

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016 by Mayor Jim Hicks.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bridson second by Rochefort to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2016 regular and January 25, 2016 work study meetings. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Heather Drabek, Branch Manager of Team One Credit Union, requested the use of the City Park on July 22, 2016 to conduct a TriToFinish sanctioned 5K event with wine tasting afterward and permission to have a beer tent. This event is planned in conjunction with the Hatchet Festival which runs from July 19th through July 23rd.

Motion by Hicks second by Rochefort to approve their request to reserve the city park, serve alcohol and place City Manager VanDeVusse in charge of obtaining the necessary permits.

AYES: Perez, Hicks, Hall, Bridson, Rochefort.
 NO: None.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Motion by Hall second by Rochefort to appoint Vern Seibert to the Bad Axe Area Fire Protection Board for a six year term expiring December 31, 2021.

AYES: Rochefort, Perez, Hicks, Bridson, Hall.
 NO: None.

2. Motion by Rochefort second by Bridson to approve Resolution 2016-2; Poverty Guidelines, eligibility requirements. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

3. Motion by Hall second by Bridson to approve Resolution 2016-1; amend fiscal year 2015-16 budget.

AYES: Hall, Hicks, Rochefort, Bridson, Perez.
 NO: None.

4. Payment of bills.

Motion by Hall second by Bridson to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$122,205.47.

AYES: Rochefort, Bridson, Perez, Hall, Hicks.
NO: None.

Departmental Reports

None.

Committee Reports

Councilman Rochefort gave an overview of the Recreation and Events Committee meeting. He stated that the committee is obtaining cost estimates and feasibility to place a splash pad on the existing skate park. He reported that the committee reviewed the Recreation Plan and would like to update it in the near future.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Rochefort stated that he would like to see N. Silver St. and Soper Road resurfaced but expressed the understanding that streets with underlying utility problems should be completed first.

Mayor Hicks requested the Clerk to place on the next city council agenda approval to include Streets and Sidewalks to the Building and Grounds Committee. He stated that the committee contains three council members and three members of the community and it would be a good committee to review the condition of the streets and sidewalks.

Councilman Hall brought to council's attention the following items:

- Correspondence from Colfax Twp. regarding the Bad Axe Area Fire Protection Association
- Code Enforcement Activity Report and that he would like to see more enforcement in the city
- That Scott Boshart received a certificate for attending a MWEA Conference
- Referred to the quote for a color aerial imagery of the city – requested to have the city limits drawn on the map if services are obtained
- Inquired the status of Meijer Inc. – City Manager VanDeVusse reported that they have been provided opinion of probable costs for utilities

Councilman Hall distributed a copy of Section 12.1. – Purchases and contracts from the city's charter and as Chairman of the Finance Committee requested clarification of the purchasing process. Mayor Hicks stated that there is an ordinance that was adopted in 2013 which established the purchasing, contracting and bidding procedure. Councilman Hall requested a copy of that ordinance.

Councilman Rochefort suggested obtaining bids at the beginning of the year – securing prices and certified suppliers.

Mayor Hicks suggested placing an amendment to Section 12.1 of the city charter on the next election. The proposed amendment would request a change from the \$500.00 requirement of purchasing items without competitive pricing to \$2,500.00.

Mayor Hicks recognized two members of the City of Bad Axe Mayor's Youth Council in the audience. Sam Rodgers, who is the Mayor of the Youth Council, addressed council about upcoming fundraisers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rochefort second by Bridson to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Jim Hicks, Mayor

Kay M. Goebel, Clerk