

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2014 by Mayor Hicks.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Particka second by Bridson to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2014 regular meetings. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ben Beardsley addressed council with a vision to have a place for youth students, eighth through twelfth, to go after school. He indicated he had support to start up a facility but no additional money to keep it going. Council members suggested he search for grant funds.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. City Manager VanDeVusse stated that the Bad Axe Rotary Club has contributed money to the city for the improvement of the ball fields and that his recommendation is to name the ball fields "Rotary Park" as a way of recognizing them for their ongoing support. Motion by Peterson second by Bridson to name the city ball fields "Rotary Park".

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

2. Motion by Particka second by Rochefort to approve the purchase of a sign for "Rotary Park" from Valley Sign Company for \$1,717.00.

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

3. Motion by Hicks second by Particka to approve the purchase of a sign for "Wilcox Park" for \$1,693.00 from Valley Sign Company and expend the money from the Park Endowment Fund.

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

4. Motion by Hicks second by Particka to cast the ballot for the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors.

AYES: Hicks, Peterson, Perez, Particka, Rochefort.
 NO: Bridson.

5. Motion by Peterson second by Rochefort to retain the legal representation of Zausmer, Kaufman, August & Caldwell, P.C. for the lawsuit – Tschirhart and other Plaintiff’s v City of Bad Axe.

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

NO: None.

6. The replacement of a door at 603 Chickory Street was removed from the agenda.

7. Motion by Particka second by Perez to pay the monthly bills totaling \$237,105.35.

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

NO: None.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council member Peterson stated that the committee to review the city council meeting schedule met recommended that no change should be considered by council at this time.

City Manager VanDeVusse stated that the brush pickup will end on Friday, October 24th but the leaf pickup will continue.

Clerk Goebel stated that City Hall will be open on Saturday, November 1, 2014 from noon until 2:00 p.m. for registered voters to obtain an absent voter ballot. She also stated that Diva Disposal has ordered additional recycling bins and residents should contact Diva Disposal directly at 989-450-3834 to receive a recycling bin.

Mayor Hicks stated that he attended the Michigan Municipal league Convention held in Marquette.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Jim Hicks, Mayor

Kay M. Goebel, Clerk