

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015 by Mayor Hicks.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Peterson second by Particka to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2015 regular meeting. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shirley Taylor, 211 W. Hopson expressed concerns over the many frozen waterlines in the city. City Manager VanDeVusse reassured her that the city is monitoring the infrastructure and looking for solutions to prevent as many freeze ups. He explained that it is more cost effective to have the residents keep their water running than to replace water mains. Director of Public Work Scott Boshart reiterated that residents should keep running their water until further notice from the city.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Discuss proposed walking path by City Park. Community Events/Recreation Committee Chairman Rochefort stated that over the past year and a half Mayor Hicks and volunteers from the Veterans of Foreign Wars worked on a walking path south of the City Park. He stated that phase I of the project would be to install signage at the park so people can start using the path. Phase II of the project would be to apply for a grant to place a hard surface on the path. Committee member Peterson also stated that they discussed an outdoor ice rink and dog park. Mayor Hicks invited all members of the community that would like to assist with the continued efforts of the community events/recreation committee to contact city hall.
2. Motion by Rapson second by Particka to approve contracting CCI to replace the air quality monitoring sensors in the preliminary treatment building of the wastewater treatment plant for \$9,456.00.

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

NO: None.

3. Motion by Rapson second by Particka to approve payment of bills totaling \$129,490.04.

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

4. City Manager VanDeVusse requested to add the Maple Street Sewer reconstruction emergency repair to the agenda. Director of Public Works, Scott Boshart and City Engineer, Rob Stiverson explained that a section of sewer main on Maple Street had collapsed. Boshart stated that the Department of Public Works crew has been using the vactor to clean out the manhole to provide service to the affected residents. A bid from Nichol and Sons Excavating in the amount of \$58,126.30 was presented. They were the confirmed low bidder in the Irwin/Gold Street Sanitary Sewer Project which was publicly opened on February 27, 2015. Councilman Rapson inquired whether this was in the budget. City Manager stated that it was not a budgeted item and the money would need to come from the fund balance. Motion by Rapson second by Perez to approve the city engineer's recommendation to contract Nichol & Sons Excavating and expend approximately \$72,000.00 for the emergency repair of the sanitary sewer on Maple Street.

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

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Particka second by Rapson to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

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Jim Hicks, Mayor

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Kay M. Goebel, Clerk