

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BESSEMER
WAS HELD VIA A VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, AT 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Zak called the Public Hearing meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. This meeting was a virtual meeting and open to the public via Zoom.

ROLL CALL: Present – Nelson, Kryshak, McDonald, Zak.
Absent – None.

THESE MEMBERS CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

AGENDA

The Right of Way certification was added to the agenda under New Business.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Kryshak to approve the agenda as amended.

A roll call vote was then taken: AYES – Zak, McDonald, Nelson, Kryshak: NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

It was moved by Nelson and supported by McDonald to open public hearing regarding the Bessemer Plywood Request Variance V-20-02 Stack Height.

A roll call vote was then taken: AYES – Zak, McDonald, Nelson, Kryshak: NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mark McDonald, Attorney for Bessemer Plywood, spoke on behalf of the company. He explained that Bessemer Plywood Corp is required to build a smoke stack that is 95 feet high to comply with the Clean Air Act while the city zoning code only allows up to 75 feet.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by McDonald to close the public hearing regarding the Bessemer Plywood Variance Request.

A roll call vote was then taken: AYES – Zak, McDonald, Nelson, Kryshak; NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by Nelson that the items on the consent agenda be received and placed on file as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting Common Council – November 2, 2020.
2. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – November 2, 2020.

A roll call vote was then taken: AYES – McDonald, Zak, Nelson, Kryshak: NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CLAIMS

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by McDonald that the claims as presented in the amounts of \$121,036.53 be allowed and that the City Clerk/Treasurer be authorized to issue checks in payment thereof, as funds become available.

The following claims were presented for consideration and payment:

GENERAL FUND

44 NORTH	311.34
ANGELO LUPPINO INC	1,325.61
ARAMARK	162.38
ASPIRUS BUSINESS HEALTH	195.25
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	49.60
BESSEMER SMALL ENGINE	22.00
BLUE TARP FINANCIAL	39.99
C&M OIL COMPANY	2,261.12
C2AE	98,901.42
CITY OF BESSEMER WATER UTILITY	357.25
CORE & MAIN LP	1,630.93
DEARBORN GOUP	1,633.38
ELECTION SOURCE	68.41
GTC AUTO PARTS INC	223.10
GOGEBIC RANGE SOLID WATE MGT	172.64
HD SUPPLY FACILITIES	113.58
IRONWOOD DAILY GLOBE	1,135.50
O'DEA NORDEEN BURINK & PICKENS, PC	9,984.50
SATE OF MI – EGLE	1,300.05
STEIGERS HOME CENTER	387.53
STEIGERS HOME CENTER	91.56
STEPHANIE MATONICH	200.00
THE COMPUTER DOCTORS	28.00
TRI-STATE BUSINESS SYSTEMS	441.39

TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$ 121,036.53

MAJOR STREET FUND

TOTAL MAJOR STREET **\$ 662.80**

LOCAL STREET FUND

TOTAL LOCAL STREET FUND **\$ 662.81**

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

STEPHANIE MATONICH 200.00

TOTAL DDA **\$ 200.00**

SEWER FUND

TOTAL SEWER UTILITY FUND **\$ 93,487.50**

WATER FUND

TOTAL WATER UTILITY FUND **\$ 8,517.28**

WESTERN GATEWAY TRAIL AUTHORITY

TOTAL WGTA **\$ 20.00**

A roll call vote was then taken – AYES – Kryshak, Zak, Nelson, McDonald; NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**DOCUMENTS AND
CORRESPONDENCE**

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by McDonald to accept the Executive Summary from Michigan Municipal League's Towards Fiscally Healthy Michigan Local Governments and place it on file.

A roll call vote was then taken – AYES – Kryshak, Zak, Nelson, McDonald; NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**WATER AND SEWER
RATES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE
TO THE CITY WATER AND SEWER SERVICE RATES**

**City of Bessemer
County of Gogebic, State of Michigan**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bessemer, County of Gogebic, State of Michigan, held on the 16th of November, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., prevailing Central Time.

PRESENT: ZAK, KRYSHAK, NELSON, MCDONALD

ABSENT: NONE

The following preamble and resolution were offered by _____ and supported by _____;

WHEREAS, the City of Bessemer, County of Gogebic, State of Michigan (the "City"), had determined that it is necessary to acquire and construct improvements to the City's water and sewer distribution system (the "System"), consisting generally of the replacement of water mains at various locations in the City, together with the related improvements, structures, equipment and appurtenances and restorations (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, at Its duly noticed meeting on November 16, 2020, the City Council of the City enacted modifications to the existing charges for water services and sewer services;

WHEREAS, Readiness to serve charges need to be increased to repay our loans through United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development anticipated to begin in 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council of the City hereby adopts the following rates and fees for municipal water and sewer services effective January 1, 2021:

Water

Commercial – Monthly Billing
\$31.00 Readiness to Serve Charge per Month
\$7.30 Per 1,000 gallons

Residential – Bimonthly Billing
\$61.00 Readiness to Serve Charge – Every Two Months
\$7.30 Per 1,000 gallons

