

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday April 18, 2011 by Mayor Jim Hicks.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jim Hicks, Council members: Cleland, Hall, Peterson, Rapson and Rochefort. Other Officers present: City Manager VanDeVusse, Clerk Goebel.

Absent: Particka.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk Goebel read the minutes from the April 4, 2011 regular meeting. Motion by Rapson, second by Cleland to approve the minutes as read. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Claude Mestack addressed council regarding the reconstruction of Cleveland Street.

Commissioner John Bodis stated that a special meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Huron County Expo Center with State Representative Kurt Damrow and Senator Mike Green.

Chief Dave Rothe provided council a report of the statistics from March regarding the department. He informed council members that the deer are a problem of the State Department of Natural Resources and stated that it is against the law to feed deer for recreational purposes. He encourages all residents to report to the police department anyone who is feeding the deer. He stated that Officer Zaleski is seeking training on the Neighborhood Watch Program and will advertise and educate the public when it is implemented.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Motion by Cleland, second by Rochefort to schedule a public hearing for April 26, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving comments relevant to applications for Industrial Facilities Exemptions Certificates PA 198 of 1974 and New Personal Property Exemptions PA 328 of 1998 and to schedule a special meeting of council for April 26, 2011 immediately following the public hearing to review the proposed resolutions granting the exemptions. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.
2. Motion by Hall, second by Cleland to schedule a public hearing May 2, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. to establish an obsolete property rehabilitation district. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.
3. Motion by Hall, second by Peterson to adopt Resolution 2011-7; establish the Obsolete Rehabilitation Tax Exemption Application fee. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.
4. Motion by Hall, second by Peterson to seek funding for the Bad Axe Drain Phase III through the Huron County Drain Commission for approximately \$273,000.00

AYES: Cleland, Hicks, Peterson, Rapson, Rochefort, Hall.

NO: None.

5. Motion by Hall, second by Rapson to approve the contract with Dixon Engineering to perform a water tower inspection Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

6. Motion by Hall, second by Cleland to seek bids to re-roof and insulate the Wilcox Community Center. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

7. Motion by Hall, second by Rapson to pay the bills totaling \$122,758.04.

AYES: Rochefort, Peterson, Hicks, Cleland, Hall, Rapson.

NO: None.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Manager VanDeVusse announced that spring cleanup will be held from April 18th through May 6th and that the city took delivery of the leaf vac which will be used during spring cleanup.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rapson, second by Rochefort to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Jim Hicks, Mayor

Kay M. Goebel, Clerk