

City of Bayfield Common Council Meeting

Minutes of Wednesday, April 15, 2020 – 4:00 pm

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Ringberg called the remote meeting to order at 4 p.m.

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

Staff: Clerk Hoopman, Treasurer Johnston, Office Clerk Mather, Chief Fangman, PWD Kovachevich, Officer Novak, and GBWWTP Operator Pearson

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

Review/Approve the Common Council minutes of March 18, 2020: Burkel/Johnson made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Public Input on Agenda Items:

Public Comment on the City of Bayfield's Boat Ramp was received from:

- Craig Hoopman – told the Council he has opened the boat ramp for usage for many years and feels it should not be closed.
- Mary Lynch – read a letter she submitted regarding usage which promotes safety and kindness to our dual residents who are part of this community and who also pay taxes. In addition, she encourages responsible behavior and social distancing.
- Dustin Winter – Feels boating is not an essential need, but neither is shopping or dining in areas outside of Bayfield which he admittedly has done. He feels the boat ramp should remain open but emphasize social distancing rules.
- Mark Ludeking- noted that he was in favor of keeping the boat ramp open only for local residents to minimize risk of COVID-19 community spread to vulnerable populations.

Other:

- John Ipsen inquired about future ARB Meetings and learned there would be a remote meeting held next Monday.

Agenda

1. City of Bayfield's Ernie LaPointe Boat Ramp Concerns/Discussion

Chief Fangman addressed the Council regarding the Boat Ramp issue. He told the Council he has been monitoring the area and feels most users are being respectful and are following social distancing rules. The users are mainly from the Chequamegon Bay/Ashland area. The farthest, so far, seems to be from Shell Lake. Bryan/Cirillo made a motion asking the City to continue monitoring the activity and to take action if needed to maintain social distancing guidelines. Discussion on if action is really needed at this time. Motion carried, all ayes.

2. City of Bayfield Spring Election Results

Clerk Hoopman provided the Council with a copy of the Spring Election Canvas report. Staff was thanked for their efforts to keep the City's polling site safe and open on Election Day.

3. Arbor Day and Earth Day Proclamations and Resolution #570 – International Migratory Bird Day:

Burkel/Johnson moved to approve the proclamations and Resolution #570 as presented. Passed by voice vote; all ayes.

4. Assessment Roll and Board of Review Notice

The Council was given a copy of the City's Open Book and Board of Review Notices. The Open Book session will be by phone, email or video conferencing due to COVID-19. The City's Board of

Review is currently scheduled for June 2, 2020 from 2 – 4 p.m.

5. Committee Resignation/Appointments: None; these will be done at the next meeting.

6. Project Updates:

- a. Marina Breakwell/Seawall Project – Surveying work has started.
- b. Bayfield & Ashland County Regional Housing Study – Nothing new to report.
- c. Big Ravine & Wayfinding System Project – A request for bids has been posted for the stairs to school.
- d. Bayfield Area Trails (BATS) – Chainsaw training scheduled, but may need to be delayed due to Covid-19 and the Safer at Home Orders.
- e. Green Infrastructure Project – Flow Path Path Mapping has begun. Meeting scheduled for April 21, 2020.
- f. Lakeshore Walkway and Trails Project (Town and City) – MSL Grant proposal was not successful. Kitchell mentioned another grant opportunity for the Memorial Park Walkway which doesn't require a match from AARP.

7. Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report included items regarding Covid-19 and the fears and negative reactions of some. He promoted practices we all should be following for our health and mental well-being. He thanked Bayfield County for their efforts on keeping us up-to-date and educated on the issue. The Mayor mentioned the budget issues the community and City are facing. More on this issue will be addressed at the next meeting. And he finished by congratulating Burkel and Carrier on their recent elections and thanked Johnson for her 11 years of service to this community. "You have contributed so much to help make Bayfield a better place for our residents and visitors!"

File Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards:

Ambulance: Minutes of March 19, 2020

Green Infrastructure: Meeting notes of April 1, 2020

Library: Minutes of March 11, 2020

Parks and Rec.: Minutes of March 5, 2020

Police Department: March 2020 Report

Burkel/Johnson moved to approve the minutes as shown above and to place them on file. Carried.

Correspondence - Arbor Day Foundation:

Informational, no action required.

Treasurer's: March Voucher Payments, Fund Summary, Treasurer's Reports & Budgets

Burkel/Bryan made a motion to approve the March Voucher Payments as presented and to accept the other reports as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Cirillo, Bryan, Burkel and Johnson – Carried.

Next Mtgs. (All under advisement/may be postponed/rescheduled as needed):

April 21, 2020 – Reorganizational Mtg., 4 p.m.

May 20, 2020 – Regular Council Mtg., 4 p.m.

June 2, 2020 – Board of Review, 2-4 p.m.

June 17, 2020 – Reg. Council Mtg., 4 p.m.

Adjournment

Johnson/Burkel moved to adjourn. Johnson thanked the City and Staff for all their efforts over the years. Carried. (5:02 p.m.)

Minutes by Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk