

City of Bayfield Common Council

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Minutes of Tuesday, October 11, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Ringberg called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. at the Bayfield City Hall followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Nelson, Bryan, Johnson, Hudson and Mayor Ringberg

Others: William Bussey, Chad Abel, Mike Radtke, Chief Fangman, PWD Kovachevich, Treasurer Johnston, and Clerk Hoopman

Approve Agenda: Bryan/Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Approve the previous minutes of September 13, 2016: Nelson/Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Carried.

- **Public Presentations:**

A. Bill Bussey: "Let's Work Together to slow Climate Change": Bill Bussey addressed the Council and noted he is seeking their support in urging our Congressional Representatives to support and promote Congressional legislation to address climate change in the coming year. He offered for the Council to be included on a group letter they will be sending shortly after the November 2016 election. The Council just needs to let them know we want to be "included on the letter". He noted there is a window of opportunity to do something before it's too late. Bussey informed the Council they already have 60 committed signers including: Town of LaPointe, Madeline Island Ferry Lines, Apostle Islands Realty, the Washburn & Ashland Mayors, Ashland City Council Members, Tom Gordon-Town of Bayfield Chairman, and some Bayfield County Board Members.

B. Chad Abel: Red Cliff, Bayfield & Washburn WWTP Analysis, Alternatives &

Recommendations: Chad Abel provided the Council with a copy of the full report along with a written WWTP Alternative Recommendations report. It is being recommended the City along with Red Cliff and Washburn discontinue the use of non-native Phragmites in our reed bed systems and replace them with native reeds. The good news is the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is supportive of funding the capital cost of replacing the non-native phragmites with native reed for all three facilities in the total amount of \$1.72 million. The cost to replace the phragmites at the GBWWTP is estimated at \$620,000. Bryan informed the Council this is a very good opportunity he believes we should endorse.

- **Public Input on Agenda Items**

Mike Radtke, spoke in regards to Climate Change noting this is a bi-partisan issue. He said some see this as a national security issue. He said it's about the environment and national security. How will pressure be put on our country and others? We're at the tipping point and our little community should take the lead and vote in favor of seeking Congressional support.

Agenda:

1. **Consider taking action on Climate Change:** Bryan/Johnson made a motion endorsing the City of Bayfield's entire Common Council to be included in the "Let's work together to slow climate change" initiatives. Carried; all ayes. It was noted Council members could also sign on as individuals.

2. **Consider WWTP Alternatives and Recommendations:**

Johnson/Hudson made a motion to recommend to the GBWWTPC that they move forward with Alternative #2 and allow Abel to submit the application for funding to the EPA on their behalf. Discussion. It was noted the GBWWTP was approved by the DNR to plant the non-native phragmites. In addition, the DNR doesn't have a rule in place disallowing non-native phragmites, or allowing native phragmites. The Council is interested in the genetic test results. Currently the GBWWTPC is operating without a permit. Carried; all ayes.

3. **Lease Agreement between City of Bayfield and the Apostle Islands Cruise Service:** Johnson/Bryan made a motion approving the one-year Lease Agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk's to sign. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Nelson, Bryan, Johnson and Hudson – yes.
4. **2017-2021 Fire Protection Agreement:** Clerk Hoopman informed the Council this agreement has not changed from the previous five-year agreement and it was approved by the Fire Protection Committee. Bryan/Hudson moved to approve the agreement and to grant authorization to the Mayor and Clerk to sign as needed. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Johnson, Hudson and Nelson – yes.
5. **Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Updates:** The Council received copies of the Letter of Interest and a proposal from Nan Fey who was offering assistance in helping the City update its Comprehensive Plan and land use regulations. The Council was informed funds have been added to the 2017 Capital Improvement Project list. It is hoped grand funding will be found to assist with these planning efforts. The Council was supportive. Informational, no action required.
6. **Ordinance #384 – Revision of Zoning Ordinance 500-19 C (1) to accomplish allowing ADA Accessible units on the ground floor in the Commercial District:** The Council was informed about this proposed ordinance and the upcoming public hearing which is scheduled for October 25, 2016 at 5 p.m. They were informed that it is likely the Council will be asked to take formal action on this ordinance at their November Council Meeting.
7. **Memorandum of Understanding– City of Bayfield and Madeline Island Ferry Lines:** The Council was provided a final draft of the MOU. Bryan mentioned the electricity consumption is great on one side of the dock and suggested we consider metering the area in an effort to learn more about the users and/or adding some language to the MOU that says if winter storage then we need to negotiate a rate for electric use. Mike Radtke, MIFL said they understand they should pay for their electrical usage. Radtke, MIFL and Bryan assured the Council they feel they can work it out and will be brought back to the next meeting.
8. **Strand Associates -Amendment #1 – Swede Hill Water Main Improvements:** Bryan/Nelson made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 15-01 for bidding and construction related services in the total amount of \$158,000. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Johnson, Hudson, Nelson and Bryan – yes.
9. **2016 Apple Festival:** Chief Fangman said, overall it went very well. No thefts known. Crowds down on Friday but he believes there were record crowds on Saturday. PWD Kovachevich informed the Council there was damage to one of the City Street as a vendor drilled a hole into the concrete to anchor his stand. We have his name, photos of the area, and plan to pursue citing him for property damage.
10. **2017 Budget & CIPS:** The Council received a summary outlining the two budget proposals being presented. The Council commended the office staff on their hard work preparing the 2017 budget and CIP's. The Council was informed the Finance Committee approved budget proposal #2 as presented. This budget is balance and has a zero percent increase to the levy. It was noted that increases to staffing hours and many CIPs requested were cut due to a lack of funding in Proposal #2. Bryan/Nelson made a motion to move forward with Budget Proposal #2, and schedule the required public hearing for the Council's next meeting which is Monday, November 14, 2016 at 4 p.m. Carried.
11. **Project Updates:**
 - a. **Swede Hill Water Main Improvement (2017 Project):** The PWD said this project is ready for bid. There is a SDWLP Pre-Award Meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 9 a.m. to go over the program process.

The Council was reminded again about the culvert replacement on the south end of town by Eckels Pottery slated for May/June 2017. Hwy. 13 will be detoured at times during this project.
 - b. **Historic Waterfront Walk Phase 2:** The Committee met yesterday for purposes of defining details; specifically, for lighting and the restrooms, The meeting was tempered by the loss of member Grandon Harris.

- c. **Security Fencing Project:** The required solicitation was posted and quotes are due October 13, 2016.

12. Mayor's Report(s): The Mayor presented a written report dated September 13 to October 10, 2016. He spoke about the "Just Fix It Mtg." he attended. They received additional materials in their Council packets about next steps and the budget overview.

Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards:

Ambulance: Minutes of September 15, 2016

Finance: Minutes of September 13, 2016

Fire Department: Minutes of October 3, 2016

Harbor: Minutes of October 3, 2016

Pavilion: Minutes of September 20, 2016

Planning: Minutes of September 27, 2016

Police Department: September 2016 Report

Public Works: Minutes of October 3, 2016

Johnson/Hudson moved to approve the above minutes in a block format. Carried.

Correspondence: The Council received the following written correspondence:

- Just Fix It – Turnout for Transportation Next Steps and Budget Overview
- Duwayne Soulier Memorial VFW – Veteran's Day 2016 Appreciation Day. It was noted there is a Veteran's Day Dinner at the Pier Plaza on Oct. 28th, 2016.

Payment of Bills, Treasurer's Report(s) and Budget(s):

Johnson/Bryan made a motion to place the bills, September Treasurer's Report and Budgets on file.

Passed by roll call vote as follows: Hudson, Nelson, Bryan and Johnson – yes.

Affirm/Set Next meeting(s): The next meeting was scheduled for November 14, 2016 at 4 p.m. Nelson indicated he would be unable to attend.

Adjournment: Johnson/Hudson moved to adjourn. Carried. (5:56 p.m.)

Minutes by: Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk