

BOVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 18 ,2024
6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Virtual via Teams or In-Person Club Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Deborah Trbojevich, Robert Lawson, Nancilyn Meyer, Trevor Guyer & Bob Stein. Staff present were Rick Rogich, Tara Halling, Alan Johnson, Mike Finckbone and Jestine Casey. Also present were Sarah Carling, Tony Yunk, Steve Hurd and Andrew Brotzler.

APPROVE AGENDA: **Motion Lawson 2nd Meyer to approve the agenda with the addition of contracting criminal attorney services with Dimich under “Attorney” and Go Green’s request to not certify delinquent utilities to property taxes under “City Council”. All in favor.**

GUESTS: Mike Finckbone- Dump Truck request permission to submit a bid on Do-Bid for a dump truck with plow. Finckbone advised that he and a professional with past St. Louis DOT inspector experience recently traveled to Hermantown to inspect the dump truck. He also provided handouts with relevant information. The auction is set to close at 7 pm. **Motion Lawson 2nd Guyer to place a maximum bid of \$27K. All in favor.**

PUBLIC FORUM: (Limit comments to 3 minutes)

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes from November 20, 2024, Council Meeting
2. Minutes from December 4, 2024, Truth & Taxation and Council Workshop
4. Disbursements for Claims and Payroll
5. Treasurer Report – November (not attached)
6. Accept Beautiful Bovey Donation Bob Lawson - \$200

Motion Trbojevich 2nd Meyer to approve. All in favor.

DEPARTMENT HEADS & COMMITTEES:

1. Engineer, Alan Johnson
 - a. Advised there is nothing on the bus garage yet. He will contact Bryan Johnson to set-up a surveying job for the Gun Club land. He also advised that beginning in 2025 Benchmark Engineering is partnering with Bolten & Menk and introduced Bolten & Menk’s Grand Rapids Office Manager Andy Brotzler.
2. Police,
 - a. Review Police contract with Coleraine- Mayor Stein recommends that the new Council get out of the contract with Coleraine.
 - b. Update on hiring a potential officer- Mayor Stein advised that the background is still in process for the potential hire but the candidate requested part-time employment.
3. Public Works, Mike Finckbone
 - a. November Report (not attached)- The boiler problem has been diagnosed & a new part is in the process of being ordered; loader maintenance complete; Ford 350 recently had repairs covered

under warranty completed & new tires were recommended at the appointment. **Motion Lawson 2nd Trbojevich to permit the purchase of new tires for the one-ton truck. Finckbone will determine the best tires to purchase. All in favor.**

- b. Dump Truck- a bid is in & is being monitored.
- c. Snow pusher-Finckbone obtained quotes from Martin & McCoy and it will cost between \$20k - \$21K. **Motion Trbojevich 2nd Lawson to table for the new Council to decide. All in favor**
- d. Council was advised that Bovey was outbid on the Dump truck. **Motion Lawson 2nd Trbojevich to permit a new maximum bid of \$30k. All in favor.**

4. Planning & Zoning

- a. Nothing to report

5. Attorney, John Dimich

- a. Dimich advised that he is willing to stay on as the criminal attorney for \$800 per month. His iPad maintenance is currently \$150 per month and that cost will be negotiated into the monthly bill. **Motion Trbojevich 2nd Meyer to have Dimich stay on as a criminal attorney at \$800 per month plus monthly iPad expenses. All in favor.**

6. City Council

- a. Aged Balances (informational)
- b. Appoint 2025 1st National Bank of Coleraine account signatories: Clerk Jistine Casey, Treasurer Tara Halling & Mayor Tony Yunk: **Tabled for new Council.**
- c. Yearbook ad request- **Motion Meyer 2nd Trbojevich to approve \$80 ad. All in favor**
- d. Farmer's Day Committee donation request- Council declined to donate as the city provides services for the event.
- e. Criminal attorney update- Stein. Previously discussed. **Motion Lawson 2nd Trbojevich to increase the Dump truck bid to \$30.5k. All in favor.**
- f. Setting the January Council workshop to Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. due to New Year Holiday. **Motion Lawson 2nd Guyer. All in favor.**
City was outbid again on the dump truck. **Motion Trbojevich 2nd Lawson to increase the dump truck bid to \$31K. All in favor.**
- g. Finckbone employment contract. Stein advised that the Teamsters Union would like to represent Finckbone. It was discussed that Mike will not receive a raise in January but will receive benefits and sick/vacation time.
- h. Trevor Guyer Resignation letter. Resigns as of 1/5/25 to take on Fire Chief duties. Tabled for the new council.
City was outbid on dump truck. **Motion Trbojevich 2nd Lawson to place a maximum dump truck bid of \$35K. All in favor.**

7. Fire Board

- a.

8. Clerk, Jistine Casey

- a. Resolution 24-12-18-1 Establishing 2025 Polling Place- **Motion Stein/Lawson: Roll call: Ayes: Trbojevich, Lawson, Guyer, Meyer, Stein. Nays: none Motion Passed.**

Motion Lawson 2nd Guyer to set the levy at a 3% increase as follows:

General Fund \$485,997

Library Fund \$ 32,095

Bond 2016A \$29,579

Total Levy \$547,6571. All in Favor.

- b. Resolution 24-1218U-02 Approving Tax Levy for year Payable 2025: **Motion: Stein 2nd Trbojevich. Roll call: Ayes: Trbojevich, Lawson, Guyer, Meyer, Stein. Nays: none Motion Passed.**
- c. Resolution 24-1218-04 Approving Budget. **Motion Stein 2nd Lawson. Roll call: Ayes: Trbojevich, Lawson, Guyer, Meyer, Stein. Nays: none Motion Passed.**
- d. Resolution 24-1218-03 Adopting Library Budget. **Motion Stein 2nd Lawson. Roll call: Ayes: Trbojevich, Lawson, Guyer, Meyer, Stein. Nays: none Motion Passed.**
- e. Resolution 24-1218-05 Enterprise funds for 2025 Budget. **Motion Stein 2nd Guyer. Roll call: Ayes: Trbojevich, Lawson, Guyer, Meyer, Stein. Nays: none Motion Passed.**
- f. Resolution 24-11-20-C Resolution Allowing Liquor Sales 9 by Design. **Motion Lawson 2nd Guyer to approve contingent upon all outstanding utilities being paid in full by 12/23/2024 Ayes: Trbojevich, Lawson, Guyer, Meyer, Stein. Nays: none. Motion Passed.**
- g. Resolution 241208 Adopting for Unpaid Utilities. **Motion Stein 2nd Trbojevich. Roll call: Ayes: Trbojevich, Lawson, Guyer, Meyer, Stein. Nays: none Motion Passed.**
- h. Go Green Request to not certify outstanding utilities. **Motion Trbojevich 2nd Lawson to waive late fees from July 2024 to present and certify the balance to the tax roll. All in favor.**

UNFINISHED

BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 1. Greenway Area Community Fund Thank you
 - 2. AFSCME dues increase letter
 - 3. Library Board meeting minutes
 - 4. Kootasca Letter

The dump truck auction closed at 7pm & Bovey was the highest bidder with a winning bid of \$33,100 plus fees.

ADJOURNMENT: Before closing, Mayor Stein thanked each Council Member separately for their service and contributions to Council. **Motion Stein 2nd Trbojevich to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. All in favor.**