

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2012 by Mayor Hicks.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Hall, second by Particka to approve the June 18, 2012 Regular Meeting minutes as read. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Motion by Cleland, second by Peterson to approve the Quit Claim Deed of the city owned parcel located at 931 E. Huron Avenue to Mitchell E. Langley and authorize City Manager VanDeVusse to sign the deed. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

2. Motion by Cleland, second by Particka to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2012-3; Fireworks Ordinance.

Ayes: Peterson, Particka, Hicks, Hall, Rochefort, Cleland.
Nays: None.

3. Motion by Particka, second by Cleland to schedule a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2012-3; Fireworks Ordinance for July 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

4. Motion by Cleland, second by Peterson to approve Resolution 2012-17; MERS additional Credited Service Application.

Ayes: Cleland, Peterson, Particka, Hicks, Hall, Rochefort.
Nays: None.

5. Motion by Hicks, second by Particka to cast the ballot voting for all of the candidates of the Board of Trustees for the Workers Compensation Fund.

Ayes: Peterson, Particka, Hicks, Rochefort, Cleland, Hall.
Nays: None.

6. Motion by Cleland, second by Peterson to approve the recommendation from the City Manager to renew the Liability & Property Insurance with Michigan Municipal League for \$50,558.00.

City Manager VanDeVusse stated that he sought an additional quote for insurance however did not have sufficient time to research it thoroughly. He reassured the council that within the next year bids will be sought.

Ayes: Particka, Hicks, Cleland.

Nays: Hall, Rochefort, Peterson.

Motion defeated.

7. Motion by Hall second by Particka to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$41,503.55.

Ayes: Rochefort, Peterson, Particka, Cleland, Hall, Hicks.

Nays: None.

8. City Manager VanDeVusse requested council to review the revised quote from Maurer Electric to relocate the siren off old city hall. He stated that it was necessary to install a seventy foot pole instead of a sixty foot to adequately secure it in the ground and have enough above ground as to not rattle windows in adjacent buildings when the siren sounds. He stated that after much research and reviewing options, this was the most economical way to maintain the siren as a backup for the fire department and warning devise. Motion by Cleland to approve the revised quote in the amount of \$9,873.00. Motion failed for the lack of a second.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Hall stated that at the most recent Bad Axe Fire Protection Association meeting it was brought up to change the method of assessing the three communities that make up the association. Councilman Cleland stated that it is not appropriate for the association to request a change it should be a formal action of the communities that make up the association. It was suggested that the three entities meet.

Councilman Rapson arrived at 6:10 p.m. After reviewing the quote from Maurer Electric, he offered the following information regarding the increase from the previous quote: no longer a standard pole at 70 feet, additional wiring, everything changes, even the method of delivery. Motion by Cleland, second by Rapson to approve the quote from Maurer Electric.

AYES: Cleland, Rapson, Hicks.

NO: Particka, Peterson, Hall, Rochefort.

Motion failed.

Motion by Hicks, second by Cleland to refer the Maurer Electric quote for the relocation of siren to the Finance Committee.

AYES: Particka, Peterson, Cleland, Hicks, Rochefort, Hall.

NO: None.

Clerk Goebel stated that the ballots are available for the August 7, 2012 election, City Hall will be open on August 4, 2012 from noon until 2:00 p.m. for residents who wish to obtain an absent voter ballot. She also stated that the charter amendment language has been approved by the Governor for placement on the November 6th ballot. The proposed amendment is on the city's website and in the city's newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cleland, second by Particka to adjourn at 6:16 p.m.

Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Jim Hicks, Mayor

Kay M. Goebel, Clerk