

City of Bayfield Common Council

Minutes of March 15, 2023, 5:30 pm

Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Ringberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Staff: Treasurer Johnston, PWD Kovachevich, Chief Novak, Clerk Hoopman, and Teresa Weber

Others: Paul Swansen, Diane Fizell, Craig Skaaden, Grace Hogan, Liam DelMain, Charmaine Swan, Erika Lang, Bill Bland, Darcy Sherwin, Nancy Pearson, Carol Fahrenkrog and “j”.

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

Public Comment and Suggestions from Persons Present on Agenda Items:

Written Comments in support of Ordinance 403 were received from:

- Joint Letter from Molly Collins, American Lung Association, Sara Sahli-American Cancer Society, and Nicole Hudzinski-American Heart Association
- Grace Hogan

Verbal comments in support of Ordinance 403 were received from Darcy Sherwin.

Discussion and Identification of Items for Future Agendas: None.

Review/Approve the Common Council’s Regular Minutes of February 14, 2023: Beagan/Carrier made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Bryan apologized for missing his first meeting after 14 years of service. Carried.

Agenda

1. Ordinance 403 – Creating an Outdoor Recreation Areas Commercial Tobacco-free Ordinance and Amending Chapter 333 Smoking and Chapter 298 Parks and Recreation

Beagan/Carrier made a motion to adopt Ordinance #403, as presented. Discussion ensued on Section 3.3. Passed by voice vote as follows: Beagan, Bryan, Carrier, and Dougherty – yes.

2. Special Event Vending – Bayfield Chamber & Visitor Bureau, Sept. 9 & 10 (Festival of Arts)

Dougherty/Beagan moved to approve the Special Event Vending Permit as requested. Carried, all ayes.

3. Erika Lang, Landmark Conservancy – Seeking support for Brownstone Trail Restoration and future community space

Bryan/Beagan moved to provide a letter of support regarding the long-term ownership of the former Maki Bus Garage property to be held by Bayfield County. Carried, all ayes.

4. Bay Area Trails Update – Kate Kitchell, was present to provide information and seek support on the following:

- a. Red Cliff Transportation Assistance Grant
- b. The collaboration of the Bayfield Chamber and BATS on a Social Study
- c. BATS Trails Forum/Open House scheduled for May 6, 9 am-noon at Bayfield Winery and Blue Ox

Bryan/Beagan moved to direct the Mayor to provide a letter of support for the Transportation Grant as requested, and to provide conceptual support for the Social Study. Carried.

5. 2021-2022 ARPA Funding Report

Carrier/Dougherty made a motion to accept and place on file the ARPA Funding Report as presented. Carried.

6. Committee, Commission & Boards Appointments/Resignations

Bryan/Carrier made a motion to accept with deep regret the resignation of Mike Radke-Tourism Commission and Laura Lima-Library Board, and with appreciation the appointment of Linda Georgeson to the Library Board. Carried. Radtke and Lima will sincerely be missed. Thank you for your service to the Community.

7. Short-term Rentals: Jim Bryan requested this item be reviewed by the City. The State of Wisconsin adopted a one size fits all law which says the City cannot prohibit residential dwelling rentals of 7-29 days. The Council was provided with the Wisconsin Hotel and Lodging Association's WI Short Term Rentals Law chart which outlines the process and requirements to obtain a permit. Informational, no action taken or required.

8. Project Updates:

- a. Parking Management Plan Implementation: Consultant has been in touch with the Mayor. A report will soon follow.
- b. Courthouse Improvements Project: Electrical work is now in progress. Roof work will begin as soon as the weather permits.
- c. Playground Replacement Project: The Playgrounds Committee's winter fundraising efforts were mentioned. Way to go! Work will commence at the Cooper Hill Playground once the weather permits.
- d. Wayfinding: The Plan Commission is continuing to work with consultants on final sign designs and determine the best use of materials.
- e. Zoning Code Rewrite: The Plan Commission is now reviewing the proposed Zoning Map and Land Use Matrix.

9. Mayor's Report: The Mayor mentioned the upcoming elections. He's working on training materials for the new Council, and asked members to provide input. What do you really need to know in your position? What do you wish you knew?

File Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards

Fire Department: Minutes of February 6 and March 6, 2023

Harbor: Minutes of March 6, 2023

Library: Minutes of February 15, 2023 and their 2022 Annual Report

Parks and Rec.: Minutes of March 2, 2023 and their 2023 Priorities

Planning: Minutes of February 28 and March 8, 2023

Police Department: February 2023 Report

Tourism Commission: Minutes of February 2, 2023

Bryan/Carrier made a motion to approve and place the above minutes on file. Carried.

Treasurer:

- March 7, 2023 – Potential Refunding of Existing Bonds Report
- February Treasurer's Report, Voucher Payments, Fund Summary, and Budgets

Dougherty/Beagan made a motion to approve and place on file the February Treasurer's Reports and payments as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Carrier, Dougherty, and Beagan – yes.

Next Mtg: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Adjournment: Bryan/Beagan made a motion to adjourn. Carried. (7:09 p.m.)

Minutes by Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk