

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BESSEMER
WAS HELD VIA A VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
ON MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 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 It was moved by Kryshak and supported by McDonald to approve the agenda as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS None.

PRESENTATION Ben Thompson spoke on his ideas for his 3 (+/-) acres of land on Sartoris Rd and Louis St. He discussed things such as establishing a rustic spa/retreat, gardening and local food production, and a marijuana growing plant and/or dispensary.

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 – Regular Meeting – November 16, 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 Nelson that the claims as presented in the amounts of \$42,723.03 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

AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOC	231.00
ARAMARK	243.57
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	510.44
BOYER TRUCKS	92.30
CITY OF BESSEMER WATER UTILITY	330.01
DEMCO	58.39
GTC AUTO PARTS INC	40.37
HD SUPPLY FACILITIES	26.70
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	464.92
MEINKE CONSTRUCTION	250.00
MISS DIG SYSTEM, INC	1,566.62
RUIKKILA, NEGRO & ASSOC. CPAS PC	1,510.00
RUOTSALA CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION	34,811.00
STATE OF MI – EGLE	290.00
STEIGERS HOME CENTER	182.84
STEMPIHAR, INC.	889.83
THE COMPUTER DOCTORS	1,084.63

TRI-STATE BUSINESS SYSTEMS	43.91
WAKEFIELD NEWS/ BESSEMER PICK & AXE	62.50
WHITE WATER ASSOCIATES INC	34.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND **\$ 42,723.03**

MAJOR STREET FUND

RUOTSALA CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION	34,811.00
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TOTAL MAJOR STREET **\$ 34,811.00**

WATER FUND

TOTAL WATER UTILITY FUND **\$ 869.54**

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

DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

MASTER PLAN: JOBS AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY

Manager Loper presented information from the American Community Survey about income levels and economic mobility in our community.

OLD GAMBLES BUILDING/ GEORGE MARCANTONIO

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by Nelson to table the discussion until the next meeting and invite Mr. Marcantonio and his attorney, Mr. Korpela, to participate in the discussion regarding the soffits.

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

REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND NEAR 1114 ELI

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Zak not to sell the property near 1114 Eli Ave at this time.

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

C2AE PAY REQUEST

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by Nelson that the City Clerk/Treasurer be authorized to pay Invoice #70729 in the amount of \$10,000, Invoice #70727 in the amount of \$45,925.49, and Invoice \$58,005.31 to C2AE as funds become available.

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

INSURANCE RENEWAL AND RAISES

It was moved by Zak and supported by McDonald that the city stay with the current insurance plan for 2021 and authorize a 2% raise for city employees.

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

GRWA WATER LINE AGREEMENT

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by Nelson to approve the 16 Inch Water Main Agreement with the Gogebic Range Water Authority.

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

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by McDonald to accept Mayor Zak’s recommendation to reappoint Dan Whitburn and Dustin Filippini to the DDA Board and to accept and post the vacancy to the Housing Commission.

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

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by McDonald to address the vacancies to the Parks & Rec board and the Planning Commission at the first meeting in January.

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

DESIGNATED ASSESSOR REQUIRMENTS FROM STATE

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Kryshak to hire Kathy Jo Koval as the Designated Assessor and to authorize the Designated Assessor contract.

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

MERS ADDENDUM

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by Zak to table the discussion until the next meeting have Manager Loper have somebody who is more familiar with pension plans review the MERS Addendum form prior to it being approved for submission.

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

UTILITY POLICIES

It was moved by Kryshak and supported by Nelson to approve the Collecting Delinquent Water Bills policy and the Winter Water Credits policy.

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

REPORTS

It was moved by Nelson and supported by Kryshak 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

None.

ADJOURN 7:40 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