

City of Bayfield Common Council Public Hearing & Meeting

Minutes of Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Staff: Clerk Hoopman, Treasurer Johnston, Office Admin. Mather, PWD Kovachevich, Chief Fangman, Operator Burg, Operator Pearson, and Director Nelson

Others: David Eades, Mark Ludeking, Paul Swansen, Anne Watkins, Ted Dougherty, Michelle Shrider, Craig Skaaden, Terese Lynch, Peter Skoro, Kate Kitchell, Diane Fizell, Erik Gruber, Kelsey Lumberg, Monarda Thrasher, Deborah Zvosec, Marcie Gephart, Dustin Winterer, Skye Bingham, Liz Woodworth, Matt Zawislak, Mary Lynch

Review/Approve Agenda: Bryan/Burkel made a motion to approve the agenda pending Item #6 Mayor's Report is moved to Item #1. Carried.

Public Hearing: was called to order at 5:32 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive input on Resolution #576, a resolution for 2021 Budget Adoption and Tax Levy. Copies of the proposed resolution and Exhibits A (Publication Notice) & B (2021 Budget) are available for inspection at <http://www.cityofbayfield.com/common-council.html>.

Ted Dougherty, Michelle Shrider, Monarda Thrasher, Kate Kitchell, Liz Woodworth, and Kelsey Lumberg spoke in favor of long-term financial planning, thinking outside the box, and doing more homework before moving forward with a referendum.

Carrier/Burkel made a **motion to close the Public Hearing**. Carried. 5:43 p.m.

Review/Approve the Common Council minutes of October 21, 2020: Burkel/Bryan made a motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2020 pending Carrier's questions/comments are added to agenda Item #4 -Long Term Financial Health of the City. Carried.

Public Input on Agenda Items: None.

Agenda

1. Mayor's Report – Mayor Ringberg read his State of the City address which is attached for reference.

2. 2021 City of Bayfield Budget

a. Resolution #576 – Adopting the 2021 Budget and setting the tax levy

Carrier/Burkel made a motion to adopt Resolution #576, adopting the 2021 Budget and setting the tax levy. Discussion. Carrier proposed the 2021 Budget be amended in the following manner to use toward a Long-Range Financial Plan:

- Revenues: Increase Park Fees by \$12,000
- Revenues: Increase borrowing by \$6,000.
- Expenses: Increase Strategic Planning from \$2,000, to a total of \$20,000 for the purpose of engaging in services for a Long-Range Financial Plan.

Carrier/Bryan moved to approve the amendment. The amendment was approved by roll call vote as follows: Cirillo – no; Bryan, Burkel and Carrier – yes. Discussion. Burkel read her statement titled "we are a City". A roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve the budget with the amendment noted above: Bryan, Burkel, Carrier and Cirillo – yes.

b. Resolution #577 – Adopting the 2021 City of Bayfield Wages

Burkel/Carrier motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Discussion. Concern was expressed about the competitiveness of the Police Department wages. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Burkel, Carrier, Cirillo, and Bryan – yes.

c. Resolution #578 – Bonding the City Treasurer for payment of Taxes

Burkel/Carrier made a motion to approve the bonding resolution as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Carrier, Cirillo, Bryan and Burkel – yes.

3. Long-term Financial Health of the City – Discussion/Options

Carrier made a motion to take any consideration of a referendum in 2021 off the table. Motion dies for a lack of a second. Cirillo noted she hopes those present continue to participate in future meetings. Carrier said it is an exciting time to consider new opportunities.

4. Executive Summary, 2021 Point to La Pointe Alternate Swim, October 21, 2020

Ted Dougherty, a member of the Recreation Center Board said they are looking for preliminary approval from the City to move forward with this alternative swim. Burkel/Cirillo made a motion to provide this approval, pending review and approval by the City’s Parks and Recreation Committee and it follows all Covid-19 orders issued by the Federal, State, County and City. Carried.

5. Room Tax Report/Update: Treasurer Johnston provided a verbal update. She said room revenues were up this quarter and the City will get the full amount budgeted. Good news!

6. Project Updates

- a. Marina Breakwell/Seawall Project:** Engineering continues – see Harbor minutes for timeline. Bryan noted the Engineer is working hard to make sure the marina stays operational while the project ensues.
- b. Bayfield & Ashland County Regional Housing Study** – Surveys to be mailed this week. Progress!
- c. Parks and Recreation Big Ravine and Bayfield Area Trails Updates / Waterfront Walk** – The new Pine Bluff trail is in and the feedback has been great. These new trails provide a great outdoor opportunity for our residents. Kitchell finished by noting the pledges that have started to come in for the memorial park walkway project. Way to go Kate and to the many volunteers who helped!
- d. Green Infrastructure** – Nothing new to report at this time.
- e. Bayfield Carnegie Library Pillar Project** – It was noted this project is going well and the unseasonably warm weather has helped.

File Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards:

Harbor: Minutes of November 2, 2020

Library: Minutes of October 28 and November 4, 2020

Parking: Minutes of October 22, 2020

Planning: Minutes of October 26, 2020

Public Works: Minutes of October 20, 2020

Burkel/Cirillo moved to place the above minutes on file. Carried.

Correspondence: None.

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

Next Mtgs. December 16, 2020 and January 13, 2021

**Veteran’s Day is tomorrow November 11, 2020. A hearty thank you to all Veteran’s.
We thank you for your gracious service and our freedoms!**

Adjournment: Bryan/Carrier made a motion to adjourn. Carried. (7:01 p.m.)

Minutes by Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk