

# City of Bayfield Common Council Meeting

Minutes of Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

## Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ringberg called the virtual meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Staff: Treasurer Johnston, PWD Kovachevich, Chief Fangman, Clerk Hoopman, Office Admin. Mather, Operator Burg

**Review/Approve Agenda:** Carrier/Burkel moved to approve the agenda with the understanding Item #1 would be discussed after the Mayor's Report. Carried.

**Review/Approve the Common Council minutes of August 19, 2020:** Bryan/Burkel made a motion to approve the previous Council Meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

## Public Input on Agenda Items:

Spoke in opposition to the draft UTV Ordinance citing, noise, safety, increased liability, hills, diminishing property values if UTVs were allowed in the City Limits all year on proposed routes:

Ted Dougherty, Erik Scott, Solveig Hadland, Steve Smith, MD, and Skye Bingham

Paul Swanson noted the many noisy trucks and engine braking issues along 6<sup>th</sup> Street which should be included in any conversation about noise. UTVs were noted as being loud by others.

Chairman Bryan offered a few points of clarification to the proposed code language and said others would be deprived of comment if this did not go to a public hearing.

## Agenda

### 1. **UTV Ordinance - Consider adopting an ordinance allowing UTV in the City Limits/ Possibly schedule Public Hearing (See Public Works Minutes)**

Bryan motioned to move the draft ordinance, with the two corrections/additions noted, to a public hearing. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Carrier made a motion to reject the recommendation to move it forward to a public hearing and that no further consideration be given to this code revision. Burkel seconded. Discussion. The Mayor echoed Bryan's earlier statement, and asked, why not have a public hearing? Cirillo said she has heard from several of her constituents who overwhelmingly have said no. Carrier added it does not seem to be in line with the City's Comprehensive Plan or HiAP policy. Motion carried by voice vote: Cirillo-Yes; Bryan-No; Burkel-Yes; and Carrier-Yes.

### 2. **October 2-4, 2020: Updates/Concerns/Issues**

It was noted the City will be treating this weekend like all the past weekends this season. We do not have additional funding to add work force but understand the weekend will be busy.

### 3. **Farmer's Market, Saturdays (June – October) and October 2-3**

Burkel/Cirillo moved to approve the Street Use Permit allowing the Farmer's Market to set up on First Street as requested on Saturdays until Mid-October, including October 3, 2020. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Burkel, Carrier and Cirillo – yes.

#### **4. Sidewalk Sale Request – 124 Rittenhouse Avenue (Up North)**

Cirillo/Bryan moved to approve the sidewalk sales request from Up North for October 3-4 and October 17-18, 2020 as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Burkel, Carrier, Cirillo and Bryan – yes.

#### **5. Committee Updates: LE Bldg., Parking**

Informational, no action taken.

#### **6. November 3, 2020 – General Election Updates**

Hoopman provide some general information about the General Election to the Council. Absentee ballots to those with requests on file would be mailed tomorrow. The polls will be open on election day, but we are encouraging absentee voting. For assistance, please call City Hall or go to [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov).

#### **7. Project Updates**

- a. Marina Breakwell/Seawall Project: MSA is now working on the final engineering plans. Project expected to be bid out late this year or early 2021.
- b. Bayfield & Ashland County Regional Housing Study: The Mayor indicated the survey is near final completion and it should be sent out soon.
- c. Parks and Recreation – Big Ravine and Bayfield Area Trails Updates: Lots of work has ensued over the past few months. Way to go to the leaders and volunteers who took on this task!
- d. Green Infrastructure: proposing a virtual meeting of Task Force in late September.

#### **8. 2021 CIP and Budgets: Issues / Concerns / Progress**

Discussion ensued on the draft 2021 unbalanced budget. Some thoughts and ideas were shared:

- a. This is a very lean budget. Some of the requested CIP's are maintenance items and should not be in the CIP's but cannot be covered by the existing operating budgets.
- b. Carrier suggested the City sincerely consider parking meters
- c. The City's Fees were reviewed and increased in some cases.
- d. Carrier thought a long-term financial plan would be a good investment and help to guide our future.
- e. The Council by consensus agreed no wage increases would be given in 2021.
- f. The Council would like to pursue a joint meeting with the Harbor Commission to ask for reconsideration of their contribution to the General Fund.
- g. Hoopman informed those present, the budget issues are not related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Rather it's a culmination of not raising taxes for many years, a State levy limit law that was put into place in the mid 2000's, and State laws that impacted our Room Tax Revenues and our health insurance expenses.
- h. There were no solutions to the budget issues provided, but a Special meeting was set for Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- i. Bryan suggested the Debt Schedule be included in the next packet.

#### **9. Mayor's Report**

The Mayor thanked the American Legion for their contribution and installation of a new flagpole by the Bayfield Lakeside Pavilion. He mentioned it has been a tough year and he hopes for goodness like this to continue. Thank you for your efforts, be safe, and wash your hands.

#### **File Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards:**

**Architectural Review Board:** Minutes of August 24, 2020

**Courthouse:** Minutes of August 25, 2020

**Covid-19:** Minutes of August 24, 2020

**Fire Department:** Minutes of August 3, 2020

**Fire Protection:** Minutes of September 1, 2020

**Greater Bayfield WWTP:** Minutes of September 10, 2020

**Harbor:** Minutes of August 17 and September 8, 2020

**Parks and Rec.:** Minutes of August 6 and September 3, 2020

**Pavilion:** Minutes of September 1, 2020

**Police Department:** August 2020 Report

**Public Works:** Minutes of August 19, 2020

Burkel/Cirillo moved to accept and place on file the above minutes in a block format.

Carried.

**Treasurer's:** August Treasurer's Report, Voucher Payments, Fund Summary, and Budgets

Cirillo/Carrier made a motion to approve the August Treasurer's Report and payments as presented.

Passed by roll call vote as follows: Carrier, Cirillo, Bryan and Burkel – yes.

**Next Mtgs.** September 23, 2020, and October 21, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Bryan/Cirillo made a motion to adjourn. Carried. (6:55 p.m.)

Minutes by Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk