

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016 by Mayor Jim Hicks.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Particka second by Bridson to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2016 regular meeting. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Purchase of 2016 GM Silverado and 2016 Ford F350 pickup.

Motion by Hall second by Particka to purchase a 2016 GM Silverado pickup from Flannery Auto Mall for \$21,600.00 and the purchase of a 2016 Ford F350 with service body from Ordus Ford for \$32,500.00. These vehicles replace two vehicles in the DPW fleet that were purchased in 2004.

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

2. Michigan Department of Transportation Cost Agreement for Traffic Signal Control.

Motion by Hall second by Particka to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation Cost Agreements for Traffic Signal Control; MDOT Plan No. 32032-01-006 and 32032-01-001.

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

3. Payment of bills.

Motion by Hall second by Particka to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$391,744.67.

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

Committee Reports

Councilman Perez, Chairman of the Human Resource Committee stated that the committee met to review the proposed employee handbook. He stated that it was tabled to allow all members of council to review it.

City Manager VanDeVusse stated that the Building and Grounds Committee met and reviewed the plans of the proposed new building to be located at Rotary Park. The new building will provide bathrooms, concession and storage for the Bad Axe Little League. In attendance representing the Bad Axe Little League and seeking support of this project were Brent Wehner, Wally Phillips and Aaron Meinhold. Brent Wehner stated that it will be located north of the current concession and the four existing storage buildings will be removed.

Motion by Hicks second by Particka to approve construction of the new building in Rotary Park.

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

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Hall referred to the most recent Michigan Municipal League publication “the review” and inquired about an article which listed revenue sharing by communities. He stated that the league is addressing the lack of money that local governments have by launching a campaign to reform Michigan municipal finance.

He also inquired the status of the items that were discussed at the last work-study session of council. He noted that the sale of water by the Huron Regional Water Authority is lower – probably due to mild winter.

City Manager VanDeVusse stated that Spring Cleanup will begin April 1 and go until May 20th.

Motion by Hicks second by Particka to approve the Spring Cleanup dates. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Particka second by Bridson to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Jim Hicks, Mayor

Kay M. Goebel, Clerk