

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES**

January 27, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Danielowski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Raeanne Danielowski, Seth Hansen, Duane Langsdorf, Scott Marotz and Mike Wallen. Also present: City Administrator Clay Wilfahrt, Finance Director Deb Wegeleben, Police Chief Joel Scharf, Liquor Store Manager Jan Muehlbauer, Public Works Director Mike Goebel, Community Development Director Hanna Klimmek, City Engineer Brad DeWolf of Bolton & Menk, Inc. and Deputy City Clerk Tamara Lantz

3. PROPOSED AGENDA

Council Member Wallen motioned to adopt the proposed Agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Hansen, unanimous ayes, agenda adopted.

4. BUSINESS

4A. Water and Sewer Rate Discussion

Clay Wilfahrt reviewed with Council the sewer and water rates and adopting the new rate structure as proposed by Progressive Consulting Engineers (PCE) 2015 recommendations. The new structure would split out the rates into residential, multi-family, commercial and municipal categories. PCE recommended that the Council raise rates such that the Council would not have to bond for future improvements. Wilfahrt provided a handout reflecting new water and sewer rate comparisons. He noted that the numbers are estimated at this point and final numbers will be brought to Council in February for consideration. Mayor Danielowski discussed the importance of having information available to residents.

4B. Emerald/Ash Borer / Community Preparedness and Management Plan

Mike Goebel reviewed the draft plan of the 2013 Sherburne County Urban Forestry Committee Emerald Ash Borer/Community Preparedness and Management Plan for the City of Big Lake. By adopting the plan, the City of Big Lake will be rated more favorable when applying for grants to manage Emerald Ash Borer infestation. Various other cities within Sherburne County are also adopting this plan. Goebel noted the City would provide education, treatment and replacement options to the residents regarding Emerald Ash Borer.

5. **OTHER** – no other

6. **ADJOURN**

Council Member Langsdorf motioned to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Hansen, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Tamara Lantz
Deputy Clerk

02/10/16
Date Approved By Council