

City of Bayfield Common Council

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

Minutes of Monday, January 9, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Ringberg 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 (arrived at 4:02 pm), Bryan, Johnson, Hudson and Mayor Ringberg

Others: Five City Employees, Chamber Director, and one member from the public

Approve Agenda: Johnson/Hudson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Approve the previous minutes of November 14, 2016: Bryan/Hudson made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Public Input on Agenda Items: None.

Agenda

1. **Resolution #516 – 2016 & 2017 Budget Amendments:** Bryan/Johnson moved to approve Resolution #516 as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Nelson, Bryan, Johnson and Hudson – yes.
2. **Employee Health Insurance:** Weber addressed the Council and asked them to be aware of the inadequacies of our group health insurance plan. He described the recent injury to his arm and how the insurance was applied. He knows the group policy was established as a result of the ACA, but he noted the previous system (Health Care Funds) worked much better for him. He said if he knew how little would have been covered, he wouldn't have had the surgery done. Other employees expressed how much they have had to pay too.

Bryan noted he was receptive to hearing more and trying to make some improvements.
3. **Project Updates:**
 - a. **Swede Hill Water Main Improvement (2017 Project):** The Council was given a copy of the Advertisement to Bid and a copy of the Project Map for reference. Bids are due January 29, 2017 at 2 pm.
 - b. **Historic Waterfront Walk Phase 2 – Strand Associates Task Order 15-03 Amendment 2:** Bryan/Johnson made a motion approving the Mayor's signature on Task Order 15-03, amendment 2 for the Waterfront "Turning Point" Project. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Johnson, Hudson and Nelson – yes.
 - c. **Security Fencing Project:** PWD Kovachevich informed the Council this project is complete. Bryan asked if now would be good time to move the bricks. The PWD indicated it would be easier in the Spring.
 - d. **Hwy 13 Culvert Project:** This is a State of Wisconsin DOT job and it includes the replacement of culverts between Bayfield to Washburn. The project was bid out, but we haven't heard for certain if a bid was awarded. The council and public were reminded about the potential Highway 13 closure needed as a result of the work by Eckels Pottery.
4. **Mayor's Report(s):** The Mayor told the Council:
 - a. We all need to work on a Comprehensive Plan Update and he'll be asking the Boards/Committees & Commission to review sections that apply to them for input, and
 - b. the chicken ordinance is likely to return.

Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards:

Ambulance: Minutes of November 17, 2016

Architectural Review Board: Minutes of October 24, November 28, 2016

Finance: Minutes of November 14, 2016

Fire Department: Minutes of December 5, 2016

Harbor: Minutes of December 15, 2016

Library: Minutes of September 21 and October 19, 2016

Planning: Minutes of November 29, 2016

Police Department: November & December 2016 Report

Public Works: Minutes of December 2, 2016 & Employee Certification Update

Tourism Committee: Minutes of December 1, 2016

Tree Board: Minutes of November 24, 2016

Waterfront: Minutes of November 28, 2016

Johnson/Hudson moved to place the minutes above on file in a block format. Discussion ensued.

- There is an effort being made to try and get grant funding for the Library Pillars and to get help on the stair issue.
- How is the liquid deicer working? Works moderately. Pre-treatment works better. Major storms likely need more and stronger treatment.
- Good job Josh Pearson on the recent Wastewater Operator Certification for Biological Treatment Suspended Growth and Disinfection!

Carried.

Correspondence:

October 13, 2016 – Donald P. Sanford Letter regarding Bayfield's Outdoor Lighting

November 10, 2016 – Snow removal request from Sandy Paavola, City Resident

November 11, 2016 – NWRPC's Vision for Prosperity

November 16, 2016 – Climate Change Letter to our members of Congress

November 17, 2016 – Waukesha Diversion Application Challenge – Municipal Resolutions

December 6, 2016 – Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

December 12, 2016 – Waukesha Water Diversion – Resolution of the Council for the City of Thunder Bay

December 2016 - Bayfield Summer Concerts

Johnson/Nelson moved to place the correspondence on file. Bryan asked if the City Council would entertain a resolution similar to Neebing, Ontario regarding the water diversion. Agreed by all. Carried.

Treasurer: Payment of Bills, Treasurer's Report(s) and Budget(s): Bryan/Johnson made a motion to pay the bills as presented and to place the December 2016 Treasurers Report and Budget on file. Carried.

Clerk: None.

Affirm/Set Next meetings: February 13, 2017 at 4 p.m., March 13, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Adjournment: Johnson/Bryan moved to adjourn. Carried. 4:29 p.m.

Minutes by: Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk