

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 by Mayor Jim Hicks.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rapson second by Particka to approve the August 19, 2013 regular meeting minutes as written.

AYES: Cleland Peterson, Particka, Hicks, Hall, Rochefort, Rapson.
 NO: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Councilman Cleland made a motion to approve the bid from Wright Choice Electric for \$2,950.00 for the lighting upgrade for the Police Department as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Hall second by Rapson to approve the proposal from Demand Electric, LLC for \$2,636.00 for the lighting upgrade.

AYES: Hall, Peterson, Cleland, Rapson, Rochefort, Particka, Hicks.
 NO: None.

2. Motion by Cleland second by Rapson to award the bid for the Wertz Drive water main project in the amount of \$70,998.00 to Kalin Construction and to approve the engineering fees of \$7,940.00 to Stiverson & Associates associated with the Wertz Drive water main.

AYES: Particka, Peterson, Hall, Hicks, Cleland, Rochefort, Rapson.
 NO: None.

3. Motion by Rapson second by Hall to acknowledge and approve the Downtown Development Authority project to pave the South Street municipal parking lot and alley (Court Street).
 Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

4. Councilman Hall reviewed the Finance Committee minutes of August 27, 2013. He stated that it was his recommendation to contribute an additional \$100,000.00 annually to the underfunded city retirement – Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (MERS). He referenced the 2014 Economic Vitality Incentive Program third category which is new and made a motion to contribute \$100,000.00 to the Municipal Employees’ Retirement System in the current fiscal year 2013-2014. The motion was seconded by Rapson.

AYES: Hall, Rochefort, Rapson, Cleland, Peterson, Particka, Hicks.
 NO: None.

Councilman Hall also requested placement of the administrative wages on the next city council agenda.

Motion by Hall second by Rapson to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$173,306.27.

AYES: Rochefort, Hicks, Cleland, Peterson, Hall, Rapson, Particka.
 NO: None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Peterson stated that he would like to see the city contribute addition money each year to MERS, not only this fiscal year.

Motion by Rapson second by Cleland to obtain a cost estimate from Detroit Edison Co., on the replacement of seven (7) streetlights located on the south side of E. Huron Ave. between Gold St. and Nugent Road. Councilman Rapson explained that these lights are not part of the conversion project which was approved early 2013 scheduled to occur late September and urged council to consider converting these also to LED to obtain a uniform look on the east side of the city. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Councilman Rochefort stated that he would like the city to budget and set aside \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 annually to continue improving the remaining parking lots in the city.

Councilman Hall stated he would like the city to pave at least one mile a year.

Mayor Hicks stated that he would like council to consider scheduling brush pick up one day per month, the third Monday of each month, and moved for approval. Councilman Cleland seconded the motion. Clerk Goebel reminded the council and residents that the current trash contractor, Emterra, will pick up brush weekly if they are bundled less than four feet long, weigh less than fifty pounds and contain no tree limbs in excess of 4” in diameter. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Hicks also stated that he is working towards the formation of a Mayor's Youth Council with Kurt Dennis coordinating from the Bad Axe High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cleland second by Particka to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Jim Hicks, Mayor

Kay M. Goebel, City Clerk