Sewer

Commercial – Monthly Billing
\$30.75 Readiness to Serve Charge per Month
\$9.50 Per 1,000 gallons

Residential – Bimonthly Billing
\$61.50 Readiness to Serve Charge – Every Two Months
\$9.50 Per 1,000 gallons

The City Council of the City hereby adopts the following rates and fees for municipal water and sewer services effective January 1, 2022:

Water

Commercial – Monthly Billing
\$33.25 Readiness to Serve Charge per Month
\$7.30 Per 1,000 gallons

Residential – Bimonthly Billing
\$66.50 Readiness to Serve Charge – Every Two Months
\$7.30 Per 1,000 gallons

Sewer

Commercial – Monthly Billing
\$33.75 Readiness to Serve Charge per Month
\$9.50 Per 1,000 gallons

Residential – Bimonthly Billing
\$67.50 Readiness to Serve Charge – Every Two Months
\$9.50 Per 1,000 gallons

Water and Sewer rates shall be effective January 1st, 2021 resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they may conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members _____

NAYS: Members _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Jennifer M. Adams
City Clerk
City of Bessemer

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Bessemer, County of Gogebic, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held November 16, 2020 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act

Jennifer M. Adams
City Clerk
City of Bessemer

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by Nelson to adopt resolution 2019-12 for utility rate increases for 2021 and 2022.

A roll call vote was then taken – AYES – Kryshak, Zak, Nelson, McDonald; NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD GAMBLES BUILDING/
GEORGE MARCANTONIO**

The fire escape has been removed from the building and Scott Stanczak has been hired to secure loose siding and cover windows. Councilman McDonald still has concerns about the accessibility of the second story of the building.

It was moved by Zak and supported by Nelson to table the discussion until the next meeting.

A roll call vote was then taken – AYES – Kryshak, Zak, Nelson, McDonald; NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ATV DETOUR ROUTE

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by Nelson to approve the ATV detour route as presented and to restore any prior drainage and blockages to the detour route after its necessity is completed.

A roll call vote was then taken – AYES – Kryshak, Zak, Nelson, McDonald; NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**WATER READINESS
TO SERVE**

Per an email from the city attorney, Ray O’Dea, a readiness to serve charge may not be charged to residents who do not have a water meter. However, the city can create a mandatory hook-up ordinance for residents who are within a certain distance from the water line.

It was moved by Zak and supported by Nelson to move forward with charging residents a readiness to serve charge if they currently have a water meter and a service line.

A roll call vote was then taken: AYES – Zak, Nelson, Kryshak; NAYS – McDonald. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FILLING COUNCIL
VACANCY**

Lily Wieringa joined the meeting via zoom and was interviewed by the council. Written responses to the interview questions were received by Bridget O’Sullivan, Rob Coleman, Helena Longhini, and Charles Tirpik. Jay Saari submitted an email expressing his interest in the position.

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by Zak to appoint Rob Coleman to fill the council vacancy.

A roll call vote was then taken: AYES – Zak, Nelson, Kryshak: NAYS – McDonald. **MOTION CARRIED**

C2AE PROGRESS

Darren Pionk updated the council on the 2021 USDA project.

BESSEMER PLYWOOD REQUEST VARIANCE V-20-02 STACK HEIGHT

It was moved by Zak and supported by McDonald to approve the variance for the Bessemer Plywood Corporation stack height.

A roll call vote was then taken: AYES – Zak, McDonald, Nelson, Kryshak: NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED**

REINSTATE NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Kryshak to reinstate the negotiation committee consisting of Terry Kryshak, Adam Zak, and Charly Loper.

A roll call vote was then taken: AYES – Zak, Nelson, Kryshak: NAYS – McDonald. **MOTION CARRIED**

REAPPOINT TO THE GRWA BOARD

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Zak to appoint Neal Nelson to the GRWA board with Charly Loper as his alternate.

A roll call vote was then taken: AYES – Zak, McDonald, Nelson, Kryshak: NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED**

REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND NEAR 1114 ELI

Jarrold & Jill Evilsizor have requested to purchase approximately 4.7 acres of city property, which is currently zoned general industrial, that is adjacent to their property at 1114 Eli Ave.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by McDonald to table the decision to sell the property until it is decided if the land is developable.

A roll call vote was then taken: AYES – Zak, McDonald, Nelson, Kryshak: NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED**

RIGHT OF WAY CERTIFICATIONS

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by Nelson to approve the Right of Way Certifications contingent upon receipt of the final easements.

A roll call vote was then taken: AYES – Zak, McDonald, Nelson, Kryshak: NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by Nelson to accept the City Manager's Report, the DPW Report, and the Code Enforcement Officer's Report and place them on file.

A roll call vote was then taken – AYES – Kryshak, Zak, Nelson, McDonald; NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jay Saari was reached via phone and interviewed for the vacant council position. The council upheld its decision to appoint Rob Coleman.

ADJOURN 7:45 p.m.

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Kryshak to adjourn.

A roll call vote was then taken – AYES – Kryshak, Zak, Nelson, McDonald; NAYS – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adam Zak, Mayor

Jennifer Adams, City Clerk