**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**09/14/2020**

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 September 14, 2020. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

Aldermen: Chris Hoffman

Richard Scharp

Michael Mader

Dennis Wartgow

James Corbett

Anthony Thier

Dina Bukachek

Dan Greenwood

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Attorney: Bryce Shoenborn

Also present: Michelle Smith, Jerry Ernst, Scott Hilgart, Jeff Seamandel and via phone Pat from Bay Area Rural Transit.

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

Under communications, the Mayor informed everyone that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the mill by the finishing room parking lot on September 16, 2020 at 1 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Under Finance, Alderman Bukachek made a motion to pay the bills of $386,928.49. Seconded by Alderman Greenwood and motion carried, 8-0.

Under Board of Public Works, Jeff Seamandel from MSA presented the hospital area reconstruction project. He spoke of the one million dollar grant from DOA and is projecting the project will last a little over 6 months and will begin in May of 2021. The council reviewed the MSA engineering contract for the hospital area reconstruction project and there was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the contract in the amount of $514,000, which includes $254,000 to design the project and 1,950 hours for engineering. Motion carried, 8-0. There was another motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the MSA contract for the Community Development Block Grant Administration in the amount of $35,000. Motion carried, 8-0. An amendment to the housing development study was discussed by adding the feasibility of the St. Anthony School redevelopment. Alderman Greenwood made a motion and Alderman Mader seconded this amendment to occur in the amount of $9,800. Motion carried, 8-0. There was discussion on the encroachment agreement with R-Store (GPM Southeast LLC). Alderman Mader made a motion to have the agreement read in two years the tanks need to be removed; this motion died due to lack of a second. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman that the properties of GPM are to be removed from the city ride-of-way by October 31, 2021. Motion carried. There was a BART proposal to have the City of Park Falls donate a lot located on the northeast corner of County Road E and Park Lane. Pat from BART was available to answer any concerns the council had. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to allow the administration and staff to work out an agreement with BART. Motion carried.

There was nothing to report under public services.

There was nothing to report for personnel.

Administrator Michalek told the council that the city center demolition is in full swing and there are quite a few buildings that are down already. There is quite a bit of progress being made. The zoning map is being worked on with GRAEF and there should be more details in October. The City is looking at amending the entire map to reflect lots that are currently developed. The update on raze orders will be available at the next meeting. There will be a joint review board meeting this Thursday, September 17, 2020 to discuss the TIF amendment process. The plan commission will also be meeting on September 17. The shared revenues for 2020 will remain unchanged and a slight decrease for 2021 of approximately $5,000.

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to convene into closed session at 6:17 p.m., pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 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. (Discussion of DNR Asbestos/Demolition Compliance); and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Discussion and recommendation for full-time patrol officer) Motion carried, 8-0. Michalek, Smith and Ernst stayed for closed session.

Motion to reconvene at 7:03 p.m. by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader. Motion carried, 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the appointment of Jacob Smutzer to a full-time patrol officer pending approval of background check by the City Administrator. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Michelle M. Smith Treasurer/Deputy Clerk