

City of Bayfield Common Council

Budget Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Minutes of Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

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, Burkel (arrived 5:35 p.m.), Carrier and Mayor Ringberg

Others: Sheldon Johnson-NWRP, Kati Anderson-Chamber, Joanne Cirillo

Staff: Office Admin. Mather, W/S Operator Burg, Clerk Hoopman, Treasurer Johnston, GWWWTP Operator Pearson, Chief Fangman, and PWD Kovachevich

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

Public Comment and Suggestions from Persons Present on Agenda Items: Kristen Sandstrom – Letter to Council asking them to decide on moving forward with paid parking.

Discussion and Identification of Items for Future Agendas:

- Matt Carrier asked if Chief Ladwig would be invited to the next Council meeting.
- Colleen Beagan commented the City needs to keep a close eye on the build-back better funding opportunities.

Review/Approve the Common Council minutes of November 23, 2021: Burkel/Carrier made a motion to approve the minutes of November 23, 2021, as presented. Carried.

Agenda

1. NWRP - Chequamegon Bay Region Housing Report:

Sheldon Johnson, NWRP reviewed the project, the project status, and the report with the Council. Carrier/Bryan made a motion to accept and place the plan on file. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Beagan, Burkel, Bryan and Carrier – yes.

2. Alcohol & Tobacco License Request – Midland Services, Inc., 407 Rittenhouse Ave., Bayfield, WI

Bryan/Carrier moved to approve the issuance of an original Class A and Tobacco License to Midland Services, Inc., the new owners of 407 Rittenhouse Avenue. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Burkel, Bryan, Carrier and Beagan – yes.

3. Madeline Island Ferry Lines – Requesting Lease/Sublease Renewal for Herring Shed: Bryan/Beagan made a motion to work with the Madeline Island Ferry lines to renew the lease for the Herring Shed which is set to expire on November 25, 2022, for another 25 years. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Beagan, Bryan, Burkel and Carrier – yes.

4. Chief of Police – letter of resignation (retirement): The Council accepted with regret the letter of retirement from Chief Fangman effective January 7, 2022. The Council thanked Chief Fangman for his eight years of service and presented him with a plaque of appreciation. Thank you, John!

5. 2022-2023 Election Inspector Appointments: Carrier/Beagan moved to approve the Election Inspector Appointments as presented; there were no changes from the 2020-2021 cycle. Carried.

6. Project Updates:

- a. **Apostle Islands Marina Project** - The project is finally moving. The Contractor is having some trouble driving the pilings on A Dock but continues to proceed. They have also started the rock on the outside wall.
- b. **Waterfront Walk** – We have finally received a contract and it has been signed and returned. Project expected to be re-bid early 2022.
- c. **Courthouse Improvements** – John Gerzina is working on construction plans for us. They require GSA approval as well.
- d. **Playground Replacement Project** – Committee is busy fundraising.
- e. **Parking Plan Update** – A significant amount of discussion ensued on the parking plan. In summary, the Parking Committee would like assurance the Council will with certainty move ahead with implementing paid parking in the City of Bayfield. A plan has been developed and the committee has received feedback from various committees and soon will work on obtaining public input. The plan has not been revised and it is expected these edits would be made accordingly. Bryan indicated it would be hard for the Council to act on a plan that is not the “Final” plan. Carrier and Beagan spoke in favor of setting a firm date to implement the plan and noted this is about voting on a paid parking system as a revenue source, not the actual plan. Beagan/Carrier made a motion to implement a paid parking system and paid parking plan in the City of Bayfield no later than May 15, 2023, to generate revenue for the City. Roll call vote was taken; Carrier – yes, Beagan – yes, Bryan – no, and Burkel – no. Due to a tie vote, the Mayor vote. He voted yes.

File Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards

Ambulance: Minutes of October 21, 2021

Architectural Review Board: Minutes of October 25, 2021

Fire Department: Minutes of December 6, 2021

Harbor: Minutes of December 6, 2021

Library: Minutes of October 27, 2021

Parking: Minutes of December 1 and 8, 2021

Parks and Rec.: Minutes of November 4 and December 2, 2021,

Planning: Minutes of November 23, 2021

Police Department: November 2021 Report

Public Works: Minutes of November 17, 2021

Tree Board: October and November 2021, Tree Grant Award

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

Treasurer: November Treasurer’s Report, Voucher Payments, Fund Summary, and Budgets

Bryan/Beagan moved to accept and place on file the November Treasurer’s Reports as presented. Treasurer Johnston mentioned the CIPs are over due to the Pillar Project.

Next Mtgs: January 17, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Bryan/Carrier moved to adjourn. Carried. (6:47 p.m.)

Minutes by Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk