

City of Bayfield Common Council

Minutes of Wednesday, June 21, 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: Bland, Carrier, Cornelius, Dougherty and Mayor Ringberg

Staff: Treasurer Johnston, Clerk Hoopman, PWD Kovachevich and GBWWTP Operator Pearson

Others: Doreen Johnson, Bill Peterson, Charlie Jarvis, Brad McDonnell, Doug Lowithian, Nate Leding, and Diane Fizell

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

Public Comment and Suggestions from Persons Present on Agenda Items:

An e-mail dated June 21, 2023 from Brad McDonnell was entered into the record.

Discussion and Identification of Items for Future Agendas:

Councilor Dougherty requested a review of the Code of Ethics, and the handling of emails, what is considered public information and what is not.

Review/Approve the Common Council's Regular and Reorganizational Minutes of May 11 and 17, 2023:

Carrier/Cornelius moved to approve the May 11 and May 17 Council Minutes. Discussion ensued.

Carrier amended his motion to include the written amendments provided by Councilor Bland.

1. Mayor Ringberg made an opening statement in which he reminded those present the decision to have the City assume management of the marina was the Harbor Commission's to make and it had done so. Further, all the necessary borrowing was in place and so no action was required of the City Council to move ahead.
2. Councilor Dougherty reiterated Mayor Ringberg's assertion this decision was final and a vote of the City Council was not required to do the necessary borrowing.

Cornelius did not second the motion. Bland provided a second. An additional amendment to the motion was made by Carrier/Bland to remove the May 17th minutes from the motion. Motion Carried: Bland -yes, Carrier-Yes, Cornelius-no, Dougherty-no. Due to a tie vote, the Mayor voted. He voted yes.

Carrier/Cornelius moved to approve the May 17th, 2023, minutes with the following amendments:

- Noting the times Councilors Carrier and Dougherty recused themselves from the vote.
- Pg. 2 last paragraph, second sentence. "He noted this was their first joint meeting and this new enterprise adds a lot of complexities to the City's organization". (NOTE: This comment was in the May 11, 2023 minutes, not May 17, 2023).

Discussion ensued. Carried; all ayes.

Agenda

1. Proclamation: August 23, 2023 - Captain Robinson Derling Pike Day

Dougherty/Cornelius made a motion to endorse the Mayor providing the proclamation noted above. Carried.

2. Bayfield Chamber and Visitor Bureau Marketing Presentation

Postponed until the July 19, 2023, Meeting.

3. City of Bayfield Harbor Funds Memo and supports

a. Resolution #608 - 2023 Budget Amendment #1, includes 2023 amended budgets

Dougherty/Cornelius made a motion to adopt Resolution #608 – 2023 Budget Amendment #1 as presented.

Discussion ensued.

- Councilor Carrier read a prepared statement, on why he would be voting no on Resolution #608.
- Councilor Bland read a prepared statement on why he would be voting no on Resolution #608
- Councilor Dougherty read an article which had the message about being an anchor or a propellor. He encouraged the Council to stop allowing the marina to be an anchor and to support the initiative to propel it forward.

Roll call vote as follows: Bland-No, Carrier-No, Cornelius-Yes, Dougherty-Yes. Due to a tie, the Mayor voted – Yes. Motion carries.

b. Resolution #609 – 2023 Wage Resolution Amendment

Cornelius/Dougherty made a motion to adopt Resolution #609 – 2023 Wage Resolution Amendment as presented. Discussion. Roll call vote as follows: Cornelius-Yes, Dougherty-Yes, Bland-Yes, and Carrier-No.

4. Premier Resort Area Tax (PRAT) Report – May 22, 2023

The Council received a historical report showing the PRAT from 2016 to present. The City’s PRAT is down for the last two quarters.

5. Alcohol License Request: Core Community Resources, Class B Beer and Class C Wine

Cornelius/Carrier made a motion to approve the Class B Beer and Class C Wine Licenses as requested. Discussion. Passed by voice vote. Due to a conflict, Dougherty recused himself from voting.

6. 2023-2024 Servers License Requests

Carrier/Bland made a motion to approve the Server’s Licenses as requested. Passed by voice vote. Due to a conflict, Dougherty recused himself from voting.

7. Resignations & Appointments

Carrier/Cornelius made a motion to accept the Mayor’s appointments of Laura Rovi and Fred Clark to the City of Bayfield’s Parks and Recreation Committee. Carried.

8. Project Updates were provided on the projects listed below.

- a. 2023 City Leadership Retreat Facilitation - Spano Group Advisors
- b. Parking Management Plan Implementation
- c. Courthouse Improvements Project
- d. Playground Replacement Project
- e. Wayfinding
- f. Zoning Code Rewrite

9. Mayor’s Report: He noted he is in Bayfield this summer and remains excited about all the projects we are working on.

File Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards

Ambulance: Minutes of March 16 and May 17, 2023

BRB: Minutes of May 15, 2023

Fire Department: Minutes of June 5, 2023, and Capital Improvement Update: Tanker

Harbor: Minutes of June 5, 2023

Library: Minutes of May 17, 2023

Parks and Rec.: Minutes of June 1, 2023

Planning: Minutes of May 23 and June 7, 2023

Police Department: May 2023 Report

Tree Board: Minutes of May 25, 2023

Cornelius/Bland made a motion to approve the minutes listed above and to place them on file. Discussion. Carried.

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

Bland/Cornelius made a motion to approve and place on file the May 2023 Treasurer’s Reports. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Dougherty-Yes, Bland-Yes, Carrier-yes, and Cornelius-Yes.

Correspondence:

- Bayfield County (Provided by Mary Dougherty) Local Level/Future Taxes: Post Decision. Since the City of Bayfield generates a large portion of the county's sales tax, the Mayor asked if Bayfield County would share a portion of the sales tax with us. Dougherty said she'd inquire.
- Bayfield Summer Concerts provided a list of concerts/dates and requested a donation.
- Cindy and Brad McDonnell – Email dated June 12, 2023, South 5th Street
Mr. McDonnell was present and addressed his e-mail and concerns directly with the Council. No action was taken.

Cornelius/Bland made a motion to accept and place on file the correspondence list above. Carried.

Adjournment: Carrier/Cornelius made a motion to adjourn. Carried. (6:08 p.m.)

Minutes by Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk