

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 by Mayor Jim Hicks.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk Goebel read the minutes from the August 16, 2010 regular meeting. Motion by Rapson, second by Particka to approve the minutes as read. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ryan Booms, Valley Gear, addressed the council regarding the paving of Chickory Street. He expressed gratitude that the street was being paved but discontentment over the quality of the paving. City Manager VanDeVusse stated he would be discussing the concerns expressed by Mr. Booms with the city's engineer and would be in contact with Mr. Booms.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Motion by Hall, second by Cleland to approve Esch Landscaping LLC to patch the areas of pavement that have been removed to perform various utility repairs for \$1,989.68.

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

2. Discussion of the Department of Public Works parking lot improvement bid, phase I for \$21,363.80.

Councilman Hall stated that he felt any money spent on paving should be for city streets benefiting city residents.

Councilman Cleland questioned the bid tabulation document which contained prices for both Phase I and Phase II of the DPW Garage Parking Lot Improvement Project. City Manager VanDeVusse clarified that the Finance Committee recommended approval on only Phase I of the project which was included in the current fiscal year's budget.

Councilman Rapson inquired the cost of the project in comparison to the street paving project being performed by Saginaw Asphalt under the Huron County Road Commission bid. Rob Stiverson explained that the paving of the parking lot is more labor intensive, more hand work involved where the larger asphalt trucks cannot maneuver.

No action was taken.

3. Buffalo Street storm drain reconstruction project.

Motion by Cleland, second by Peterson to award the bid to Rooney Construction for the storm replacement project on Buffalo Street for \$39,098.05 with includes engineering of the project. The project replaces the storm drain from M-142 to York Street.

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

4. Chief Rothe addressed council regarding the necessary police equipment for the 2010 Tahoe.

Motion by Rapson second by Particka to approve the purchase of additional equipment for the 2010 Tahoe from Shaheen Chevrolet for an amount not to exceed \$4,846.04.

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

5. Motion by Hall, second by Rapson to pay the bills totaling \$143,320.38.

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

Chief Rothe gave a detailed report on the Police Department.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Cleland mentioned the increase in truck traffic; City Manager VanDeVusse stated he spoke with the East region manager for Michigan Sugar and suggested driver's use the truck routes and stated the city would have elevated speed and weight enforcement.

Councilman Hall inquired the status of the relocation of the mailboxes – City Manager VanDeVusse mentioned that the Downtown Development Authority would be discussing a lease renewal of a parcel of land adjacent to the Post Office and that he would follow up on a possible relocation of the mailboxes to this property.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hall, second by Cleland to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Jim Hicks, Mayor

Kay M. Goebel, Clerk