

# City of Bayfield Common Council Meeting

## Minutes of October 25, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

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**Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Ringberg called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. at the Bayfield City Hall followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Bland, Carrier, Cornelius, Dougherty, and Mayor Ringberg

**Staff:** Clerk Hoopman, Chief Novak, PWD Kovachevich, Office Amin. Weeks, GBWWTPC Operator Pearson, Operator Berg, Library Director Weber, and Laborer Bainbridge.

**Others:** Jacqueline Smith

**Review/Approve Agenda:** Carrier/Cornelius moved to approve the agenda. Carried.

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

### Agenda

**1. Resolution #612: Library Levy Exemption**

Dougherty/Bland moved to approve Resolution #612 requesting exemption from the Bayfield County Library Levy. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bland, Carrier, Cornelius, and Dougherty – yes.

**2. Resolution #613: 2024 Budget & Capital Improvement Projects**

The Mayor and Clerk Hoopman provided an overview of the 2024 budget presented. Discussion ensued on the use of fund balances, Capital Improvement projects and borrowing. Hoopman provided a breakdown of the City's Cash and Savings balances for reference and noted we are using \$285,000 of the surplus funds to balance the budget. We used \$195,500 last year.

Discussion continued.

- How/when and on what should the City spend the remaining capital expenditure fund balance on?
- The City must find new revenue sources. Seeking state assistance and higher premier resort tax, continue investigating paid parking, putting debt on the levy, and going to referendum to increase the levy were all mentioned.
- It was also decided a Finance Committee would be re-established.

Dougherty/Carrier moved to accept the 2024 Budget as presented in order to move forward with the required public hearing which will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Carried; all ayes.

- 3. Resolution # 614: 2024 Wages:** Dougherty/Bland made a motion to approve the 2024 Wage Resolution as presented. Brief discussion ensued on the 2023 and 2024 percent increase. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Carrier, Cornelius, Dougherty, and Bland – yes.

**Adjournment:** Carrier/Cornelius moved to adjourn. Carried. (5:58 p.m.)

Minutes by Clerk Billie Hoopman