

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026, by Mayor Particka.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Particka, Council Members: Rochefort, Robinson, Klaska, Rapson, Kerr, Harrison.
 Absent: None.
 Staff: City Manager Bachman, City Clerk, Zagorski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rochefort second by Rapson to approve April 6, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
 Voice vote: all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Kevin Richardson. 311 Willis Street addressed the council.
2. Christopher Willis 219 Butler Street addressed the council.
3. Dan Glaza 859 Beech Street addressed the council.

Commissioner's Comments

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Kelly Peyerck- Cleveland Street lots.
 -Kelly spoke about his plans to build homes on the lots that he purchased on Cleveland Street. He would like council to consider having the city cover the cost of the water/sewer and continuation of the street to the homes. DPW Director, Dennis McCabe is going to get an estimated cost of the proposed project from an engineer.
2. Motion by Particka second by Harrison to approve Resolution 2026-4, Proclaiming the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

AYES: Rapson, Klaska, Rochefort, Harrison, Kerr, Robinson, Particka.
 NO: None.

3. Motion by Harrison second by Rochefort to set aside approval of Resolution 2026-5, A Resolution to Authorize a Ballot Proposal for the Levy of New Street Infrastructure Millage. (The Motion will be set aside until the May 4, 2026, Council Meeting so that there is more information for council members to decide.)

AYES: Rapson, Rochefort, Harrison, Kerr, Robinson, Klaska, Particka.
 NO: None.

4. Motion by Particka second by Harrison for approval to appoint Kevin Richardson to be on the Bad Axe Public Library Board. He will replace George Taylor.

AYES: Rochefort, Klaska, Kerr, Rapson, Robinson, Klaska, Particka.
 NO: None.

Recommendations from Finance Committee

Finance Minutes: April 1, 2026

1. Motion by Rapson second by Kerr to approve to have Platinum Mechanical help with replacing the wear bars on the WWTP Grit System, in the amount of \$9,360.00 for parts and installation. (The wear bars are from WesTech.)

AYES: Rapson, Kerr, Klaska, Harrison, Rochefort, Robinson, Particka.
NO: None.

2. Motion by Rapson second by Particka for the approval of the payment of bills:
\$100,011.61

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AYES: Klaska, Rochefort, Kerr, Harrison, Robinson, Rapson, Particka.
NO: None.

Mayor and Council Comments

1. Council Member Rochefort made a motion second by Particka to schedule a work study for Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
Voice vote: all voting aye.
2. Council Member Klaska discussed reviewing the Ordinances and asked what the first steps are to start the process. He also thanked ABATE for attending the meeting.
3. Council Member Kerr stated that the County is planning on putting 2 millages on the August Ballot for roads.
4. Council Member Robinson stated that he is ok with any kind of pets in the city limits, as long as it is not pigs.
5. Council Member Rapson addressed Kelly Peyerck whether he could assure council that his building project would pull through.
6. Chief Webber spoke about a grant that he received for \$52,000, for Narcotics Enforcement Equipment. He also spoke about the CAN Council's Blue Box Project; there is a donation box inside of city hall for residents to donate items like toiletries for children who have fallen victim to crimes.
7. City Manager Bachman spoke of an alternative to having a millage put on the ballot. She stated that a road bond would be another alternative than having the city taxpayers have their taxes increased.
8. Mayor Particka stated that per Robert's Rules of Order; Public Discussion can be either 3 or 5 minutes. Mayor Particka has always limited public discussion to 3 minutes. She also stated that if council has a quorum, the vote will pass. A quorum is 4 out of 7 council members. She stated that in the last couple years, there have been 65 times where there was a vote without the entire council being present.

Council Information

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Particka second by Harrison to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.
Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Kathleen Particka, Mayor

Tara Zagorski, City Clerk