

City of Bayfield Common Council Meeting

Minutes of Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ringberg called the meeting to order at the Bayfield City Hall at 5:30 p.m. followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ringberg, Bryan, Burkel, Cirillo and Carrier

Staff: Treasurer Johnston, Clerk Hoopman, Chief Fangman and PWD Kovachevich

Review/Approve Agenda: Burkel/Cirillo made a motion to approve the agenda. Carried.

Public Input on Agenda Items: None.

Agenda

1. 2020 Apple Festival – Postponed until 2021

The Council received a copy of the Chamber's posted "Apple Festival Decision" Letter sent out on Friday, June 19, 2020 which noted the festival will be postponed until 2021, and Bayfield will be promoted as a fall destination as normal. Discussion ensued about being ready for busy weekends during the first couple of weeks of October.

2. Review of the City of Bayfield's 2020 Budget

Treasurer Johnston provided a detailed review of the May 2020 Financials with the Council.

3. City of Bayfield Levy Information and Referendum Information

The Council received historic information on the City's Tax Levy, a copy of some proposed Tax Levy increases and some information on the referendum process. Discussion ensued. The City's Tax Levy has not increased by much since 1990 and the City has been under a levy limit since 2005. Seeking permission from our taxpayers to increase the tax levy is a big decision and it was felt the public was unaware of the City's budget issues. Hoopman and Johnston asked if the Council better understood the issues and if they did not, what might they be able to provide to assist or better inform them. Hoopman reiterated this has been a problem that has brewed for many years and there were multiple reasons on how we got to where we are at today. Johnston reminded the Council that last year, the City's auditors also reported on our very lean operating budgets. We cannot maintain or sustain our services at this rate.

Some discussion ensued about how to increase revenues. The following was mentioned:

- Raise the rate at Dalrymple Campground to \$30.00/site.
- Reconsider the use of parking meters in strategic locations.

Next Mtgs.

July 15, 2020, 5:30 p.m. – Reg. Council Mtg.

August 19, 2020, 5:30 p.m. – Reg. Council Mtg.

Additional budget meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Adjournment: Bryan/Cirillo moved to adjourn. Carried. (7:44 p.m.)