

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OF THE  
CITY OF KEWAUNEE COMMON COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 25, 2016**

Present: Mayor Christman, Aldermen Griffith, Jelinek, Jirtle, Kickbusch, Kuehl, Schiller, Zimmerman

Absent: Dworak

Others: Administrator Ellefson, Public Works Director Murphy, Council Youth Representative JJ Vollenweider, Vicki Vollenweider, Dr. Tom Zenner, Jim Schaller, Ron Pelnar, Robin Nelson, Michael Raimonde, Leah Pellett.

Mayor Christman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Robin Nelson presented information to the Council on the potential to have the Fresnel lens from the lighthouse leased to the City for display in a protected manner, such as in a display case at the historical society. This would ensure the City has control of the location and use of the lens. The City would likely have to pay to have the lens moved by a qualified person, and there are also some insurance requirements. **Griffith moved and Schiller seconded to pursue a lease of the lens, with the evaluation of the insurance costs and terms to determine if the City will enter into a lease. Motion carried unanimously.**

Robin discussed the renovation/restoration of the lighthouse, and the potential for additional grant monies to help with the project if the Grant funds do not cover the project. **No official action taken.**

Ellefson reviewed the bids received for the Seawall and Harbor Park improvements. Mike Raimonde reviewed the details of the bids, and particularly the lowest bid, which was received from Michels Foundations. Raimonde told the Council Michels Foundations was a qualified bidder, all terms of the bid process had been met, and Foth's recommended bid was Michels Foundations. Raimonde also explained the alternate bids the Michels submitted. **Schiller moved and Jirtle seconded to award the base bid and stepped revetment alternate A-1 bid to Michels Foundations. Upon a roll call vote, Jirtle, Schiller, Jelinek, Kickbusch, Kuehl, and Zimmerman voted Yes, Griffith voted No. Motion carried 6 - 1.**

The Council declined to go into closed session regarding the lighthouse improvement bids. Ellefson and Raimonde covered the lighthouse bid received from Immel Construction. The City had put aside between \$150,000 and \$200,000 to complete the lighthouse project as bid, but Immel's bid was in the amount of \$791,673. The funds available in the project budget are not sufficient to cover a project of this dollar amount. **Griffith moved and Jelinek seconded to reject Immel's bid. Motion carried unanimously.**

Raimonde discussed strategies to re-bid the project, and how revising some of the terms and conditions of the bid may allow for more competitive bids. The Council expressed a desire to have the next bid for the lighthouse structured similar to the seawall project, with

multiple bids lines for each element of the project, instead of a lump sum project bid. Raimond said Foth would be able to make those changes to the bid structure, and would be working on a plan to re-bid the project. **No official action was taken**

**Kickbusch moved and Zimmerman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**