

COMMON COUNCIL
5/26/2020

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session in the council chambers of the Park Falls city hall at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Michael Bablick
Aldermen:	Chris Hoffman--Absent Richard Scharp--Absent Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett—via phone Anthony Their--Absent Dina Bukachek Dan Greenwood—Excused
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn-excused
City Administrator:	Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Deb Hyde, Scott Hilgart, Jerry Ernst, Paul Freiburger, Katie Freiburger, Wendy Ford-came in at 5:30 p.m., Joe Ford-came in at 5:30 p.m., Dave Dryer via phone and Gail Boushon via phone.

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to remove 8.A.2 and to adopt the agenda with that change noted. Motion carried.

The minutes of the 2/24/2020 Council, 4/21/20 Council, 5/21/2020 Special Meeting of the Council, 3/9/2020 Committee of the Whole, 3/17/2020 Committee of the Whole and 5/11/2020 Committee of the Whole meetings were presented. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

In communications, the Mayor let everyone know that the Chamber of Commerce has cancelled Flambeau Rama 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There was no public comment.

There was a motion by Alderman Bukachek and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$83,832.41. Motion carried, 4-0. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve the TIF Development Agreement for \$120,000 for property located at 159 2nd Avenue North in Tax Increment District #5-PKF Investments, LLC. This is for the theater and Mr. and Mrs. Freiburger were available to answer any questions the council had. They are planning on opening up sometime in July. Motion carried, 4-0. There was a motion to table item 8.A.4 until later in the meeting by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek. Motion carried.

There was nothing to report for the Board of Public Works.

Under Public Services, Administrator Michalek informed the council that he has spoken with the County and they are keeping their offices/facilities closed until July 6, 2020. He recommends that the City of Park Falls follow suit and close all City facilities until that point. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Corbett to accept this recommendation. Motion carried.

Joe and Wendy Ford appeared before the Council to address item number 8.A.4. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the TIF Development Agreement for \$80,000 for property located at 124 4th Avenue South in Tax Increment District #5-Park Falls Gastropub, LLC. Motion carried, 4-0.

There was nothing to report for the personnel meeting.

Under the Mayor's report, Mayor Bablick informed the council that the final documents were sent over for the Park Falls Development, LLC loan arrangement. He let everyone know that an update of the Greater Park Falls Area Industrial Park Development Plan-Park Falls Hwy. 13 Industrial Park-would be coming at a later meeting.

City Administrator/Clerk Michalek informed the council that the city center park project is moving along nicely. Right now, there is an analysis of the Wells Fargo building being done. Part 3 of the downtown auction is currently taking place and the demolition is still on course for July, 2020.

Treasurer and Deputy Clerk Smith informed the council that more voters voted in the May 12, 2020 election than the April 7, 2020 election.

Library Director Hyde let the council know that she has started doing curbside pickup for the library patrons to check out books. She is bringing all of the books that individuals request out to their cars. After the patrons return the books, the books are "quarantined" for 3 days before they are able to be checked out again. She is seeing approximately 17-18 people every day they are open. Right now, in her library network, 5 out of 55 libraries are reopening after being shutdown due to the pandemic. The summer reading program will still continue but will be online.

Police Chief Ernst stated that the spring cleanup list has 21 properties that need attention. There have been a number of speeding issues and complaints on 9th Avenue South and 3rd Avenue South which his officers are trying to address.

Fire Chief Reas informed the council that he is planning on meeting with the townships and Administrator Michalek on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6 p.m. to discuss the next steps with the 2021 fire engine purchase.

Street and Water Superintendent Hilgart let the council know that the new playground at Hines Park have been shifted a little to avoid the trees. In addition, he is prepping for paving and has his crew ready to crack seal. The logging project at the airport is suspended right now but should be resuming soon. Weed notices will be going out to those residents affected on June 1, 2020. There is now a new fence at the end of Atwood Avenue.

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e)-deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Regarding TID 5 Developers Agreement for lands listed below-239 2nd Avenue North). Motion carried, 4-0. Went into closed session at 6:13 p.m.

Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to reconvene into open session at 6:26 p.m. Motion carried, 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Michelle M. Smith
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk