

City of Bayfield Common Council

Budget Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Minutes of Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Ringberg called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. at the Bayfield City Hall followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Staff: Chief Fangman, Mike Burg, GBWWTP Operator Pearson, Library Director Weber, Treasurer Johnston, PWD Kovachevich, Clerk Hoopman Lucy Tyrell, Poet Laurette, and Kate Kitchell-P&R Chair

Other: Carol Fahrenkrog-Chamber Director

Review/Approve Agenda: Carrier/Bryan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Lucy Tyrrell, Bayfield Poet Laureate 2020-2021: Poem and Update

Public Hearing: to receive input on Resolution #595, a resolution for 2022 Budget Adoption and Tax Levy. Copies of the proposed resolution and Exhibits A (Publication Notice) & B (2021 Budget) are now available for inspection: Please go to <http://www.cityofbayfield.com/common-council.html>.

Public Hearing: to receive input on proposed Ordinance #402, a charter Ordinance affirming the reduction of Wards within the City from Four (4) to One (1) and establishing that all Alderpersons elected to the Common Council shall be elected at-large from, and by, the entire City of Bayfield.

After receiving no input on either Resolution #595 or Ordinance #402 a motion was made by Bryan/Beagan to close the public hearings. Carried. 5:44 p.m.

Public Comment and Suggestions from Persons Present on Agenda Items: None.

Discussion and Identification of Items for Future Agendas: None.

Review/Approve the Common Council minutes of November 1, 2021: Burkel/Carrier moved to approve the minutes from November 1, 2021, as presented. Carried.

Agenda

1. Resolution #595 - 2022 Budget Summary, Proposed Budget, CIPS, and 5 yr. CIPs

Bryan/Burkel made a motion to adopt Resolution #595 as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Beagan, Bryan, Burkel, and Carrier – yes.

2. Resolution #596 - Bonding the Treasurer for Payment of Taxes

Burkel/Carrier moved to adopt Resolution #596 as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Burkel, Carrier and Beagan – yes.

3. Ordinance #402, A Charter Ordinance affirming the reduction of Wards within the City from Four (4) to One (1) and establishing that all Alderpersons elected to the Common Council shall be elected at-large from, and by, the entire City of Bayfield. Carrier/Beagan made a motion to waive the second and third readings, to adopt Ordinance #402 as presented and to approve for inclusion into the Code of the City of Bayfield. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Burkel, Carrier, Beagan and Bryan – yes.

4. **Room Tax Report:** The Council received a copy of the City's 3rd Quarter Room Tax Report. The treasurer said overall revenues are up, but noted concerns about the reports not matching the payments received by the marketplace providers. Discussion ensued about the mounting troubles with the lack of accountability from the marketplace providers.
5. **WR Stephens Request to purchase Block 108, Lots 13-15:** Bryan/Beagan moved to accept the request from WR Stevens to purchase Lots 13-15, Block 108 for \$30,000 with the restriction that the land must continue to be used for park and open spaces. The Council noted concerns about the fragile soils and they want to add restrictions that limit the cutting of trees/clearing of property in order eliminate future erosion on that property. Discussion ensued about not have any restrictions and allowing development. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Carrier, Beagan, Bryan and Burkel – yes.
6. **2022 Employee Health Insurance:** The Council was provided copies of the plan options suggested by Midwest Select. Burkel/Bryan moved to allow the Mayor to work with the employees to choose the plan that best serves both the City and the Employees and that stays in budget. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Beagan, Bryan, Burkel, and Carrier – yes.
7. **Appointments - Library Board:** Bryan/Carrier moved to enthusiastically approve the Mayor's appointment of Vicki Redenbaugh to the Bayfield Carnegie Library Board as the School Representative. Carried.
8. **Project Updates:**
 - a. Apostle Islands Marina Project – Work is expected to start very soon.
 - b. Waterfront Walk – Continue to wait for signed WCMG Agreement.
 - c. Courthouse Improvements – DSGW has been working with GSA on the development of the construction plans.
 - d. Playground Replacement Project – The sub-committee has started fundraising for the project.
 - e. Parking Plan Update – Carrier asked for the draft plan to be reviewed by all future committees and for them to provide input and practical solutions to issues identified. Discussion ensued.
 - Bryan noted a phased approach might be better and the timing of implementation is terrible now with having so many vacant stores, lack of restaurants, no bakery. Timing and time constraints with the PWD getting everything in place by May 15th was noted. Carrier felt if directed, it could be done.
 - Burkel noted her recent visit to Stoughton and said their community wants people to come to their downtown and stay all day.
 - Beagan felt that people will not have a problem paying to park. If there is not a citywide program in place, drivers will automatically go into the free spaces first. We should not worry about assumptions on what could happen, we can adjust as needed.
 - Hoopman asked if Carrier is seeking public input on the draft Parking Management Plan, or are the proposed sessions intended to inform users how the park mobile system works and to go over the proposed parking areas and fees.

Overall, the Council felt the outline provided by Carrier was acceptable.

File Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards

Architectural Review Board: Minutes of September 27, 2021

Fire Department: Minutes of November 1, 2021

Harbor: Minutes of November 1, 8, 10, 15 and 17, 2021

Parking: Minutes of October 12 and 26, November 2 and 16, 2021

Parks and Rec.: Minutes of October 7, 2021,

Planning: Minutes of October 26, 2021

Police Department: October 2021 Report

Public Works: Minutes of October 13, 2021

Burkel/Carrier moved to accept the minutes list above in a block format. Carried.

Correspondence: How Are We? Measuring what matters – Well-being Survey Launched and Q&A's Informational, no action required.

Treasurer: October Treasurer's Report, Voucher Payments, Fund Summary, and Budgets
Bryan/Carrier made a motion to accept and place on file the October Treasurer's Reports as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Burkel, Carrier and Beagan – yes.

Next Mtgs: December 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
Beginning in 2022, Council meetings will be held the third Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Burkel/Bryan moved to adjourn. Carried.

Minutes by Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk