

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 by Mayor Jim Hicks. The March 16, 2015 meeting was rescheduled to allow members to attend the Regional Bad Axe Hatchet basketball game in Reese.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rapson second by Rochefort to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2015 regular meeting. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patricia Evans introduced her foreign exchange student from the Ukraine.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Motion by Particka second by Bridson to award the bid for the Heisterman Street Parking Lot and Allen Street resurfacing to Nicol & Sons Contracting for \$129,906.00. Mayor Hicks stated that this is a Downtown Development Authority project. Councilman Rapson stated that the city will incur the expense of the infrastructure which is being updated in conjunction with the Heisterman Parking Lot project. He also stated that the cost of resurfacing Allen Street is included in the bid. Rapson questioned whether the damaged curb on the east side of Allen Street was going to be repaired and wanted reassurance from the City Manager that once repaired it would not be damaged again from snow removal. City Manager VanDeVusse stated that the City's Department of Public Works employees would be repairing the curb prior to the paving. Councilman Perez inquired whether the adjacent properties of the Heisterman Parking Lot are included in the bid. City Manager VanDeVusse stated that they were not included but would be contacted by the contractor prior to the commencement of the project to give them an opportunity to pay their portion if they wanted their property resurfaced.

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

2. Motion by Rapson second by Perez to award the bid for the Irwin/Gold Street Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction project to Nicol & Sons Contracting for \$368,114.65. Councilman Rapson inquired where the additional money would come from since the lowest bid was considerable more than budgeted. City Manager VanDeVusse stated that the additional cost would come from the reserves.

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

3. Motion by Rapson second by Rochefort to approve the engineering and inspection fees for Stiverson & Associates, Inc. for the following projects:

- Heisterman Street \$8,950.00
- Allen Street \$2,132.80
- Irwin St./Gold St. Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction \$37,794.40.

AYES: Bridson, Rochefort, Rapson, Hicks, Perez, Particka.

NO: None.

4. Motion by Particka second by Perez to approve payment of bills totaling \$431,694.02.

AYES: Particka, Rochefort, Hicks, Rapson, Bridson, Perez.

NO: None.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Particka stated that the Korean War Veterans are the Grand Marshall of this year's Memorial Parade. She requested that any Korean War Veteran contact Bad Axe City Hall, Mayor Jim Hicks or herself.

Clerk Goebel announced that the ballots are available for registered voters seeking an absent voter ballot for the May 5, 2015 Statewide Special Election. She also stated the deadline for nominating petitions for the City's General Election to be held November 3, 2015 is July 21, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Hicks reported that Councilman Peterson stated he would like council to recognize individuals from the community when they attain the age of 100 years old.

Mayor Hicks stated that an individual from Bad Axe is seeking to set a record by obtaining 20,000 signatures on a 35' tall broken ax and get into the Guinness Books of World Records. He stated that more information would be obtained and distributed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Particka second by Rapson to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Jim Hicks, Mayor

Kay M. Goebel, Clerk