. It was mentioned that outdoor fire permits were not allowed; only outdoor cooking devices. Carried.
2. **Resolution #473 – International Migratory Bird Day:** McMullin/Nelson made a motion to adopt Resolution #473 celebrating May, 9, 2015 as International Migratory Bird Day. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Nelson, Bryan, Johnson, and McMullin – yes.
3. **Arbor Day Proclamation:** Bryan/McMullin moved to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation, proclaiming May 15, 2015 as a day to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Carried; all ayes.
4. **2014 Room Tax Report:** The Council received a copy of the 2014 Year End Room Tax Report which shows Room Tax is up 14.9% over the previous year. Bryan thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the boost in the Fall of 2014; wasn’t due to the fabulous weather.
5. **Governor Walker’s 2015-2017 State Budget Proposal:** The Council received copies of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities – Capital Buzz which summarizes many of the components of the Governor’s proposed 2015-2017 budget. Informational. Chamber Director Eades commented that tourism dollars are flat; there are no earmarks for tourism related items, or the arts. Also proposed is to remove marketing directors in each department and put all marketing efforts under the tourism department.
6. **Committee Resignations/Appointments:** The Council accepted with regret the resignation of Bruce Moore from the ARB and thanked him for his time served on this Committee. Carried.
7. **Project Updates:**
 - 2015 Catholic Hill Water Main Improvements & Historic Streets Project:**
 - a. **Strand Associates Inc. – Amendments for Services:** Bryan/Nelson made a motion to approve Amendment #1 for Bidding and Construction Related Services for the Catholic Hill Water Main Improvement Project increasing the rate from \$56,200 to \$146,000 and

Amendment #2 for Construction Related Services for the Historic Streets Renovation Project increasing the rate from \$124,500 to \$277,000. The Council expressed concern regarding the increase in price and had two comments; one Strand needs to provide a better breakdown of expenses, and two to provide this information in a more timely fashion. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Johnson, McMullin and Nelson – yes.

PWD Kovachevich reported that a work schedule has been received from Chippewa Concrete Services Inc. They are hoping to start the Historic Street Project at the end of April, if weather permits. Construction, according to schedule is expected to be completed by July 2, 2015.

b. CCRG Agreement – Photo Documentation MOU Requirement: McMullin/Johnson made a motion to approve the proposal submitted by Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group, Inc (CCRG) in the amount of \$5366.41. Inherent in the proposal is that City Staff will provide some support to CCRG. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Johnson, McMullin, Nelson and Bryan – yes.

Historic Waterfront Walk: The project is moving along great. The Committee recently learned Phase II has been recommended for approval. Bryan reported there has been a greater emphasis on the Wilson Avenue and First Street area. By consensus they would like to reach out to a firm that might be able to provide a better design for the area. Consideration of moving the “high-rise” restrooms has been discussed, improving traffic and pedestrian safety, and providing an improved “waterfront” walk. Today the Committee learned some drainage improvements may also be needed by the boat wash area. All agree these cross over a variety of other City Committees but the Waterfront Committee will continue to take the lead on design and implementation of the WCM grants.

Harbor Commission’s L.E. Dock Improvement Project: The Harbor Commission received one bid for the project. No decision has been made yet. It is known there are concerns about the “unknown” with this project causing the price to be higher than desired. Contractor indicated this was a not to exceed bid, could be less.

8. Mayor’s Report: The Council received a written report dated January 12 to February 9, 2015. The Mayor also informed the Council about his recent meetings with Rep. Meyers, and Sen. Bewley.

Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards

Courthouse: Minutes of January 21, 2015

Finance: Minutes of January 12, 2015

Fire Department: Minutes of February 2, 2015

Harbor: Minutes of February 2, 2015

Library: Minutes of January 21, 2015

Planning: Minutes of Jan. 12, 2015

Police Department: January 2015 Report

Public Works: Minutes of February 6, 2015

Tree Board: Minutes of January 26, 2015

Waterfront: Minutes of January 9 and 19, 2015

Johnson/McMullin made a motion to place the above minutes on file. Discussion. Don Albrecht, Library Chair updated the Council about the Library’s Strategic Plan activities. Library Director Blair Nelson’s recent article in the paper was mentioned. Everyone appreciates his new ideas and enthusiasm. Carried.

Correspondence: The Council received a copy of the correspondence from Brown County Citizens for Responsible Wind Energy dated January 16, 2015. Informational only, no action required.

Clerk / Treasurer: Payment of Bills, Treasurer's Report(s), Budget(s): McMullin/Johnson moved to approve the payment of bills as presented and to place the January Treasurer's Report and Budget on file. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Nelson, Bryan, Johnson, and McMullin – yes.

Affirm/Set Next meeting(s) - March 9 (Regular), April 13 (Regular), and April 21 (Reorg.), 2015: Both the Mayor and Councilor McMullin will be unable to attend the Reorganization meeting on April 21, 2015. Others were asked to please double check their schedules and report any known absences. There may be quorum issues for the April 21 reorganizational meeting.

Prior to the meeting being adjourned, Nelson asked about the City's position on the CAFO issue. Will the City of Bayfield have any involvement on this issue? Mayor believes we ought to prepare a resolution indicating our concern about the impact to the watershed. Other's agreed by consensus. It will be placed on next month's agenda.

Adjournment: McMullin/Johnson moved to adjourn. Carried. 4:34 p.m.

Minutes by: Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk