

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, by Mayor Particka.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Particka, Council Members: Klaska, Rapson, Kerr, Robinson, Rochefort.
Absent: Harrison.
Staff: City Manager Bachman, City Clerk, Zagorski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rochefort second by Robinson to approve August 3, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
Voice vote: all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Kim Rosenthal addressed the Council.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

1. County Commissioner Hunt spoke about what is happening at the County Building. He stated that they started employee negotiations recently, and that there is a public hearing regarding solar on the 21st of September at 7 pm at the Expo Center.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Motion by Rochefort second by Particka to approve Resolution 2026-14; A Resolution to Exempt the City from the requirements of Public Act 152.

AYES: Robinson, Klaska, Rochefort, Kerr, Rapson, Particka.
NO: None.

2. Motion by Particka second by Robinson to approve Resolution 2026-15; Delinquent Utility Bills.

AYES: Rochefort, Rapson, Klaska, Kerr, Robinson, Particka.
NO: None.

3. Motion by Rochefort second by Kerr for approval to publish the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the South Silver Street project.

AYES: Rapson, Rochefort, Kerr, Robinson, Klaska, Particka.
NO: None.

Recommendations from Finance Committee

Finance Minutes: July 29, 2026

1. Motion by Rapson second by Robinson for approval to purchase a new replacement radar unit for one of the BAPD patrol vehicles, in the amount of \$3,440.00.

AYES: Rapson, Robinson, Kerr, Rochefort, Klaska, Particka.

NO: None.

2. Motion by Rapson second by Rochefort to have Endeavor Tree Service Remove 4 city trees, chip branches, and grind the stumps, in the amount of \$4,425.00.

AYES: Robinson, Rapson, Rochefort, Kerr, Klaska, Particka.
NO: None.

3. Motion by Rapson second by Particka to set aside the motion for Kennedy Industries, until further information is gathered, to replace the old valves at the wastewater treatment plant, in the amount of \$25,700.00.

AYES: Klaska, Rapson, Robinson, Kerr, Rochefort, Particka.
NO: None.

4. Motion by Rapson second by Rochefort to have the Huron County Road Commission gravel and grade the east end of Hilton Street, in the amount of \$1,860.00.

AYES: Robinson, Klaska, Rapson, Rochefort, Kerr, Particka.
NO: None.

5. Motion by Rapson second by Kerr to have MEC Underground Solutions line the storm sewer on S. Hanselman, in the amount of \$24,900.00.

AYES: Rapson, Harrison, Kerr, Klaska, Rochefort, Robinson, Particka.
NO: None.

6. Motion by Rapson second by Particka for the approval of the payment of bills: \$205,438.77.

-August 18, 2026

-August 26, 2026

AYES: Kerr, Robinson, Klaska, Rapson, Rochefort, Particka.
NO: None.

Mayor and Council Comments

1. Robinson stated that he would like to see if someone could clean up the weeds, etc. at the main intersection before the Fall Frenzy.
2. City Manager Bachman stated that the Huron County EDC will be asking for a larger budget this year and she hopes that the County will consider it because they do a lot for the County and community. She stated that Samantha, the head of the EDC, is wonderful!
3. Rochefort questioned the trash pickup on Fridays; he stated that the pickup used to be in the morning. City Manager Bachman stated that Emterra, the trash service, is short-staffed and trucks are breaking down, that is why the garbage is being picked up later. He also stated that health insurance prices are really shifting everywhere, and that we will have to review the hard cap for the employees when contracts open. He also stated that the State has new options to help Cities pay for the costs of road repairs.

4. Klaska questioned whether there were multiple quotes for the tree removal in the city. City Manager Bachman stated that this is everyday maintenance, and it does not require multiple quotes.
5. Kerr questioned when fall cleanup starts. (It will be on the next meeting agenda to be approved for September 28th-November 20th.)
6. Rapson stated that they are scheduled to work on the building on the main corner this week, and their final inspection is scheduled to be mid-January.
7. Mayor Particka stated that State Representative Greg Alexander meets at the Bad Axe Airport the last Friday of each month from 9-10 am, to touch base with people and have their voices heard. She also stated that there will be a Rural Arts Initiative Program in Port Austin on October 1st. The event starts at 10am and ends at 5 pm. They discuss bringing art to the communities and have a tour bus for viewing the art that is currently in the area. The event is at the Port Austin Community Playhouse.

Council Information

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Particka second by Rochefort to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Kathleen Particka, Mayor

Tara Zagorski, City Clerk