

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2024, by Mayor Particka.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Particka, Council Members: Glaza, Perez, McKimmy, Harrison, Rochefort.
 Absent: None.
 Staff: City Manager Bachman, City Clerk, Zagorski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by McKimmy second by Guza to approve the April 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Voice vote: all voting aye

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mayor Particka read Richard Peterson's Letter of Resignation, from Bad Axe City Council. She stated that there will be a council seat available, and that the city will be accepting letters of interest until May 20, 2024. The council will review all the applicants after the deadline.
2. Dave Wilson, 236 North Outer Drive, Bad Axe, spoke against the Marijuana Ordinance. He asked why would someone normalize something that could be detrimental to the children of the community? He stated that he feels that it should not be readily available for children to get ahold of.
3. Luke Deming, 2135 Popple Road, Bad Axe. He stated that he is concerned about Marijuana potentially being introduced into the City of Bad Axe. He stated that it should not be about the dollar amount coming into the city, but the potential harm that it could cause to the area.
4. Chris Stone, 121 E. Woodworth, Bad Axe. Chris stated that he has a business in Bad Axe, at this address. He stated that he would not want a Marijuana establishment near his business.
5. Brian Hacker, 2325 Huron Line Road, Ubly. Brian asked who the final vote on would have whether the Marijuana Ordinance would be approved. He stated that he thought that a Marijuana Dispensary would be a total negative for the area, and said that whoever makes this decision, hopefully you will make the right choice.
6. Steve Guza, 1001 S. MacDonald Road, Harbor Beach. Steve is against the Marijuana Ordinance. He stated that he does not think that anything good can come from the ordinance. He said, "Look at the Vassar area after Marijuana!"
7. Sandy Guza. 1001 S. MacDonald Road, Harbor Beach. Sandy is also against the Marijuana Ordinance. She stated that she feels that it is not good to have for the children in the area.
8. Mary Guza. 4639 Marjorie Street, Ubly. Mary stated that she feels that it is wrong for adults to put the stamp of approval on the use of Marijuana. She stated that the more that children see it, the more they will think that it is ok.
9. Lynette Beeler. 3098 Rescue Road, Bad Axe. Lynette read an article from a Public-School Principal in Detroit. The article states that the school is having major problems with Marijuana incidents since it was introduced into their area. They had 289 offenses from 2019-2021. There have been 1,735 offenses, 2021-current.

10. Cynthia Nolan. She has a Marijuana Dispensary in Caro. Cynthia stated that 30% of all her customers are from Bad Axe. Her business makes 15-20 deliveries a day to Bad Axe residents. She also stated that she has had the business in Caro for the past 3 years, and there have been no issues with children and marijuana. She said that they do everything on behalf of the children to protect them from marijuana use.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Motion by Rochefort second by Harrison to approve the resignation of Richard Peterson from City Council.

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

Recommendations from Finance Committee

1. Motion by Particka second by Glaza to approve the purchase of a Magnetic Line Locator, from USA Bluebook, in the amount of \$1,135.00.

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

2. Motion by Glaza second by McKimmy to approve the purchase of a 60" Rear Tiller, from Osentoski Equipment, in the amount of \$2,868.00.

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

3. Motion by McKimmy second by Rochefort to approve the Quote from Mortimer Lumber, in the amount of \$467.72, for the purchase of a Split Rail Fence.

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

4. Motion by Perez second by Particka to recommend payment of bills in the amount of \$96,102.36.

-April 18, 2024
-April 25, 2024
-May 1, 2024

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

Mayor and Council Comments

1. Rochefort stated that the recently installed manholes were not cored. He asked if we could contact MDOT to have them fixed?
2. McKimmy congratulated Sargent Anderson on his retirement. He also thanked Richard

- Peterson for serving on the Council for years.
3. Perez sent thoughts out to Richard Peterson and his family, and thanked Richard for his years of service on the Council.
 4. Harrison thanked the Public for attending the Council meeting, and for all their feedback regarding the Marijuana Ordinance. He also congratulated Sargent Anderson on his retirement, and thanked Richard Peterson for his years of service on the Council.
 5. Mayor Particka congratulated Sargent Anderson on his retirement, and thanked Richard Peterson for being on the Council for so many years. Mayor Particka stated that, “hopefully we will be getting several letters of interest for the open Council seat.” She also thanked the Public for attending the Council meeting regarding the Marijuana Ordinance. She wished all mothers, “Happy Mother’s Day,” this weekend, and she would like to remind everyone that the Huron County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program is on May 8, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Particka second by Harrison to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Kathleen Particka, Mayor

Tara Zagorski, City Clerk