

# City of Bayfield Common Council

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## Minutes of Monday, July 10, 2017 – 4:00 pm

**Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Ringberg called the meeting to order at 4 pm at the Bayfield City Hall followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Nelson, Bryan, and Johnson

**Absent:** Hudson

**Others:** Paul Swansen, Sara Nelson, Diane Fizell, Tom Kovachevich-PWD, John Fangman-Chief, Dionne Johnston-Treasurer, and Billie Hoopman-Clerk

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

**Approve the previous minutes of June 12, 2017:** Nelson/Bryan made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2017 as presented. Carried.

### **Public Input on Agenda Items:**

Diane Fizell asked the Council why it is acceptable for her neighbor's property to be unkept and full of junk. Hoopman indicated she was aware of the property condition and would send out a property maintenance letter tomorrow. The Police Department can deal with any/all vehicle and parking issues.

### **Agenda**

1. **Sidewalk Sale by Merchant** – Gali Abutbul, 124 Rittenhouse Ave., Bayfield – July 17 & 18, 2017: Johnson/Nelson made a motion to approve the sidewalk sale application as submitted and to issue the permit. Carried.
2. **Temporary Class “B”/“Class B” Retailers License Request** – Cheq. Bay Arts Council, July 15, 2017: Johnson/Nelson moved to approve the Temp. Class B License for the sale of beer and wine from the Chequamegon Bay Arts Council for their event on July 15, 2017 at the Bayfield Lakeside Pavilion. Carried.
3. **Sara Nelson, 100 Lynde Avenue – Multiple Dog Request** (Per Section 126-18 C. (1)): Bryan/Nelson moved to approve the request from Nelson to house three dogs on her property in accordance with Section 126-18 C. (1). It was noted there had been no complaints to date. Carried.
4. **Committee Appointments/Resignations:** None.
5. **Resolution #527 – In support of a Statewide Moratorium on the Construction and Expansion of CAFO's:** Bryan/Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution #527 as presented and requested Clerk Hoopman to send copies to the State of WI Agricultural Secretary Branzel, Senator Bewley and Representative Meyers. Carried.
6. **Project Updates:**
  - a. **Swede Hill Water Main Improvement Project (2017): Update**
    - The PWD reported Northwest Paving was here today; everything now has one layer of blacktop. It is expected that these project areas will sit for the rest of summer. It was known that the intersections were soft when they were first laid and may need to be redone.
    - Ditch work on 7<sup>th</sup> is needed.
    - Concrete work is in progress on 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street and hopefully will be done by tomorrow.
    - Restoration work to begin!
  - b. **Historic Waterfront Walk Phase 2 – Discuss Next Steps:**

The Committee has a meeting to discuss next Thursday.

**c. Old Jail – Partnership between the City and BHA:**

Hoopman has been working on revisions to the 5-year Lease that was briefly considered a few years ago.

**d. Comprehensive Plan – Implementation Elements:**

Still working on maps and elements. The Mayor has been working with Nan Fey on the written report.

**e. Clean Water Energy Utility Challenge:**

Wastewater Digest magazine is coming to do an article on this challenge.

**f. Solsmart Designation:** An e-mail was received on June 23, 2017 from Mr. Eric Rehm our community's Host Community – Solsmart Advisor letting us know the project was set to launch during the week of June 26, 2017. We will soon be completing the work plan.

**g. Green Tier - Legacy Community Alliance for Health Project (LCAH):**

Nothing new, training in progress.

**7. Mayor's Report(s):** The Council was given copies of two cards received thanking the Mayor for signing onto the Paris Climate agreement. The Mayor then told the Council about the Green Tier Meeting noting how Stevens Point uses methane gas for energy.

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

**Fire Department:** Minutes of June 5, 2017

**Housing:** June 19 Coffee Mtg. Update, USDA Grant Information

**Parking:** Meeting Update

**Parks and Rec.:** Minutes of June 7, 2017

**Police Department:** June 2017 Report

Johnson/Nelson made a motion to approve the above minutes in a block format.

Discussion. Mayor Ringberg informed the Council about the organizational meeting that was held on June 19<sup>th</sup> at Big Water to discuss housing issues in the City. He said he met with stakeholders to discuss the City's housing problems and strategies that would make it easier for housing units to be built. He also told the Council about the recent discussions that have occurred on parking, noting many issues were identified, but mostly the lack of available parking. Those that met, discussed placed who don't provide any parking spaces at all and the impacts. Carried.

**Correspondence:** The Council received a copy of the June 23, 2017 Alliance for Sustainability thank you letter. Informational; no action required.

**Treasurer: May Voucher Payments Report, Treasurer's Report(s) and Budget(s):**

Bryan/Johnson made a motion to accept the May Voucher Report, and to place the June Treasurer's Report and Budgets on file. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Johnson and Nelson – yes.

**Employee Concerns/Update:**

The Mayor informed the Council that Joel Weber had informed him he would be resigning as the GBWWTP Operator and assuming a new position in the City of Washburn. Josh Pearson is interested in assuming the GBWWTP Operator position. The City will need to advertise for a new Water/Sewer Operator.

**Affirm/Set Next meetings:** August 14 & September 11, 2017, 4 pm at the Bayfield City Hall

**Adjournment:** Johnson/Bryan motioned to adjourn. Carried.