

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BESSEMER
WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ON
DECEMBER 6, 2010, AT 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Frello called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Present –Frello, Zaleski, Nelson, Gaiss Olsen.
Absent – None.

THESE MEMBERS CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

AGENDA APPROVAL It was moved by Frello, supported by Olsen and **CARRIED** to approve the agenda as amended, which includes the following addition:

Under Reports – Council Person Olsen comments on current contracts.

PRESENTATION Representatives from Upper Peninsula Engineers & Architects were on hand to provide an overview of the proposed zoning ordinance that has been in the works for several years. Member of the planning commission were also on hand to discuss the proposed ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

CONSENT AGENDA It was moved by Olsen and supported by Gaiss that the consent agenda items listed below, be approved and that the correspondence be received and placed on file.

- 1) Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting 11-15-2010.
- 2) Gogebic Range Solid Waste Mgmt Authority Minutes – 10/21/2010.

A roll call vote was then taken. AYES – Zaleski, Olsen, Frello, Gaiss, Nelson; NAYS – None; ABSENT – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CLAIMS The following claims were presented for consideration and payment.

GENERAL FUND

AMERIPRIDE	\$49.50
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	264.66
BEE-VER TREE SERVICE	1,160.00
CITY OF BESSEMER WATER UTILITY	195.15
C & M OIL COMPANY	880.83
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	79.99
G T C AUTO PARTS INC	58.67
GREAT LAKES BOOK DISTRIBUTIONS	54.96
KTKC AUTO PARTS INC.	195.48
LAKES DISTRIBUTING	82.92
MISS DIG SYSTEM, INC.	195.60
MORE MAGAZINE	10.00
PSI	350.25
PROFESSIONAL COMPUTE SERVICES	60.00
REDBOOK	19.97
STEIGERS HOME CENTER	176.07
STEMPIHAR, INC.	914.37
TRI-STATE BUSINESS SYSTEMS	100.56
WAKEFIELD NEWS/BESS. PICK & AXE	142.50
DO IT YOURSELF MAGAZINE	19.97
TWIN PORTS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	812.73
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$5,824.18

MAJOR STREET FUND

CITY OF BESSEMER GENERAL FUND	\$5,211.78
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LOCAL STREET FUND	CITY OF BESSEMER GENERAL FUND	\$6,478.16
	TOTAL LOCAL STREET FUND	\$6,478.16
SEWER UTILITY FUND	BESSEMER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY	\$10,918.00
	TOTAL SEWER UTILITY FUND	\$10,918.00
WATER UTILITY FUND	HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT GROUP	\$1,027.87
	NORTHERN SAFETY CO., INC.	78.17
	XCEL ENERGY	3,042.77
	STEIGERS HOME CENTER	29.32
	STEMPIHAR, INC.	116.44
	USABLUBOOK	61.36
	HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, LTD.	671.98
	GANDRUD	67.35
	TOTAL WATER UTILITY FUND	\$5,095.26

It was moved by Olsen and supported by Nelson that the claims, as presented, be approved for payment as funds become available.

A roll call vote was then taken. AYES – Gaiss, Frello, Olsen, Nelson, Zaleski; NAYS – None; ABSENT – None.

MOTION CARRIED.

MERS RETIREMENT COLA It was moved by Frello, supported by Gaiss and **CARRIED** to table a decision on the annual Cost of Living Adjustment until the January 3, 2010 meeting and contact MERS to see if the MERS representative that is going to be in the is going to be in the area on that day is able to come and address the Council.

ANNUAL EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUS It was moved by Frello and supported by Olsen to authorize a \$50 Christmas bonus for City employees and not contribute any money to the City Christmas party.

A roll call vote was then taken: AYES – Gaiss, Olsen, Frello, Zaleski; NAYS - Nelson; ABSENT – None; **MOTION CARRIED.**

RELEASE OF RECORDS: BESSEMER HISTORICAL SOCIETY It was moved by Gaiss, supported by Zaleski and **CARRIED** to make a number of old turn of the century records held by the City available to the Historical Society for their use. The City Manager is expected to implement the proper checks and balances to assure the Historical Society handles the documents properly and that the documents be returned to the City when no long used by the Society.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE NO. 343; AN ORIDNANCE ESTABLISHING A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION It was moved by Frello, supported by Gaiss and **CARRIED TO** recognize this meeting as the first reading of Ordinance No. 343; An Ordinance Establishing a Parks and Recreation Commission, authorize City Manager Chatel to make several modifications and set the 2nd reading an public hearing for the December 20, 2010 Council meeting.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 343

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF BESSEMER

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER THAT:

SECTION 1. CREATION AND PURPOSE

- (A.) A Parks and Recreation Commission is hereby established for the City of Bessemer.
- (B.) Said Commission shall serve as an advisory board to the City Council regarding the recreational needs of the community including: developing plans to meet the needs for future recreation programs, facilities and areas; recommending policies to carry out recreational programs and initiatives; reviewing maintenance of recreation facilities; informing the public of recreation opportunities or needs; similar and related activities.
- (C.) Said Commission shall have no authority to execute independent financial, employment or contractual transactions but may recommend same to the City Council.

SECTION 2. MEMBERS AND TERMS

- (A.) Said Commission shall consist of five (5) members.
- (B.) The initial members of the Commission shall be appointed, respectively, for terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years. Thereafter all such appointments, except to fill vacancies, shall be for a term of three (3) years. All appointments for the purpose of filling vacancies occurring otherwise than by expiration of term of office shall be for the unexpired term. Members of the said Commission shall serve without pay.
- (C.) Immediately after appointment the members of the said Commission shall meet and elect a chairman and such other officers as may be necessary for a period of one year.
- (D.) Said Commission shall hold regular meetings and shall designate the time and place thereof, and shall have the power to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of business within its jurisdiction, and shall keep a record of all its proceedings.

SECTION 3. ENACTMENT

- (A.) All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
- (B.) This ordinance shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication.

First Reading: December 6, 2010
Second Reading:

YES: _____
 NO: _____
 ABSTAINING: _____
 ABSENT: _____

Attested:

James K. Trudgeon, Clerk

Approved:

John J. Frello, Mayor

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

It was moved by Nelson, supported by Frello and **CARRIED** to accept the City Managers report and place on file. Items noted by the City Manager: The audit is near completion, low to moderate income guidelines and the City's designation is going to be revisited, Mr. Pionk with the road commission will be at the December 20 meeting to discuss the results of the PASER study done.

DPW REPORT

It was moved by Nelson, supported by Gaiss and **CARRIED** that the DPW report be accepted and placed on file.

**COUNCILPERSON OLSEN:
COMMENTS ON CONTRACTS**

Councilperson Olsen made several comments regarding the employment contracts between the City and the City Manager and the City and the City Clerk/Treasurer. Mr. Olsen suggested to lessen any confusion when said contracts are renewed they should be re-written in their entirety rather than only addendums added to the existing contract.

ADJOURN – 7:37 P.M.

It was moved by Olsen, supported by Nelson and **CARRIED** that the regular meeting be adjourned.

John Frello, Mayor

James K. Trudgeon, City Clerk