

City of Bayfield Common Council Mtg.

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

Minutes of Monday, April 13, 2015 -- 4 pm

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor MacDonald 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, Bryan, McMullin and Mayor MacDonald

Absent: Johnson

Others: Judge John Anderson, Clerk of Courts Kay Cederberg, Don Albrecht, Diane Fizell, David Eades-Chamber, John Fangman-Police Chief, Tom Kovachevich-PWD, and Billie Hoopman-Clerk

Approve Agenda: Nelson/Bryan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2015: McMullin/Bryan made a motion to approve the Council Meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Circuit Court Judge John Anderson and Clerk of Court and Register In Probate Kay Cederberg

Judge Anderson and Clerk Cederberg gave a presentation about Bayfield County's caseloads from 1993 to present. Some notable remarks made were as follows:

- The number of foreclosures over the past 10 years has increased the number of civil case loads. In 2010 there was a record high of 72, compared with only 33 in 2007. Currently, they are averaging about 50/yr. Numbers were high for our area, mostly second homes.
- Burglary cases have significantly increased. Judge Anderson indicated there are about 25 law enforcement officers to cover one of the largest geographical areas in WI; Bayfield has 16 hour coverage in place. He encouraged our community to consider any and all proactive measures to protect our community. Local neighborhood watches are a good method. He also encouraged the use of our City Public Works Crew to be cognizant and report any unusual activity. It was stated that there is a direct relationship between burglaries and drug use. Almost all burglaries are done by people who live local; it's local crime. It's rare that it's done by a stranger.
- Businesses are the biggest users of the court systems.
- The City learned that 2/3rds of the money collected by the courts is sent to the state; only 1/3rd is retained by them. And the State takes their money first.
- Overall OWI's have gone down; however, the chronic ones have gone up.
- Probates have gone down, which means better planning is being done. Note, the County is hosting a free event on September 23rd, 2015 from 6-9 p.m. The session goal is to try and educate residents on how best to manage their assets. There will be attorney's present who will be giving free advice.
- Judge Anderson thanked the Mayor for participating in meetings to discuss issues effecting children, schools, and the community noting specifically he's the only Mayor or Chair to attend those meetings.

Public Input on Agenda Items: None.

Agenda Items:

1. **Earth Day Proclamation:** McMullin/Nelson moved to approve the Earth Day Proclamation which proclaims April 22, 2015 as “Earth Day” and encourages all persons to work together to ensure the preservation of our natural resources now and for future generations. Carried.
2. **Project Updates:** The Council was provided with a newsletter dated April 10, 2015 regarding the Historic Street and Catholic Hill Water main Improvement Projects.
 - a. **Historic Streets Project: Update** – Due to the weight limits, the project may not start until they are lifted which is currently expected to be around May 1st. As long as they are able to start by May 15, 2015 they should be able to make their deadline of July 2. Brick will be laid by hand.
 - b. **2015 Catholic Hill Water Main Improvement** - Hoping to start around May 1st. Washington Avenue area will be done first.
 - c. **Historic Waterfront Walk**: It was reported that Don Albrecht has the signs done. The frames have been put together by the PW Crew and all the signs will soon be installed. Thanks Don! And to the Apostle Islands National Parks service who has been a wonderful partner!
 - d. **Harbor Commission’s L.E. Dock Improvement Project**: The Council learned the Commission is now considering sheet piling vs. wood cribs.
3. **Mayor’s Report(s): March 9 to April 12, 2015:** The Mayor provided a written report dated March 9 to April 12, 2015. Informational only.

Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards. *Possible action: place on file the minutes &/or reports received.*

Ambulance: Minutes of December 20, 2014 and February 19, 2015

Architectural Review Board: Minutes of March 16, 2015

Finance: Minutes of March 9, 2015

Fire Department: Minutes of April 6, 2015

Harbor: Minutes of April 6, 2015

Library: Minutes of March 18, 2015

Police Department: February and March 2015 Report

Tree Board: Minutes of March 23, 2015

McMullin/Nelson moved to place the above minutes on file. Chief Fangman, in follow-up to his report and the above presentation said reporting requirements have significantly increased. We spend “more time in front of computer than behind the wheel”, said Fangman. He also noted he believes strongly in community policing on a personal basis. Carried.

Correspondence:

- Arbor Day Foundation – Tree City USA
- Family Forum Head Start #5 – Bayfield
- March 11, 2015 – Letter from Sheree L. Peterson
- March 24, 2015 – Marilyn VanSant, Bayfield Civic League

McMullin/Bryan moved to place the above correspondence on file. It was noted the Civic League will be blacktopping the interior part. The City is responsible for lakeside part of trail. Carried.

Clerk / Treasurer: Payment of Bills, Treasurer’s Report(s), Budget(s)

Nelson/McMullin made a motion to pay the bills as presented, and to place the March Treasurer’s Report and Budget on file. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Nelson, Bryan and McMullin – yes.

Affirm/Set Next meeting(s): The next meetings will be held on April 27, 2015 – Organizational Meeting, and May 11, 2015 – Board of Review (2-4 p.m.) & Regular Council (4 p.m.).

Adjournment: McMullin/Bryan moved to adjourn. Carried. (5:08 p.m.)