

BOVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 19, 2025
6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Virtual via Teams or In-Person Club Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL: Members present were Neal Robyn, Bill Richardson, Lauren Meyer, Nancilyn Meyer and Tony Yunk.

Staff present were Mike Finckbone, Jestine Casey and Alan Johnson. Also present were Joe Dasovich, Steve Hurd, Casey Venema, and Amanda Lamppa.

APPROVE AGENDA: **Motion N. Meyer 2nd N. Robyn to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove claim 4464 for \$1380, add claim 4465 for \$65.12, add the snow dog plow quote under “public works” & add spam/phishing email under “clerk”. All in favor.**

GUESTS:

1. Sherrif Joe Dasovich provided a police service contract for review and answered questions. The contract was tabled until the next meeting.
2. Commissioner Casey Venema stated he is planning to come around quarterly & introduced Bovey’s new CEDA Representative Amanda Lamppa. He also advised that the assessed garbage fee listed on the property taxes is expected to double due to no increase since 2011, the transfer station is expected to be moved to Keewatin, the Hwy 169 Range Coalition is working on finishing the highway from Taconite to Pengilly because of safety concerns due to the high number of deaths, there may be an attorney who is interested in contracting criminal attorney services to small cities who currently contract with John Dimich, & Pat Medure and Larry Hopkins are in the running for Burl Ives’ vacant seat & the special election will be in April. Venema also encouraged Council to move forward with the industrial park as soon as possible.
3. CEDA Representative Amanda Lamppa introduced herself. She is replacing Sarah Carling. Nancilyn Meyer requested a planning night & Amanda was fully on-board with the suggestion.

PUBLIC FORUM: Sheriff Joe Dasovich advised that Bovey’s squad car is currently valued between \$41- \$42K.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes from 1/15/2025 Council Meeting
2. Minutes from 2/5/2025 Council Workshop
3. Disbursements for Claims and Payroll
4. Treasurer Report – December 2024
5. Treasurer Report – January 2025

Motion N. Meyer 2nd B. Richardson to approve with correction to the 1/15/25 minutes to state "interim board member" under planning and zoning. All in favor.

DEPARTMENT HEADS & COMMITTEES:

1. Engineer, Alan Johnson
 - a. Capital Improvement – Johnson advised Council to think about the city’s needs and potential future projects so he can get a capital

improvement plan going. He requested a workshop to identify needs. **Motion N. Meyer 2nd N. Robyn to schedule a special Council meeting for 2/26/25 at 10 a.m. to compile a capital improvement project list and discuss the Itasca County Sheriff's proposed contract for police services with Alan Johnson & Joe Dasovich in attendance. All in favor.**

2. Police,
 - a. Vehicle/equipment Transfer- Public Works Director Finckbone advised the squad is in the shop under lock & key. He and former Police Chief Sam Hussman will conduct an inspection and complete an equipment inventory.
 - b. Police contract update (Tony Yunk)- previously discussed.

3. Public Works, Mike Finckbone
 - a. January Report- Their Well cleaned/inspected the well; the city crew has been snowplowing and conducting snow removal; a light pole was taken out on 2nd & 2nd and a police report has been obtained; The ¾ ton plow has sustained major damage at an estimated \$1300.
 - b. Their Well -report reviewed
 - c. 3/4 ton plow quote- **Motion N. Meyer 2nd B. Richardson to approve the Martin Snowplow quote of \$1,224.33 to repair/rebuild. All in favor.**
 - d. Front-end loader kage (pusher)- tabled for the workshop.
 - e. Finckbone asked Council to consider eliminating the bump-outs on main street because the bump-outs are causing significant damage to the city's snow removal equipment.

4. Planning & Zoning
 - a. Nancilyn Meyer advised officers were voted on at the last meeting. Jacques Duquette is Chairman, Andrew Olson is Assistant Chairman and Nancilyn Meyer is Secretary. She also advised that Michael Alton is out of jail but currently on house arrest. Because he is unable to attend meetings at this time, the interim board member will be utilized.
 - b. N. Meyer advised that she spoke with Bryan Johnson about the Gun Club land purchase & he thought Bovey was doing the surveying and platting. Nothing has been done because of the miscommunication.

5. Attorney,
 - a.

6. City Council
 - a. Aged Balances (informational)
 - b. Clerk Contract & Job Description- **Motion to enter into a City Clerk employment contract with Brianna Liubakka. Roll call: Ayes: N. Robyn, B. Richardson, L. Meyer, N. Meyer & T. Yunk. All in favor.**

- c. CBT Amendment: **Motion T. Yunk 2nd N. Meyer to approve the CBT Amendment. Roll call: Ayes: N. Robyn, B. Richardson, L. Meyer, N. Meyer, T. Yunk.**
 - d. Letter from citizen to be read by Lauren Meyer- Tabled for the next meeting.
 - e. New Ordinance (Lauren)- not discussed. Tabled until the next meeting.
 - f. Colors for skating rink warming shack- Tabled until the next meeting.
 - g. Civil Attorney- Clerk will reach out to Attorney Kent Nyberg.
7. Fire Board
- a. TLFDD truck replacement- Council reviewed the information.
 - b. 1/21/2025 meeting minutes (informational)
8. Clerk, Jestine Casey
- a. Utility Billing software-Clerk requested approval to purchase the Banyon Utility Software program. **Motion N. Robyn 2nd B. Richardson. Motion passed with L. Meyer and N. Meyer abstaining.**
 - b. New Clerk Training plan- not discussed
 - c. Moving Clerk office to book sale room & purchasing new desk- not discussed.
 - d. 2024 Financial Statement- **Motion T. Yunk 2nd N. Robyn. To approve. All in favor.**

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

NEW BUSINESS:

- CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 1. WMMMPB January meeting minutes
 - 2. Library meeting minutes
 - 3. Itasca County Landfill notification
 - 4. Itasca County Potential Strike
 - 5. Bureau of Mediation Services Local 346

ADJOURNMENT: Motion N. Meyer 2nd B. Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. All in favor.

Jestine Casey, Clerk

Tony Yunk, Mayor

3/19/2025

Date approved