

**BOVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 16, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m. Council Meeting**  
**Virtual via Teams or In-Person Club Room**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.
- ROLL CALL:** Deborah Trbojevcih, Robert Lawson, Nancilyn Meyer, Trevor Guyer and Bob Stein were present. All motions passed 5-0 unless noted otherwise.
- PRESENT:** Staff present were Rick Rogich, Mike Finckbone, John Dimich and Jestine Casey. Also present were Steve Hurd, Lauren Meyer, Michael Alton, Sarah Carling, Daniel Nelson, Charles Nelson, Soloman Witherspoon, Anita Bea, and Kat Roush.
- APPROVE AGENDA:** **Motion Trbojevich 2<sup>nd</sup> Lawson to approve with the addition of claims 4314 – 4316 totaling \$17,107.11. All in favor.**
- GUESTS:**
1. Daniel Nelson, North Country Development conditional use permit post hearing decision. **Motion Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup> Guyer to deny. All in favor.**
  2. Kat Roush Tavern on the Range- requested permission to temporarily block off a road on Halloween to conduct a “trunk or treat” for children. **Motion Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup> Meyer to authorize the closure of the 100<sup>th</sup> block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on October 31st from 3:30 – 7:30 so the Tavern on the Range can conduct a “Trunk or Treat”. All in favor.**
  3. Sarah Carling CEDA – Carling advised that Vekich verbally agreed to the land swap and a quick deed claim will need to be worked out so the swap can move forward. She advised the city will be receiving invoices from the skating rink vendors who are willing to honor their quoted prices. She will walk through the strategic lighting plan with Rogich and Finckbone. She has opted to shrink the skating rink by 3 ft as this will save approximately \$3k. Fusion Tech will get more detailed information on security camera prices.
- PUBLIC FORUM:** None
- CONSENT AGENDA:**
1. Minutes from 9/18/2024 Council Meeting
  2. Minutes from 10/2/2024 Council Workshop
  3. Disbursements for Claims 4283- 4316 and Payroll
  4. Treasurer report- August
- Motion Trbojevich 2<sup>nd</sup> Guyer. All in favor.**
- DEPARTMENT HEADS & COMMITTEES:**
1. Engineer, Alan Johnson
    - a. Storm Sewer project – not present
  2. Police,
    - a. Department plan/options- tabled until the workshop.
  3. Public Works, Rick Rogich
    - a. September Report – Bench pads & curb behind Red Rock done; Thein Well is due to pull the well next year and this may cost \$15K to \$20K; leveled the ruts where the rink is going; Public works crew

will begin 5/8hr shifts starting Monday; the RV dump station will be closed for the season beginning next Friday.

- b. Nelson Sanitation quote for approval **Motion Trbojevich 2<sup>nd</sup> Lawson to approve hiring Nelson Sanitation for jetting and cleaning out the city sewer lines. All in favor.**

#### 4. Planning & Zoning

- a. Blight. Lauren Meyer updated Council and handed out an informational spreadsheet. Councilperson Meyer advised there is a problem turning noncompliant property information over to the police as the blight information was forwarded to PD via email over a week ago with no response.

#### 5. Attorney, John Dimich

- a. Dimich advised that he is moving out-of-state this weekend so this will be his last in-person meeting. He will virtually attend next month's meeting. Mayor Stein thanked him for serving the city since 1992.

#### 6. City Council

- a. Utility Report – informational
- b. Agreement between City of Bovey and Itasca County for Voting Operation, Technology, & Election (VOTER) account. **Motion Trbojevich 2<sup>nd</sup> Lawson to approve. All in favor.**
- c. Mary Corwin- request use old PD room through 2026 for painting- This was tabled for the workshop to research rent/compensation for the space.
- d. Building re-key (Stein)- discussed that it's something to think about.
- e. Records depository (Stein)- discussed that it's something to think about.
- f. Library request to hire Janet Stram as a substitute **Motion Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup> Meyer. All in favor.**
- g. Palmer Bus Garage letter (Lawson)- Council reviewed the letter relating to property the Palmer Bus garage recently purchased for its new facility. It was discussed that storm water drains onto the property & the city doesn't have money to invest into this project. Trbojevich explained that a lift station for water/sewer will need to be put in & Strawberry Lane is designed for residential traffic, not heavy-duty traffic. Because of this, a service road will probably need to be utilized by the busses. Rogich said that they could possibly put in a small grinder system for water/sewer.
- h. AFSCME 65 request for public works job description revisions- Council discussed and opted to not consider the requested job description revisions at this time. It was also discussed that a new council will be coming in soon and they can decide whether to move forward with the request.
- i. Public works supervisor position – Mayor Stein read out-load the job description that was sent to the board of mediation. He advised that the new job meets 6 out of 10 of the requirements. The wages & requiring the necessary certifications within two years were discussed. **Motion Trbojevich 2<sup>nd</sup> Lawson to hire Michael Finckbone as public works supervisor with a start date of 11/1/24 and a starting hourly rate of \$28.35. The pay rate will increase as**

**necessary licenses are obtained and all licenses must be obtained within two years. Motion passed 4-1 with Guyer against.**

- j. Attorney proposal letters- A proposal letter for civil representation was reviewed. Lawson feels it may be costly to hire a non-local attorney and would like to look into other options before making a decision. Clerk will send out proposal requests for civil and criminal attorneys.
- k. Vekich land swap- Discussed earlier

7. Fire Board

- a. Meeting minutes – 9/17/2024

8. Clerk, Jestine Casey

- a. Scheduling canvass board meeting (required 3-8 days post-election)- will be scheduled at the workshop.
- b. Snowmobile easement submitted to county- informational
- c. Gun club ad submitted to paper will run 10/17 & 10/23
- d. Library Board \$20,000 CD investment request- **Motion Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup> Meyer to approve. All in favor.**
- e. Budget -schedule special meeting- Clerk will get something together for the workshop & scheduling a special meeting will be decided at that time.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1. WMMPB meeting minutes 9/12/2024
- 2. CBT Meeting Minutes 10/9/2024
- 3. LMC work comp audit statement
- 4. Delta Dental 2025 rate increase

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion Trbojevich 2<sup>nd</sup> Lawson to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.**

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Jestine Casey, Clerk

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Robert Stein, Mayor

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11/20/2024

Date approved