

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday June 20, 2011 by Mayor Jim Hicks.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jim Hicks, Council members: Cleland, Hall, Particka, Peterson, Rapson and Rochefort. Other Officers present: City Manager VanDeVusse, Clerk Goebel.

Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk Goebel read the minutes from the June 6, 2011 public hearing and regular meeting. Motion by Rapson, second by Particka to approve the minutes as read.

AYES: Cleland, Peterson, Particka, Rapson, Rochefort, Hicks, Hall.

NO: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeni Campbell, City of Bad Axe Day Camp Director, gave a brief overview of the Day Camp for 2011. She stated that as a result of a federal grant, lunch will be served every day at the Bad Axe City Park for children under the age of eighteen who are registered in the Bad Axe Public School District. This is in addition to the participants who are enrolled in the city's day camp program. Reservations are requested.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Motion by Cleland, second by Hall to approve the Letter of Understanding between the City of Bad Axe and Teamster Local 214 and the Letter of Understanding between the City of Bad Axe and Bad Axe Police Officers Association to extend the present collective bargaining agreement for a one year period ending June 30, 2012.

AYES: Rapson, Rochefort, Hall, Hicks, Particka, Peterson, Cleland.

NO: None.

2. Motion by Particka, second by Cleland to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2011-1, Off Road Vehicle Ordinance, Chapter 11 Article XI, Sec. 11-800 through 11-809 and to schedule a public hearing for July 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on this ordinance.

AYES: Particka, Cleland, Hall, Rochefort, Rapson, Hicks.

NO: Peterson.

3. Motion by Hall, second by Cleland to approve Resolution 2011-22; fiscal year 2011-12 General Appropriations Act.

AYES: Peterson, Cleland, Rochefort, Particka, Hall, Hicks, Rapson.

NO: None.

4. Motion by Hall, second by Rapson to approve Engineer's Certificate #3 to Rooney Contracting for \$445.00 final payment on the Buffalo Street Storm Sewer Project.

AYES: Rapson, Rochefort, Particka, Hall, Hicks, Peterson, Cleland.

NO: None

5. Motion by Hall, second by Rapson to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$ 180,479.06.

AYES: Hall, Hicks, Peterson, Cleland, Particka, Rapson, Rochefort.
NO: None.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Hall stated that the Huron Regional Water Authority will be raising the water rate twelve cents per 1000 gallons for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2011 through Sept. 30, 2012. He stated that this is a result of a decrease in water usage by both the city and village of Port Austin residents and is necessary to cover the existing debt. He also suggested seeking additional water customers for the system.

Councilman Rapson suggested to council placing the charter amendment regarding changing the maximum purchase amount from \$500.00 to \$2,500.00 on the city's general election November 8, 2011. He inquired whether there would be sufficient time to place it on the ballot. Motion by Rapson, second by Cleland to request a resolution to amend the City Charter, Chapter 12, Section 12.1 to change the maximum amount for purchases of material, supplies or public improvement by the City Council without competitive pricing being obtained or requested from five hundred (\$500.00) dollars to two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars. It was discussed that when the charter was adopted in 1980, \$500.00 purchase amount was probably appropriate but today \$2,500.00 would be more practical.

AYES: Cleland, Peterson, Particka, Hicks, Rapson, Rochefort, Hall.
NO: None.

Councilmember Rapson also inquired whether the pavement striping on Hanselman Street could be looked at.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Particka, second by Rochefort to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Jim Hicks, Mayor

Kay M. Goebel, Clerk