

BOVEY CITY
December 6, 2023
6:00 p.m. Truth and Taxation Hearing followed by Council Workshop
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 Robert Stein, Robert Lawson, and Deborah Trbojevich. Nancilyn Meyer and Trevor Guyer were absent with Guyer expected to arrive shortly. All motions passed 3-0 unless noted otherwise.

PRESENT: Staff present were Jistine Casey and Alan Johnson. Also present were Devon Doree, Troy Otterson and Michael Alton.

TRUTH AND TAXATION: Casey provided Council and the public with informational handouts. The budget and levy were discussed and will be formally approved at the next Council meeting.

GUESTS: Troy Otterson – Tavern on the Range utility rates. Otterson is requesting his utility rates be adjusted appropriately from 6 units to 4 units: 2 for the bar and 1 for each apartment. He is also requesting credit for past overcharges. He advised that there used to be a full bar and apartments in the basement, but this is no longer the case. He feels he is still being charged for the basement rooms. He also advised that he has discussed this issue with city staff on previous occasions but his complaints were dismissed. Trbojevich explained that the Public Utility Board set the formula a long time ago. Mayor Stein advised that Council just received this information and is in the process of gathering more so this will be tabled until the next meeting.

Derek Vekich – Middle School Apartment Complex Project- Vekich was unable to attend but provided Council with a letter requesting the City be fiscal agent. This will be put on the next agenda.

Guyar arrived at 6:50 p.m. All further motions passed 4-0 unless noted otherwise.

PUBLIC FORUM:

DEPARTMENT HEADS & COMMITTEES:

1. Engineer, Alan Johnson
 - a. Northern Contracting pay request & change order- \$43,046.25. There was a discussion, and it was determined that Minnesota Power initially trenched and buried the electrical wires that had to be re-trenched and re-buried to the correct depth. Doree advised that Jeremy Schwarze has pictures and documented what occurred. Motion Guyer 2nd Trbojevich to approve the pay request payment of \$43,046.25. All in favor.
 - b. Baratto Brothers pay request 2 - \$37,543.05. Johnson answered questions Council had. This was tabled until the next meeting.

- c. Baratto Brothers pay request 3 - \$11,762.75. Johnson stated there is no reason not to pay but advised it should be paid contingent upon completion of the punch list. The curb stop needs to be shortened. This was table until the next meeting.
 - d. Snowmobile easement- Johnson advised that he dropped off a copy with Rogich.
 - e. Storm Sewer – Council advised Johnson to wait until January before placing the project out for bids.
2. Police
 - a. Coleraine Invoice for police services. Tabled until next meeting.
 - b. Bovey's 2022 invoice to Coleraine – not yet paid. Tabled until next meeting.
3. Public Works, Rick Rogich
 - a. Finckbone CDL training update- training will begin in February.
 - b. When is next meeting to discuss Rick's contract?- Council stated it will be within the next two weeks.
 - c. Public Works Supervisor resume received- The resume will be kept on file for now.
4. Planning & Zoning- Council discussed the blight & blight officer duties with Michael Alton.
5. City Council
 - a. V Plow & Club Cadet Rider & Garbage Truck/bids? Clerk was told by Odden that Attorney Dimich previously advised Council that if these were already put out on bids, someone can make an offer. Casey will determine by looking at previous Scenic Range invoices & advise Council at next meeting.
 - b. Yearbook ad design- Casey will submit the design.
 - c. Playground insurance- Council discussed and opted to decline coverage at this time.
 - d. Appraisal Report- Clerk will meet with Matt Champlin in January to review.
 - e. Who is CEDA's point of contact?- Casey will be for now.
6. Fire Board- nothing to report.
7. Clerk, Jestine Casey
 - a. Budget – Casey will prepare resolutions with 1%, 2% and 3% increases for approval at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Lawson 2nd Trboyevich to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. All in favor.

Jestine Casey, Clerk

Robert Stein, Mayor

Date approved