

# City of Bayfield Common Council

## Minutes of Monday, January 17, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

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### **Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Ringberg called the meeting to order followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Beagan, Bryan, Burkel, Carrier and Mayor Ringberg

**Others:** Carol Fahrenkrog-Chamber, Diane Fizell, Ted Dougherty, Ladwig Family,  
And Chief John and Vickie Fangman

**Staff:** Chief Ladwig, Librarian Weber, Clerk Hoopman, Treasurer Johnston, PWD Kovachevich, Operator Pearson, W/S Burg, Office

**Review/Approve Agenda:** Bryan/Carrier moved to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**Public Comment and Suggestions from Persons Present on Agenda Items:** None.

**Discussion and Identification of Items for Future Agendas:** None.

**Review/Approve the Common Council minutes of December 15, 2021:** Burkel/Bryan moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2021, with the understanding “without” would be changed to “with” on Page 2, E. Parking Plan Update. Carried.

**Official Swearing in of Chief Matthew Ladwig:** Mayor Ringberg swore in Chief Ladwig to his new position and his family assisted with the official pinning. Ladwig was welcomed to his new position.

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Resolution #597 – International Migratory Bird Day**

Burkel/Bryan made a motion to adopt Resolution #597 as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Beagan, Bryan, Burkel and Carrier – yes.

**2. Northwest Regional Plan Commission – RLF Housing Administration Contract (CDBG):** Bryan/Carrier made a motion to approve the NWRP – RLF Housing Administration Contract as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Burkel, Carrier, and Beagan – yes.

#### **3. Project Updates:**

- a. **Apostle Islands Marina Project:** Project is in motion and progressing according to plan.
- b. **Waterfront Walk:** Hoopman plans to get this project rebid in the next couple of weeks.
- c. **Courthouse Improvements:** John Gerzina, DSGW is working on our behalf to draft bidding documents.
- d. **Playground Replacement Project:** Good news! The Playgrounds Committee recently received a \$10,000 contribution from MMC. They have a meeting planned next week to discuss future fundraising strategies.
- e. **Parking Plan Update:** Nothing new to report.
- f. **EMS Study Committee Update:** Beagan informed the Council, Countywide there are EMS staffing shortages, and they are feeling taxed because of this, and the additional work caused by Covid. The State has placed barriers on cross over servicing and continues to require more training. Carrier asked the Mayor to explore ideas on how to recognize and thank them for their service.
- g. **BART Update:** Bart is planning an expansion in Bayfield County to provide door-to-door service. Bryan asked Beagan to inquire why the City's per capita is so much higher than our other partners?

**File Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards**

**Architectural Review Board:** Minutes of December 27, 2021

**Fire Department:** Minutes of January 3, 2022

**Harbor:** Minutes of December 15, 2021

**Library:** Minutes of December 15, 2021

**Parks and Rec.:** Minutes of January 6, 2022

**Public Works:** Minutes of December 15, 2021

**Tree Board:** Minutes/2021 Annual Report

Bryan/Burkel moved to approve the minutes above in a block format. Discussion ensued:

- a. The Police Department to date has not received any valid application to fill the open officer vacancy. The outlook is grim since many agencies have openings and can offer higher wages, sign on bonuses etc. Chief Ladwig is now working with an interested person, but we would have to provide the necessary training. Overall, this seems like the best option. There is concern about providing coverage while being an officer down. It will also cause a strain on current personnel.
- b. The Harbor Commission continues their planning efforts for the arrival of Viking Cruises. They have determined a fee of \$95,000 which includes start up funding of \$25,000 and a \$10,000 per visit fee. They currently are working on a facility security plan. The Harbor Commission has also stressed all decisions are for 2022 only. It was noted the Plan Commission will be looking into policies that limit the number of ships/passengers that would be allowed in our community at any given time.

Motion carried by voice vote, all ayes.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Treasurer: December Treasurer's Report, Voucher Payments, Fund Summary, and Budgets**

Bryan/Burkel made a motion to accept and place the December Treasurer's Financial Reports on file. Discussion. The Treasurer informed the Council that due to the Harbor Project Expenditures, the City is required to have a single audit done for 2021 and 2022. Johnston and Hoopman have already made requests for these expenditures to be included in the project grant reimbursements. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Burkel, Carrier, Beagan and Bryan – yes.

**Next Mtgs:** February 21, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Burkel/Bryan moved to adjourn. Carried. (6:11 pm)