

City of Bayfield Common Council Mtg.

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

Minutes of Monday, September 14, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor MacDonald called the meeting to order at 4 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: Becky Sue Neilson, Diane Fizell, Don Albrecht, Joanne Cirillo, Mary Dougherty, David Eades-Chamber Director, and Billie Hoopman-Clerk

Approve Agenda: Bryan/Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Carried.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2015: Nelson/Johnson motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Carried.

Public Input on Agenda Items: Becky Sue Neilson asked the Council to please pass the Chicken Ordinance.

Agenda Items

- 1. Ordinance #376 - Creating an Ordinance for the Keeping of Chickens**
Councilor Nelson began discussing the issue. As a point of order, the Mayor asked for a motion. Bryan made a motion to approve the proposed chicken ordinance. Motion died for lack of a second.
- 2. Ordinance #377 - Snow and Ice Ordinance Amendment:** Bryan/McMullin made a motion to approve Ordinance#377 as presented, to waive the second and third readings and to commence with adoption of the ordinance as provided. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Nelson, Bryan, Johnson and McMullin – yes.
- 3. Resolution #494 - Library Levy Exemption:** Johnson/Nelson made a motion to approve the Library Levy Exemption Resolution as presented hereby applying for exemption from the Bayfield County Library Levy for 2016. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Johnson, McMullin and Nelson – yes.
- 4. Tree Board Appointments - James and Sarah Nevins:** McMullin/Johnson moved to approve the appointment of them to the Tree Board and thanked them for their willingness to serve. Carried.
- 5. City of Bayfield Heritage Tree Program (HTP):** Bryan moved to place the HTP on file. Seconded by McMullin. All agree it is not an ordinance, but acknowledged and accepted the recommendation from the Public Works Committee for the Tree Board to move forward with the program. Carried.
- 6. Premier Resort Report:** The Council was given a written report showing the Premier Resort Tax from 2009 to present. The report shows PRT is up considerably in the second quarter; from approx. \$14,000 in 2014 to \$22,000 in 2015. Bryan thanked the Chamber for the work they are doing which is positively affecting the PRT figures.

7. **Room Tax and Premier Resort Area Taxation:** With the looming budget shortfalls caused as a result of the changes made in the recent State Budget the Mayor asked the Council how they feel about potentially increasing either the Room Tax from 6% to 8% or Premier Report Tax (PRT) from .5% to 1/1.25%? He informed the Council it is much harder to increase the PRT as it requires special legislation. After some discussion the Council indicated they would prefer the PRT be increased and asked the Mayor to begin discussions with our State legislators.
8. **E3 Coalition Proposal:** Bryan/Nelson moved to approve the proposal showing a proposed cost after incentives of \$2043.20. The Council learned the payback would be less than one year. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Johnson, McMullin, Nelson and Bryan – yes.
9. **2016 CIP and Budgets:** Budget and CIP requests were due on September 10, 2015 and staff has begun assembling the budget. A proposed budget and CIP list will be presented at the next meeting.
10. **Project Updates:**
 - a. Historic Streets Project
 - b. 2015 Catholic Hill Water Main Improvement
 - c. 2016 Swede Hill Water Main Improvement
 - d. Historic Waterfront Walk Phase 1 and Phase 2: Strand Engineering Task Order 15-02
Johnson/McMullin made a motion to approve the Task Order 15-02 in the amount of \$7500 with funding to come from the Phase 1- WI Coastal Management Grant. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Nelson, Bryan, Johnson and McMullin – yes.
 - e. Harbor Commission's L.E. Dock Improvement Project
There was nothing new to report on items a, b, c or e.
11. **Mayor's Report(s):** The Council received a written report dated August 10 to September 14, 2015. The Mayor briefly reviewed the report with the Council and provided a few highlights.

Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards.

Ambulance: Minutes of August 27, 2015

Architectural Review Board: Minutes of August 17, 2015

Courthouse: Minutes of August 31, 2015

Finance: Minutes of August 10, 2015

Fire Protection: Minutes of August 31, 2015

Harbor: Minutes of September 8, 2015

Parks & Recreation: Minutes of August 11, 2015.

Pavilion: Minutes of September 9, 2015

Planning: Minutes of August 17, 2015

Police Department: August 2015 Report

Public Works: Minutes of September 4, 2015

Tree Board: Minutes of August 24, 2015

Waterfront: Minutes of August 10, 2015

McMullin/Johnson made a motion to place the above minutes on file in a block format.

Discussion ensued. Crib work is needed on the Pavilion deck. Bryan also mentioned the broken window at the Courthouse and noted that contrary to the minutes, he'd like to find a way to let the kids to continue playing ball in the area safely. Carried.

Correspondence: Johnson/McMullin made a motion to place the August 23, 2015 Bayfield Civic League letter on file. Carried.

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

Affirm/Set Next meeting(s): The Council scheduled the next regular meetings for October 12 and November 9, 2015 at 4 p.m., and to reserve October 19 and/or 21, 2015 for Special Meetings if needed. McMullin informed the Council he would not be available on October 12, 2015.

Adjournment: McMullin/Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Carried. 4:31 p.m.

Minutes by Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk