

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2026, by Mayor Pro-Tem Nick Rochefort.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Council Members: Rochefort, Harrison, Kerr, Robinson, Klaska, Rapson.
Absent:	Mayor Particka.
Staff:	City Manager Bachman, City Clerk, Zagorski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rochefort second by Harrison to approve the, December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Voice vote: all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Dan Glaza. 859 Beech Street. He stated that he was glad to see all the civic participation at the meeting.
2. Crysta Ransom-Soper is a business owner in Bad Axe. Jack Pine Wellness. 138 Hartshorn. She stated that she is the mother of 3 children, and she uses Bad Axe Park often. She would like to see a toddler park included in the play area for children 5 and under. She has a proposal for having this added to the park that she would like to have added to the January 20, 2026, meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Public Input-5-Year Park and Rec Plan.
 - a. Casey Turner is a teacher at HISD. He stated that he loves the sport of skateboarding and would like to see the skateboard park be in the Parks and Rec plan. He would love to see the park grow. He stated that skateboarding helps to create friendships, great memories, and he also stated that Mike Peterson's work to promote building the skate park was awesome. He stated that he would help with fundraising for the skate park, and with designing it. He also gave council a letter from Brad Osantoski in favor of the skate park.
 - b. Jeremy Kirkham. 329 W. Huron Ave. Jeremy stated that his children and him use the skate park often, during the summer months, 2-3 times a week. He stated that it is fun to do and a great sport to get the kids involved with. He said that Casey Turner started the 'Skate Church' program and has created a strong base of community advocacy for the park. He said that adding on to the skate park would be an investment well worth the city's time. Jeremy's daughter, Mariah also stated that it is fun to play there and skate with family. She said that she learned to skate there.
 - c. Char Moore is a business owner in Bad Axe. Bad Axe RetroCade. 845 N. Van Dyke. She stated that she supports the skate park, and that it keeps kids busy and out of trouble. She said that she would be happy to help with fundraising and to help in any way. She suggested that social media posts would help to spread the news, and that there's lots of room for growth at the skate park.
 - d. Dan Glaza. 859 Beech Street. Dan stated that he went to Toledo, Ohio during the holiday season and visited the 'Glass City Center.' He said that it would be great if our city could develop something similar.

- e. Mike Peterson. 282 S. Silver Street. He founded 'Thumb Allied Skate.' He stated that it is 'pretty incredible' what we have built, and he would encourage city council to include the skate park in the Parks and Rec 5-year plan.
- f. Emily Kirkham. 329 W. Huron Ave. She stated that her 3-year-old brother uses the skate park, and it is a big use to the community of all ages.
- g. A.J. Malenfant, owner of Major Skate. 106 S. Linn St. Bay City. A.J. stated that skate parks attract people from all different areas, and it is a chance to do something together as a group.
- h. Mayor Pro-Tem Rochefort read a letter from John Vader regarding why he thinks that the Huron County Ice Areana should be a part of the 5- year Parks and Rec plan.
- i. Mayor Pro-Tem Rochefort read a letter from Mackenzie Price. 848 Beech St. Her letter had suggestions and comments for the 5-year Parks and Rec plan.

2. Motion by Rochefort second by Harrison to approve Resolution 2026-1; MDOT Performance for Municipalities.

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

3. Motion by Rapson second by Harrison to approve to appoint Samuel Rogers to the Planning Commission.

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

4. Set a date and time for City Council Work Study Session.
 -Council set the date for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Recommendations from Finance Committee

Finance Minutes: December 15, 2025

1. Motion by Rapson second by Harrison for the approval of the payment of bills: \$64,344.74.

-December 18, 2025
 -December 29, 2025

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

Mayor and Council Comments

-Klaska stated that he would like to look into having the council meetings live streamed so that the public can watch the meetings. He also thanked everyone for voting and for giving him the opportunity to serve on council.

-Rochefort welcomed the new council members. He stated that it is excellent to see the community's involvement, and for everyone to keep in mind that everything takes time, the grant process, the items on the Parks and Rec plan, etc.

-City Manager Bachman welcomed the new members of council.

- Harrison welcomed the new members of council and thanked the public for attending the council meeting.
- Rapson thanked everyone for the great turnout at the council meeting and welcomed the new council members.
- Robinson thanked everyone who voted and for everyone that showed up to the council meeting.
- Kerr stated that she agreed with the other council members' comments.

Council Information**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Rochefort second by Rapson to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.
Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Nicholas Rochefort, Mayor Pro-Tem

Tara Zagorski, City Clerk