

BOVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2024
6:00 p.m. Council Workshop
In-Person Club Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL: Members present were Bob Lawson, Deborah Trbojevich, Nancilyn Meyer, Trevor Guyer and Bob Stein. Staff present were Alan Johnson and Jestine Casey. Also present were Lauren Meyer, Doug Todd, Keeley Todd, Bryan Johnson, Carol Berghammer, Bill Johnson, and Tony Yunk.

TRUTH & TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING: Council discussed the proposed budget was set at a 17% increase but the final budget is planned to be no higher than 1-3% increase. It was also discussed that the water tower repairs should be addressed in 2025 or 2026 and there are road repairs that need to be addressed too. The final budget will be approved at the 12/18/2024 Council meeting.

The public hearing closed at 6:37 p.m. and the Council meeting opened at 6:38 p.m.

GUESTS: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: Keeley Todd inquired about the water quality because her household just purchased its third hot water heater and she feels it is due to poor water quality. Engineer Alan Johnson stated manganese has been added to the state list and the city should test for it. If the results come back as high, the city should be eligible for funding. Council also answered questions Mayor Elect Tony Yunk had about Bob Tok's request & the new bus garage.

DEPARTMENT HEADS & COMMITTEES:

1. Engineer, Alan Johnson
 - a. Had nothing new to report
2. Police,
 - a. Hiring update
3. Public Works, Michael Finckbone
 - a. January 20-23 water school & testing- St. Cloud (3 nights in hotel)
 - b. January 29th Boiler testing in Duluth
 - c. Feb 4th-Feb 6th sewer testing in Bloomington. Finckbone plans on attending all three classes and Council is encouraging the attendance.
4. Planning & Zoning
 - a. Bus garage any update- It was discussed that the city engineer will need to review and approve the bus garage plans before the building permit can be approved.
Guyer exited the meeting at 7:00 pm All further motions passed 4-0.
 - b. Blight- because of the snow, the blight officers haven't been doing much.

- c. Vintage Christmas- Councilperson Meyer advised that the festival is this weekend. The Grand Rapids Player's Club will be performing. She is running out of vendor space. Two tents will be put outside for the additional vendors.

5. City Council

- a. Criminal Attorney- Clerk will reach out to one of the criminal attorney and ask if he is willing to have a telephone conversation with the Mayor.
- b. Civil Attorney – Jason Hill's proposal letter was reviewed.
- c. Gun Club Sale plan- Bryan Johnson was in attendance. The engineer will need to complete a certificate of survey & Johnson will ensure the snowmobile trail is maintained.
- d. Vekich land swap plan/update- Trboyevich advised that she hasn't heard back from Carling and is still waiting to hear from Vekich's attorney.
- e. Setting 2025 public utility rates- Council discussed and opted not to raise the utility rates.
- f. Clerk job posting/wages- Clerk clarified some details and will post the position with a 12/31/24 deadline date. Wages and benefits will be negotiated.
- g. **Motion Stein 2nd Trboyevich to allow the purchase of up to \$3500 in hydrants and hoses for the new skating rink to be paid for with grant funds. All in favor.**
- h. **Motion Trboyevich 2nd Lawson to accept Casper Construction's proposal of \$25,200 for installation of water service and hydrant for the new skating rink with payment taken out of the grant funds. All in favor**
- i. **Motion Lawson 2nd Meyer to approve the down payment of \$7,044 to Dakota Storage Buildings for the storage shed package for the new skating rink to be paid for with skating rink grant funds. All in favor.**
- j. **Motion Trboyevich 2nd Lawson to approve the \$33K down payment Rink Systems for the hockey dasher board system to be paid for out of the grant funds. All in favor.**

Councilperson Trboyevich exited the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The treasurer position was discussed. Mayor Stein requested the city no longer being able to offer life-time medical be placed on the next agenda for a vote.

6. Fire Board

- a. Nothing

7. Clerk, Jestine Casey

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Lawson, second Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Jestine Casey, Clerk

Robert Stein, Mayor

12/18/2024

Date approved