

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023, by Mayor Particka.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Particka, Council Members: Glaza, Peterson, Harrison, McKimmy, Rochefort.
 Absent: Perez.
 Staff: City Clerk, Rebecca Bachman, Deputy Clerk, Melissa Carriveau.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rochefort second by Harrison to approve the July 5, 2023, Regular Meeting, and the July 5th, 6th, and 12th 2023, Special Meetings Minutes.

Voice vote: all voting aye

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kaitlyn Fay and Shyan Kreiner would like to see a public comment section at the end of each agenda instead of waiting 2 weeks for the next Council Meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Motion by Particka second by Rochefort to approve the City-Wide Garage Sales the week of the Huron County Fair (August 3rd – 6th).

AYES: Peterson, Glaza, Harrison, McKimmy, Particka, Rochefort.
 NO: None.

2. Motion by Glaza second by Harrison to approve putting a public comment section at the end of each agenda in addition to the one at the beginning of the agenda.

AYES: Peterson, Harrison, Glaza.
 NO: McKimmy, Particka, Rochefort.

3. Motion by McKimmy second by Harrison to make Temporary Traffic Order 491T a permanent traffic order. This would make E. South Street a permanent one-way street.

AYES: Harrison, McKimmy, Glaza.
 NO: Particka, Rochefort, Peterson.

Kaitlyn Fay presented Council with a plea to keep South St. one-way. Shyan Kreiner said the extra parking is nice for ball tournaments. The tournaments bring out of towners to Bad Axe where they also shop and go to restaurants.

4. Motion by Rochefort second by Particka to approve Human Resources Committee recommendations on Wage Increases.

AYES: Rochefort, McKimmy, Glaza, Harrison, Particka.
NO: Peterson.

5. Motion by Rochefort second by Particka to approve Human Resources Committee recommendation on hiring a new Police Officer with a 6-month starting wage, along with 48 vacation hours and a \$3,000.00 sign on bonus.

AYES: Peterson, Rochefort, Glaza, Harrison, McKimmy, Particka.
NO: None.

6. Motion by Glaza second by Rochefort to approve Human Resources Committee recommendation on the starting wage for the two newest DPW employees at \$19.00 per hour.

AYES: Rochefort, Peterson, Glaza, Particka.
NO: McKimmy, Harrison.

7. Motion by Rochefort second by Harrison to set City Manager Wages at \$71,500 until review on December 4, 2023. After a satisfactory review wages will go to \$75,000.

AYES: Rochefort, Peterson, Glaza, McKimmy, Harrison, Particka.
NO: None.

Recommendations from Finance Committee

1. Motion by Harrison second by Particka to approve doing a change order, with Clancy Brothers Excavating, to do the utility patches in town.

AYES: Harrison, Rochefort, Glaza, Peterson, McKimmy, Particka.
NO: None.

2. Motion by Harrison second by Glaza to approve the purchase of 4 tires from East Side Tire, in the amount of \$888.00, for the Water Department Work Truck.

AYES: Glaza, Peterson, Harrison, Rochefort, McKimmy, Particka.
NO: None.

3. Motion by Particka second by Glaza to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$91,953.34.

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AYES: Rochefort, Harrison, Glaza, Peterson, McKimmy, Particka.
NO: None.

Mayor and Council Comments

Peterson apologized for hearing problems. Harrison congratulated Becky. McKimmy was disappointed in the decision on South St. Glaza congratulated Becky and agreed with McKimmy. Rochefort congratulated Becky and said that Dennis had Great Lakes Hydro come in a clear a path for cross country and they did a fantastic job.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Kathleen Particka, Mayor

Melissa Carriveau, Deputy Clerk