

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022, by Mayor Particka.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Particka, Council Members: Peterson, Glaza, Harrison, Perez.
 Absent: Rochefort, McKimmy.
 Staff: City Manager, Robert Stiverson, City Clerk, Rebecca Bachman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Harrison second by Perez to approve the June 6, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Voice vote: all voting aye

PUBLIC COMMENTS

-A resident from Woodworth Square Apartments appeared before City Council asking for help. He, and many other residents, had complaints about the Apartment Complex and lack of managing. They have issues with the elevator not working, persons in wheelchairs living on the second floor, recent bed bug issues and nothing ever gets fixed. They are hoping City Council can help point them in the direction to get help.

-Mr. Tschirhart, with East Side Tire, announced that they have broken ground on their new building.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Brian Shuart – Update on the Bad Axe Area Fire Department.
 -There was an approval for the purchase of a new fire truck, which the department has been budgeting for quite a few years now. There will also be the need for another new truck down the line. A training facility will be put in next to the Fire Hall which was mostly paid for out of the COVID funds the department received. Brian will update Council on new business as necessary.
2. Marijuana Presentation.
 -The city gets approached on this topic quite frequently. Chief Rothe and Officer Webber have done a lot of research now that these facilities have been up and running for quite some time. Chief explained that if Council agrees, the City Attorney will begin looking into the current Marijuana Ordinance. He explained the entire process from application to selection. Fifteen percent of the taxes will go to the local municipality. Crime rates are extremely low now that these funds can be put into financial institutions. Chief recommends if the city decides to allow these facilities that they allow 2 to 3 based on the size of the City's population.
3. Motion by Particka second by Harrison to re-appoint Craig Harris to the Downtown Development Authority, with a 4-year term ending June 17, 2026.

AYES: Perez, Glaza, Peterson, Harrison, Particka.
 NO: None.

4. Motion by Peterson second by Glaza to approve the City Treasurer's Letter of Understanding.

AYES: Peterson, Perez, Glaza Harrison, Particka.
NO: None.

5. Motion by Peterson second by Perez to approve proposed Water/Sewer Rates for 2022-23.

AYES: Glaza, Perez, Harrison, Peterson, Particka.
NO: None.

6. Motion by Peterson second by Perez to approve Resolution 2022-6, Water Funds.

AYES: Harrison, Peterson, Perez, Glaza, Particka.
NO: None.

7. Motion by Peterson second by Perez to approve Resolution 2022-7, Pipeline Funds.

AYES: Harrison, Glaza, Peterson, Perez, Particka.
NO: None.

8. Motion by Glaza second by Harrison to approve Resolution 2022-8, Designate Funds for WWTP Improvements.

AYES: Harrison, Peterson, Glaza, Perez, Particka.
NO: None.

9. Motion by Peterson second by Harrison to approve Resolution 2022-9, Sewer Collection Reserve Funds.

AYES: Glaza, Perez, Peterson, Harrison, Particka.
NO: None.

10. Motion by Glaza second by Perez to approve Resolution 2022-10, Lift Stations Reserve Funds.

AYES: Harrison, Perez, Glaza, Peterson, Particka.
NO: None.

11. Motion by Glaza second by Particka to approve Resolution 2022-11, General Appropriations 2022-2023.

AYES: Harrison, Perez, Glaza, Peterson, Particka.
NO: None.

12. Motion by Peterson second by Perez to approve rescinding Traffic Order 406P – Handicap Parking Spot on North Hanselman in front of 111 North Hanselman.

AYES: Glaza, Peterson, Perez, Harrison, Particka.
NO: None.

13. Discussion on South Street being temporarily converted into a one-way.
-City Manager Stiverson explained that there is limited parking downtown. This will help with Courthouse parking and Baseball/Softball parking. Parking will be pull in angle parking on the South Side of South Street.

-Motion by Particka second by Glaza for this temporary order not to exceed one year starting June 21, 2022.

AYES: Glaza, Harrison, Peterson, Perez.
NO: Particka.

Recommendations from Finance Committee

1. Motion by Perez second by Harrison to approve the City's Legal Counsel to review the Marijuana Ordinance.

AYES: Harrison, Glaza, Peterson, Perez, Particka.
NO: None.

2. Motion by Perez second by Particka to approve the purchase of a Refrigerator for Wilcox Park, in the amount of \$899.00, from East Huron Appliance.

AYES: Glaza, Harrison, Perez, Peterson, Particka.
NO: None.

3. Motion by Perez second by Glaza to approve the purchase of a replacement Garden Tractor from Ball Equipment, in the amount of \$21,919.94.

AYES: Peterson, Perez, Glaza, Harrison, Particka.
NO: None.

4. Motion by Perez second by Harrison to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$193,990.16.

-June 7, 2022
-June 8, 2022
-June 15, 2022

Mayor and Council Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Particka second by Glaza to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Kathleen Particka, Mayor

Rebecca Bachman, City Clerk