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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
“OLD COUNCIL” FINAL MEETING
Minutes**

April 20, 2020

Brillion City Center

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Edinger called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Mayor Mel Edinger, Alderpersons Carrie Wenzel, Tim Hanson (via GoToMeeting), Joe Levash, Betty Niles, Joe Behnke, and Sarah Pielhop. Also present were City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Lori Gosz, Police Chief Kirk Schend, Public Works Director Andy Geiger, Park & Recreation Director Ann Marx and Fire Chief Joe Diener and Eric Burich (both arriving at 5:40 pm). Absent was Library Director Rachel Hitt.

Guest was Leslie Niles (via GoToMeeting) and Tom Witmer from Pierce Manufacturing (arriving at 5:50 pm), David Nordby from the Brillion News (via GoToMeeting).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion – Behnke moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Levash. Call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 23, 2020 AND APRIL 3, 2020:

Motion – Edinger moved to collectively approve the minutes of the March 23, 2020 Regular City Council meeting and the April 3, 2020 Special City Council Meeting minutes. Seconded by Hanson. Call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK-TREASURER RETIRMENT:

Mayor Edinger read for the record the letter of retirement from Lori Gosz Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer.

Motion – Behnke moved to accept the resignation of Lori Gosz as Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer effective December 31, 2020. Seconded by Wenzel. Call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Edinger thanked Gosz for her 21 years of service to the City of Brillion

FIRE DEPT. LADDER TRUCK REPLACEMENT:

Leslie Niles stated she sent documents to Fire Chief Diener. Niles stated the stock truck is till available. The City will have until May 1st to make changes to the truck. Niles stated there is a power point of the financing options. She explained the lease options. With the first option the first payment would not be due until May 2021 and there would be 7 yearly payments. At the end of the 7 years there would be a balloon payment, the truck could then be turned in to Pierce. The second option is a straight lease with a purchase of \$1.00 at the end of the lease. Niles explained that Chief Diener was interested in the turn in option to be able to consider a platform versus a stick ladder.

Niles explained the interest rate is 2.85% on both lease options. The 7 year turn in annual payment is \$142,475.60 and the straight 7-year lease annual payment is \$162,792.21. Mayor Edinger asked what a 15-year lease would be. Niles stated the annual payment for a 15-year lease would be \$88,435.65.

Niles stated this stock truck will be going on line for assembly on May 1st. The overall height of the truck was a concern and would need to be changed before the suspension is mounted. Mayor Edinger asked if the City could pay off the lease early. Niles stated you can however there is a 3% termination fee. Mayor Edinger asked if the interest rate is the same for all leases. Niles stated no, at 15 years the rate is 3.48%.

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Pielhop asked what the balloon payment would be. Niles stated \$297,445.68. Pielhop questioned who is responsible for repairs to the truck. Niles stated the general maintenance will be the responsibility of the City. She explained 7 years is used because of warranties.

Levash questioned if new what would the truck cost. Niles explained this truck is 3% below the current pricing, it is at 2019 prices. If the City would order a new truck it would be 11.5-12.5 months for delivery.

Behnke questioned if there are any turn in trucks available. Niles stated they don't have any, it is rare that Pierce gets these trucks back. Niles will get clarification on the early termination fee.

Pielhop questioned the current testing on the City's ladder. Chief Diener stated the ladder truck is tested annually and it does pass inspection. Chief Diener explained the quote has received for repairs on the current ladder, \$105,464.00 is the total cost of repairs.

Tom Witmer explained the prepayment on the lease. He explained Pierce partners with PNC Bank for equipment financing. The lease is approved by resolution of the Council, not by referendum. The application process is a fairly quick process. Witmer explained with the balloon payment turn in lease Pierce would help find the 3rd party for the truck. He suggested a community the size of Brillion would be better with the lease purchase option. Mayor Edinger questioned the price the City could get for our current ladder. Niles estimated \$25,000.00. She will check on this and give us more information. Chief Diener explained the 05 engineer would be sold as well. Niles will get prices on both.

The discussion was tabled to the April 27, 2020 Regular City Council meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Edinger thanked everyone for setting Brillion up for the future and to continue the momentum. He stated City Staff has handled the COVID-19 crisis very well. He thanked Chief Diener and his staff for this.

ANY OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL AT THIS TIME:

None.

PRESS TIME:

David Nordby questioned the years of the Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THIS MEETING:

Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Gosz read the minutes of this meeting to the City Council.

Motion – Levash moved to approve the minutes of this meeting as read. Seconded by Nies. Call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE:

Motion – Nies moved to adjourn this meeting sine die. Seconded by Behnke. Call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Mel Edinger, Mayor

Lori M. Gosz, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer