

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 by Mayor Jim Hicks.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Particka second by Bridson to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2016 regular meeting. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Motion by Hall second by Particka to approve the annual service contract with I.T. Right for \$5,000.00.

AYES: Rochefort, Hall, Peterson, Particka, Bridson, Hicks.  
 NO: None.

2. Payment of bills.

Motion by Hall second by Particka to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$135,624.03.

AYES: Hall, Particka, Hicks, Peterson, Rochefort, Bridson.  
 NO: None.

### **Departmental Reports**

Chief Rothe reported that E. Woodworth St. is now open; the train cars have been moved.

### **Committee Reports**

Councilman Rochefort reported that the Community Events/Recreation Committee will be getting quotes for a splash pad. The committee will also seek quotes to mill asphalt to be used for the hiking trails.

### **Mayor and Council Comments**

Councilman Peterson asked Chief Rothe if he thought there is enough lighting by the Police Barn and in the parks. Chief will meet with the City Manager to see if additional lighting is needed.

Councilman Rochefort asked if there are plans to pave any streets this year. City Manager VanDeVusse said that is slated to be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting on

January 26<sup>th</sup>. Rochefort also wondered if cameras can be added for additional coverage. The City Manager indicated that additional camera locations are being reviewed, i.e. the library and Wilcox Park.

Councilman Hall advised council he had requested a total of the legal fees the City has incurred so far for the W. Huron lawsuit. The total so far is \$83,968.93 for a project that was totally MDOT's. Hall also advised council that the latest audit for the Huron Regional Water Authority shows that water usage for both Port Austin & Bad Axe is down compared to previous years. Councilman Hall asked if the City has an alternate member for the Ambulance Authority as the City had no representation at the last meeting. The City does have an alternate.

City Manager VanDeVusse reported to Council that replacement of the sewer line at the end of E. Irwin is complete. VanDeVusse also advised Council that Meijer Inc. is looking at a potential site in Colfax Township and is interested in City water and sewer service.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Particka second by Rochefort to adjourn at 7:42p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

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Jim Hicks, Mayor

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Bridget Glasgow, Deputy Clerk