

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
05/10/2021

The Committee of the Whole met in regular session in the council chambers of the Park Falls City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2021. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and the following members were present:

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| Mayor: | Michael Bablick |
| Aldermen: | Chris Hoffman Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett Anthony Thier Dina Bukachek Dan Greenwood David Dryer |
| City Administrator: | Brentt Michalek |
| Attorney: | Bryce Shoeborn |

Also present: Jerry Ernst, Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman and Deb Hyde

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Under communications, Alderman Mader asked the council if they would be interested in putting their own personal money towards a scholarship. No further discussion. City Administrator mentioned that he received a call from the Legion and they were wondering if there would be any issue with the route for Memorial Day this year. Seeing none, City Administrator Michalek will get back to the legion and inform them they can proceed with their plans.

There was no public comment.

Under Finance, there was a motion by Alderman Bukachek and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the bills in the amount of \$258,712.91. Motion carried, 8-0. C&D Excavating, LLC presented a bid for demolition of the raze order properties in the amount of \$112,000. All work is to be completed by June 11, 2021. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve this bid. Motion carried, 8-0.

Under Board of Public Works, the bids for sealcoating 9th Street North were presented. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to recommend Struck and Irwin Paving, Inc. to the council with a bid of \$75,438.00. Other bidders were Fahrner Asphalt Sealers and Scott Construction, Inc. Motion carried, 8-0.

Under Public Services, City Administrator Michalek presented the discussion of no parking on Division Street South side from Hwy. 13 to the railroad crossing due to the construction that is currently taking place at that location. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Corbett to approve this through construction season. Motion carried. There was discussion on the pool fees and operation for the 2021 season. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to have the same fees as two years ago for lessons but to not charge anything for open swim this year. There would be limits placed on the capacity of lessons and open swim participants. Motion carried, 8-0. There was a brief discussion on residential sewer/water connections and potentially offering a tax rolling option. More discussion will be brought up at a later meeting.

Under Personnel, City Administrator presented another student summer employee that he would like to offer employment to for our DPW crew. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve hiring Will Gustafson for the summer and to give permission to the City Administrator and the DPW director to hire up to two more potential employees for the summer crew. Motion carried. City Administrator Michalek recommended Wendy Ford for the Police Department Administrative Assistant. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve this recommendation upon completion of a successful background check. Motion carried.

Administrator Michalek updated the council on the Krist Oil Co. Inc. property offer to purchase in the amount of \$24,150 with all closing costs being covered by the City and a first right of refusal given to Krist Oil. As of Thursday, May 6, the mill was placed into receivership. There is a group of northern timber producers interested in purchasing the mill. According to the interested company, they are a timber cooperative, and the employees would have a share of the equity if the sale were successful. The properties on the raze order list are to be taken down by June 11, 2021. The US Forest Service agreement for the Hwy 13 sewer extension project has been signed by all parties. Administrator Michalek informed the council that there will be no additional fines from the DNR regarding the burning of some buildings downtown. Chief Reas was presenting to Town of Eisenstein in regards to the funding for the fire truck for their municipality. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Michelle M. Smith
Treasurer and Clerk