

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2014 by Mayor Jim Hicks.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Hicks; Council members: Bridson, Perez, Peterson, Rapson and Rochefort.
 Absent: Particka and City Manager VanDeVusse.
 Staff Present: Clerk Goebel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rapson second by Bridson to approve the June 16, 2014 public hearing and regular minutes as written. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Motion by Hicks second by Rapson to approve Resolution 2014-12; exemption from Public Act 152; the publicly funded health insurance contribution act.

AYES: Bridson, Rapson, Perez, Hicks.
 NO: Rochefort and Peterson.

2. Motion by Rochefort second by Rapson to approve cast the ballot for the election of the Board of Trustees for the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund, voting for all the candidates running. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

3. Motion by Peterson second by Perez to adjourn into closed session at 7:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Teamster and P.O.A.M. contract negotiations.

AYES: Peterson, Perez, Hicks, Rapson, Rochefort, Bridson.
 NO: None.

The council reconvened at 7:45 p.m. Motion by Rochefort second by Bridson to approve the closed session minutes. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bridson second by Perez to ratify the Teamster and Police Officers Association Contracts effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

AYES: Bridson, Hicks, Rapson, Perez, Rochefort.
 NO: Peterson.

4. Motion by Rapson second by Bridson to approve the purchase of a pavement line painter from Trusco Manufacturing Company for \$2,015.00.

AYES: Rochefort, Perez, Hicks, Rapson, Peterson, Bridson.
 NO: None.

5. Rob Stiverson, City Engineer, explained the scope of the Irwin Street/Gold Street sewer replacement project. He discussed that this project commences at the point where the Gold Street sewer project from last fiscal year ended. Phase I: Gold Street Extended to Irwin Street Extended Railroad Right of Way to Woodworth Street; Phase II: Irwin Street Extended – Railroad Right of Way; Phase III: Irwin Street – Wismer Street to Railroad Right of Way; Phase II-Alternate 1: Irwin Street-Wismer Street to Railroad Right of Way – water main. The opinion of probable cost for this project is \$327,311. He also stated that this project includes negotiating with the railroad which could delay one of the phases of the project.

Motion by Rapson second by Perez approval to seek bids for the Irwin Street/Gold Street sewer project.

Council member Rapson requested to review the bid documents prior to them being distributed. Mayor Hicks requested the Building and Grounds Committee meet to review the bid documents when available.

AYES: Rochefort, Hicks, Peterson, Perez, Rapson, Bridson.
 NO: None.

6. Motion by Rapson second by Bridson to approve Stiverson & Associates to conduct a boundary survey on a city owned parcel, the former Hinterman Property, approximately 30 acres of vacant land.

AYES: Perez, Peterson, Rochefort, Rapson, Bridson, Hicks.
 NO: None.

7. Motions by Rapson second by Perez to approve the proposal from Municipal Code Corporation to republish the city's Code of Ordinances for a cost of \$3,750.00 and publish on the Internet for an annual fee of \$300.00.

AYES: Rapson, Perez, Hicks, Bridson, Rochefort, Peterson.
 NO: None.

8. Motion by Rapson second by Bridson to approve a three year maintenance agreement with Cummins Bridgeway for the generator equipment.

AYES: Peterson, Bridson, Hicks, Rochefort, Rapson, Perez.
 NO: None.

9. Motion by Rapson second by Perez to pay the monthly bills totaling \$168,285.88.

AYES: Hicks, Perez, Rapson, Peterson, Bridson, Rochefort.
 NO: None.

Departmental Reports

DPW Director Scott Boshart discussed that J.P. Tree Service are examining all trees in the city and have been primarily removing the Ash trees that are diseased.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council member Peterson stated that he felt a fence should be installed along the Bad Axe Drain on the Wilcox Park Property to ensure the safety of the children playing at that park.

Council member Rapson requested that the Finance Committee receive only items that need a determination of where the money comes from and suggested that other committees of council be utilized more.

Mayor Hicks requested council members work on a list of projects they would like to see accomplished and submit it to him.

Clerk Goebel recognized and thanked the Independent Bank staff for repainting the kiosk and updating the information. She announced that sidewalk sales will be held on July 17, 18, and 19th and a cruise and car show will be held on July 19th. Additionally, absent voter ballots are available for the August Primary Election to be held August 5, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rochefort second by Bridson to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Jim Hicks, Mayor

Kay M. Goebel, Clerk