

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 07/24/2023

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 24, 2023. Mayor Tara Tervort called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Tara Tervort

Aldermen: Terry Wilson-(resigned his position)
Dixie Weidman
Michael Mader
Dennis Wartgow
James Corbett-on phone-left at 5:55 p.m.
Anthony Thier
Dina Bukachek
Dan Greenwood

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn-Excused

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Shannon Greenwood, Deb Hyde, Marv Nevelier, Michael Durmeyer, Larry Reas, Jeff Seamandel and Gary Wollerman.

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to move closed session under public comment and then approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alderman Bukachek and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes for the Common Council meeting on June 26, 2023 and Personnel Committee Meetings of July 19, 2023 and July 20, 2023. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Tervort informed the council that Steve Willett has been in contact with her with a possibility that Phillips Lionite might consider moving to the mill location. There was a letter received from a resident that there is no stop/yield sign at the corner of Avery and Wisconsin Streets. Administrator Michalek informed the council he received a letter from Shane Olla and that he is interested in purchasing the property located at 754 3rd Avenue North. He also submitted a letter from surrounding homeowners that the building at that property should be razed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wendy and Brett Remington are interested in the Boettcher Road discussion because they have issues with flooding at their residence. They were advised to talk to the contractors involve with the project.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:18 p.m., there was a motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statues 19.85(1)(c) conferring employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Regarding appointment of Parks and Recreation Director); and pursuant to Wisconsin State Statues 19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Regarding sludge pits)

At 6:01 p.m., there was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to reconvene into open session and take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 6-0. (Alderman Corbett left at 5:55 p.m.)

NEW BUSINESS

There was a presentation from Verkata in regard to security cameras that are to be located at the library/city hall, police department and possibly at the street lights. Library Director Hyde and City Administrator Michalek have been meeting with C&S Design for the final logistics on the library/city hall renovation/remodel. Mayor Tervort read a resignation letter from Alderman Wilson. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to accept this resignation. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance –Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$724,887.82. Motion carried, 6-0. Motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the expense of \$524 for signage for the new park. Motion carried, 6-0. Alderman Wartgow made a motion and seconded by Alderman Thier to accept the Stewardship Grant in the amount of \$254,413.00. Motion carried. Administrator Michalek presented some amendments to the capital improvement plan in regard to the airport hangar and security cameras, panic buttons and door locks for the police department and city hall. Motion carried to accept these changes with a motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader. The Council was presented a bid selection for security cameras, panic buttons and door locks from Verkata. Motion to approve the city hall bid in the amount of \$36,410.90 by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Bukachek. Motion carried, 6-0. This money is to come from the costs of the construction of the remodel/renovation of the library/city hall. The other items are to be done in steps. Administrator Michalek handed out the 2023-2024 budget update and requested that all elected officials fill out the wish list questionnaire.

Personnel – Mayor Tervort appointed Dan Greenwood to the Personnel Committee to fill the vacancy of Alderman Wilson. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to accept this appointment. Motion carried.

Board of Public Works –

The Flambeau Rama parade route was handed out to the council. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the parade route as presented. Motion carried. The Chamber of Commerce requested to use Preisler Park for “New Beginnings Ranch”. Motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this request. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve the chamber request for the Evergreen Road Run (use of streets). Motion carried. The last request from the chamber was to be able to use the vacant lot at 2nd Ave. and 1st St. N. for the Knights of Columbus to do a food booth during the craft fair hours. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve this request. Motion carried. An update from the 2023 chicken permit inspections was presented to the council. There was a pay application from Francis Melvin in the amount of \$471,143.04. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve this amount. Motion carried, 6-0. Jeff Seamandel updated the council on the different projects that MSA is working on for the City.

Public Services – Nothing to report.

CITY OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Mayor Tervort– Nothing to report.

City Administrator Michalek-Nothing to report.

Attorney report – Nothing to report.

Clerk & Treasurer Smith – Let the council know about a pool party that will be taking place with inflatables.

Library Director Hyde – Informed the council that there is a book sale taking place on the 2nd floor.

DPW Director Hoffman – The BART bus garage is starting to make progress and the City has purchased a new dump truck.

Chief of Police–Updated the council that there was stolen property found at a property on Lakeshore Drive and 5th Avenue South. The police are issuing citations at 307 2nd Ave. N.

Fire Chief Reas – The fire department assisted with an accident that took place at the corner of Highway 182 and Highway 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM by Mayor Tervort

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer