

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Nick Christenson, Raeanne Danielowski, Seth Hansen, and Mike Wallen. Council Members absent: Duane Langsdorf. Also present: City Administrator Clay Wilfahrt, Finance Director Deb Wegeleben, Community Development Director Hanna Klimmek, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, Police Chief Joel Scharf, Liquor Store Manager Jan Muehlbauer, Administrative Assistant Tamara Lantz, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf from Bolton & Menk, Inc.

3. PROPOSED AGENDA

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

4. BUSINESS

4A. Strategic Vision Update

Clay Wilfahrt discussed the strategic plan approved by Council in 2014. Staff is seeking Council feedback on setting a date and location to hold another strategic planning session in February or March to review and update the current plan. The goal would be to review progress made on the current plan and identify updates and new goals going forward. This updated plan would help staff in understanding the direction of the City over the next couple of years and will help those involved in the County visioning process to understand how to incorporate Big Lake into the County-wide plan. Wilfahrt also noted that the vision session would be a facilitated meeting that would include Council, key members of other Commissions and Organizations, Department Heads, and consultants. Council discussed the use of a facilitator for the strategic planning session.

4B. SherVision Information

Clay Wilfahrt discussed the SherVision group which is a County visioning group that resulted from the Coal Reliant Communities Workshop. This group has requested to have a City Council Member be part of the core group for the County visioning process. Mayor Danielowski and Seth Hansen offered to sit on this committee as the City of Big Lake Representatives. Top three goals are to come up with a community vision and plan, discuss business retention county wide and broadband expansion.

4C. Celebrate Your Lake Grant Update

Clay Wilfahrt reviewed the Project Proposal of the \$50,000 grant dollars the City was awarded in the Anheuser Busch "Celebrate Your Lake" promotion. Staff met with members of the Big Lake Community Lake Association, Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District, the MNDNR, Fresh Water Society, local media, and community members to discuss the plan for utilizing the funds for lake restoration. The committee conducted a survey and received 350 responses. Those comments were used to determine a final plan for the funds. The proposed plan includes putting \$25,000 towards Shoreland restoration, \$15,000 towards water quality studies, and the remaining \$10,000 towards public education.

5. **OTHER** - No other

6. **ADJOURN**

Council Member Seth Hansen motioned to adjourn at 5:32 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Nick Christianson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Gina Wolbeck
Recorder

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Date Approved By Council