

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2024, by Mayor Particka.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Rochefort second by Glaza to approve the June 17, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.  
 Voice vote: all voting aye

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

-Tyler Hanson. 330 E. Huron Ave. Bad Axe. Tyler spoke against widening the sidewalk in front of Al Hanson Motors. He stated that losing a parking spot would put more stress on a local business.

-Jo Wolschlager. 580 McTaggart Rd. Bad Axe. Jo spoke in favor of the marijuana ordinance. She stated that it has many medical purposes. Some examples of people using marijuana for medical issues include Fibromyalgia, cancer patients, seizures, and for people with anxiety and stress. She stated that it is an option to reduce the use of harsh drugs like opiates.

-Kevin Richardson. 311 Willis Street Bad Axe. He stated that he is against the marijuana ordinance, and that there must be lines drawn, just because we would get tax money doesn't make it right.

-Mark Green. 200 Buschlen Road Bad Axe. Mark stated that he is against the marijuana ordinance for retail purposes. He said that there were 2 recent studies, one through Harvard, one through Columbia Medical. Both studies proved that there were negative effects. He stated that opening a pipeline for marijuana use is a mistake. He also stated that the parking on South Street should be angled parking spots to encourage more visitors into the area.

-John Hunt. 3404 Learman Road Bad Axe. John stated that recreational marijuana would be a cumulative problem, and that the revenue is not worth introducing it into the area.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Motion by Rochefort second by Glaza to rescind the motion to put the marijuana ordinance on the ballot.

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

2. Motion by Perez second by Glaza to approve the marijuana ordinance.
  - a. During council discussion on this Glaza mentioned if they were to approve the ordinance, residents could get a petition going to bring it to the voters anyway.

AYES: Glaza, Perez.  
 NO: Harrison, Rochefort, McKimmy, Rapson, Particka.

3. Motion by Glaza second by McKimmy to approve the widening of the sidewalk and taking 1 parking space away in front of Al Hanson Motors.
  - a. During council discussion on this Harrison mentioned not parking cars in front of their business and an official agreement could be drawn up and signed.

AYES: Rochefort, Harrison, Glaza, McKimmy.  
 NO: Perez, Rapson, Particka.

### **Recommendations from Finance Committee**

1. Motion by Rochefort second by Harrison for the approval of the additional \$800.00, from All Traffic Solutions, for the violator alert on the digital speed traffic signs.

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

2. Motion by Perez second by Particka for the approval of the payment of bills: \$139,490.55.
  - June 21, 2024
  - June 27, 2024

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

### **Mayor and Council Comments**

- Rapson stated that it is very nice to see all the people attending the meeting and that the council is very fortunate.
- Perez thanked all of the people for attending the meeting.
- Harrison wished everyone a “Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!”
- Rochefort thanked Chief Webber and City Manager Bachman for providing all the information on the marijuana ordinance.
- Glaza stated that he was glad to have a decision made on the marijuana ordinance. He also congratulated Officer Zaleski on his retirement.
- McKimmy congratulated Officer Zaleski on his retirement.
- Mayor Particka also congratulated Officer Zaleski on his retirement after 25 years with the City of Bad Axe and wished everyone a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She also wanted to let the public know that fireworks can only be used preceding, the day of, or the day after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Council Information**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Particka second by Harrison to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.  
 Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

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Kathleen Particka, Mayor

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Tara Zagorski, City Clerk