

City of Bayfield Common Council

Minutes of Monday, January 16, 2023, 5:30 pm

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

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

Staff: Clerk Hoopman, Treasurer Johnston, PWD Kovachevich, GBWWTP Operator Pearson, Librarian Weber and Chief Novak, Operator Burg

Others: Craig Hoopman, Carmen and Gage Novak, Diane Fizell, Lyn and Bill Cornelius, Marissa Lee, Mary Dougherty, Bill Bland, Charlie Jarvis, Bill Peterson, and NP

Review/Approve Agenda: Beagan/Bryan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Carrier asked for consideration of reversing Agenda Items 4 & 5. Carried, with no action on changing the order.

Public Comment and Suggestions from Persons Present on Agenda Items:

- Bill Bland requested a unanimous yes on the Parking Plan Proposal. It will provide new energy and perspective on the proposed paid parking plan.
- Craig Hoopman asked for clarification on if the LE Slip Fees were included in the Marina Lease and what insurance coverage is provided by the City and BD Marine.
- Marissa Lee, BHA noted the importance of the old jail being open to the public.

Discussion and Identification of Items for Future Agendas:

- Councilor Bryan asked the Council if they were interested in reviewing Short-term rentals and volunteered to investigate creative ways to govern them.
- Councilor Beagan asked for the agreement to include Price County from BART to be on the next agenda.

Review/Approve the Common Council's Regular Minutes of December 14, 2022:

Dougherty/Carrier moved to approve the minutes, with the addition of Councilor Beagan's comments on the Harbor Commission's actions, the lack of transparency, and her concerns on the future management of the Apostle Islands Marina, which she will provide to Hoopman. Carried.

Agenda

1. City of Bayfield Police Chief, Resignation and Oath of Office of New Chief

Bryan/Dougherty made a motion to accepted with regret the resignation from Chief Matt Ladwig and to approve the appointment of Josh Novak as the new Chief. Passed unanimously by voice vote. The Mayor then read the oath of office to Chief Novak. With assistance from his wife and son, he was pinned with his Chief's badge. Thank you Josh for your willingness to serve our community!

2. City of Bayfield Resolution # 605 – Bayfield Carnegie Library Fundraising Event

Librarian Weber and Core Director Mary Dougherty updated the Council on this joint venture, the first of its kind. They informed the Council there would be three licensed servers on premise, and CORE is purchasing event insurance as well. The event is free to the community and their hope is to breakeven. Carrier/Beagan moved to approve resolution #605 as presented which allows them to sell beer and wine at this event. Councilors commended the pair for bringing a February event back to the community. Carried, all ayes.

3. Renewal of Jail Lease between the City of Bayfield and the Bayfield Heritage Association

Bryan/Beagan made a motion to approve the lease agreement as presented. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Beagan, Bryan, Carrier, and Dougherty – yes.

4. **Proposal for Professional Services: City of Bayfield Parking Management Plan Implementation Support**
Beagan/Carrier made a motion to approve the proposal for professional services as presented in the amount, not to exceed, \$43,500. The Mayor agreed to be the point person and will re-evaluate the Parking Committee and its membership. Carrier noted the Parking Committee previously identified stakeholders. Passed by roll call vote as follows: Bryan, Carrier, Dougherty, and Beagan – yes.
5. **City of Bayfield Priorities and the City Budget:** Discussion ensued.
Holding a referendum to exceed the levy was mentioned. What is needed to move this forward, as it was recently voted down by half the Council. What has changed? What information is needed? What is the “ask”? This will remain on the agenda for future consideration/action.

Carrier said we do not have the best form of government for our complexities and advocated for moving toward a Council/Manager form of government. He said the model we have does not work. Discussion. In summary, Hoopman effectively does the job, but doesn't have the title or pay, and the Mayor is being asked to do too much work. Some Councilor's noted Hoopman is capable, or in the future she could help train somebody. Hoopman asked that the conversation be held to the position and not personally about her.

6. **Project Updates:**

- a. Courthouse Improvements Project: A pre-construction meeting for the electrical work is being planned for Monday, January 23, 2023.
- b. Playground Replacement Project: Fundraising efforts continue.
- c. Wayfinding: The Plan Commission is continuing to review the 30% design plan provided.
- d. Zoning Code Rewrite: The Plan Commission is evaluating land uses and districts. Simplicity is needed.

7. **Mayor's Report:** The Mayor thanked all involved in the City's government for the good work they are doing.

File Reports from Committees, Commission & Boards

Ambulance: Minutes of October 20, 2022

Harbor: Minutes of January 9, 2023

Library: Minutes of November 16, 2022

Parks and Rec.: Minutes of January 5, 2023, Non-Smoking Policy in Public Parks

Planning: Minutes of December 13, 2022, and January 11, 2023

Police Department: December 2022 Report

Bryan/Carrier made a motion to place the minutes received on file. Discussion on the Harbor minutes ensued. Carried.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer: December Treasurer's Report, Voucher Payments, Fund Summary, and Budgets

Dougherty/Bryan made a motion to approve the December Financials as presented. Carried by roll vote as follows: Carrier, Dougherty, Beagan, Bryan – yes. Councilor Bryan thanked the department supervisors for keeping spending down and within budget.

Next Mtgs.: Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 5:30 p.m. / Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 5:30 p.m

Adjournment: Dougherty/Carried moved to adjourn. Carried. (6:35 p.m.)