

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010 by Mayor Jim Hicks.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Jim Hicks; Council members: Cleland, Hall, Particka, Peterson and Rapson. Other Officers present: City Manager Nugent, Clerk Goebel.

Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk Goebel read the minutes from the December 21, 2009 meeting at the request of Mayor Hicks. Motion by Rapson, second by Hall to approve the minutes from December 21, 2009. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Mayor Hicks welcomed newly elected council member Richard Peterson.
2. Former Mayor William C. Cleland presented plaques to outgoing council members Brain Clark and Curtis Apley in recognition of their dedicated service to the City of Bad Axe.
3. Motion by Cleland, second by Particka to declare the council seat (term ending December 31, 2011) held by Jim Hicks vacant. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.
4. Mayor Hicks stated that council members have information on the table regarding the two candidates who expressed interest in the vacant council position; Brian Clark and Nicholas Rochefort. Motion by Peterson, second by Hall to appoint Nicholas Rochefort to the council position term ending December 31, 2011.

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

Clerk Goebel administered the oath of office to Nicholas Rochefort.

5. Motion by Cleland, second by Rapson to approve the Mayoral Committee Appointments as follows:

FINANCE

James Hall, Chair
David Rapson
Kathleen Particka
Richard Peterson, 1st Alternate

ORDINANCE

Kathleen Particka, Chair
William Cleland
Nicholas Rochefort

PUBLIC SAFETY

Dave Rapson, Chair
 Jim Hicks
 Nicholas Rochefort

HUMAN RESOURCES

James Hall, Chair
 Jim Hicks
 Richard Peterson

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Richard Peterson, Chair
 William Cleland
 James Hall

COMMUNITY EVENT
RECREATION

William Cleland, Chair
 David Rapson
 Richard Peterson

OTHER BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING: Jim Hicks, William Cleland, Lynn Abke, Mark Green, James Leonard, Mary Rapson, Mark Schultz, Sarah Wilson, Heidi Bogan

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Kathleen Particka, John Vobbe, Mark Green, Tom Laity, Richard Beaver, Rob Stiverson

BUILDING & GROUNDS: James Hall, David Rapson, Vern Seibert, Lou Ligrow, Fred Mazure, vacancy

HRWA- James Hall, Fred Kalis, Richard Peterson

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY: Virginia Jias

BAAFPA: Jim Hall, vacancy

DDA: Jim Hicks, Chuck Mantey, Fred Kalis, James Hall, Jean Talaski, Pat Flannery, Richard Sambuchi, Ted Streussnig, Tammy DeBoer, Dr. Sami Makhoul

Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

In addition to the above appointments Mayor Hicks made the following appointments:

Committee to review auditing services:

James Hall, Chairman
 Dave Rapson
 Kathleen Particka

Committee to review City Attorney services:

William C. Cleland, Chairman
 Richard Peterson
 Nicholas Rochefort

Committee to evaluate the City Manager:

Dave Rapson, Chairman
 Jim Hicks
 James Hall

Mayor Hicks requested all committees meet regularly and announced the vacancies on the Bad Axe Fire Board and the Huron Regional Water Authority. Motion by Cleland, second by Hall to appoint Richard Peterson to the Huron Regional Water Authority Board – Alternate position. All voting aye, motion carried.

6. Motion by Rapson, second by Cleland to pay the bills totaling \$118,226.43.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council member Hall:

- Past due property tax in the city's name in the amount of \$20,411.38 listed in the newspaper
- Status of shared road agreement
- Clean up of the city's dump-site
- Woodworth square occupancy
- Verification of Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Letter of Agreements in regards to job retention/creation
- Suggested renting the ten acre parcel of land owned by Huron Regional Water Authority, pumping station #1, leased by the City of Bad Axe.
- Status of the city's taxable value report – City Manager Nugent reported that the taxable value has gone down 6.8%
- The next Huron Regional Water Authority meeting will be held January 14th at Bad Axe City Hall

Council member Rapson:

- Requested the report of the city's taxable value; City Manager Nugent stated he would request the assessor attend a council meeting to explain the reduction in taxable value
- Requested the City Manager to inquire the status of the report of the ownership of the park property on the East side of Hanselman Street.
- Suggested staff monitor the city's website monthly

Council member Particka:

- Inquired whether the skate park could be flooded for ice skating

Council member Peterson:

- Inquired who runs the DARE program – Chief Anderson stated that Officer Bridson runs it and has fund raisers to support it
- Inquired what type of complaints are handled at the school

Council member Cleland:

- Requested the report on the taxable value be email to council
- Discussed the speed at which the semi trucks travel at the east end

City Manager Nugent suggested that if the Mayor and Council Members wish to change the council procedure of requesting the Clerk to read the minutes at each meeting prior to approval of the minutes that a motion of council be made to formalize the procedure and then he would update the council member handbook.

Council Member Hall suggested asking the audience what their opinion was. After members of the audience gave their suggestions, motion by Hall second by Rapson to read the minutes at each council meeting prior to approval, post the minutes on the city's website and photocopy the minutes and attached them to the agendas available at city hall. Voice vote:

AYES:	6
NO:	1

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cleland, second by Rochefort to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Jim Hicks, Mayor

Kay M. Goebel, Clerk