

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 1/22/2024

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 22, 2024. Mayor Tara Tervort called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Tara Tervort

Alderman: Dan Greenwood
Dennis Wartgow
Terry Wilson
James Corbett
Dixie Weidman
Anthony Their
Michael Mader
Dina Bukachek

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Staff present: Shannon Greenwood, Bill Hoffman, Deb Hyde, Marvin Nevelier, Scott Schultz

Also present: Tom LaVenture, Gary Wollerman, Mike Weidman, Karen Langrehr

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

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Corbett to approve the minutes for the Special Council meeting on December 7, 2023, the Common Council meeting on December 19th, 2023, and the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 8, 2024. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Flambeau River YMCA is holding a celebration event on January 31st, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Weidman to appoint Alderman Wilson to the Personnel Committee after Alderman Greenwood resigned from the Personnel Committee. Motion carried, 7-0 (Wilson abstained).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$212,539.17. Motion carried, 8-0.

Personnel – First round of interviews to be held on January 23rd for the Clerk and Treasurer position.

Board of Public Works – There is a proposal from HydroCorp to handle the deficiencies from the Sanitary department survey, and they are a reputable company that provides complete cross connection control whom the

City has worked with before. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve the HydroCorp proposal. Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Services – Discussed a proposed Social Media Policy to remove the ability to comment on the Facebook page. Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Bukacheck to adopt the new Social Media Policy. Motion carried, 8-0.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor – Will be joining the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Board of Directors next Friday. Will be attending the WHEDA conference in Madison on February 7th.

City Administrator – Library construction is moving ahead; all the framing work is up and working on HVAC system and wiring next.

Library Director – February Calendar of events was reviewed. Construction is going well.

DPW Director – With the lack of snow removal work the crew has time and equipment to do tree clearing in the ROW for the upcoming water main loop near Heritage Lane to get a jumpstart on the project. Meeting with Hardwoods to see if they would be interested in the lumber.

Parks & Recreation Director – Committee is meeting on January 25th to approve the final plans. Bidding documents will be sent out early February and due by mid-March, to start work on the park in early June. There are grant dollars available for the Depot, however, they are reimbursement based. The spring programming for youth sports is scheduled for 8 weeks and will be shared starting February 19th.

Chief of Police Nevelier – Any complaints of sidewalks that are not being cleared of snow should be reported to the Police Department. Sent letter to Captain Nemo's reminding them that violations could result in a revocation or suspension of their liquor license.

Fire Department – Director Hoffman reported that Ice Rescue training was well attended. There is a Fire Department meeting scheduled for January 23rd.

At 5:46 there was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to convene into closed session, 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 (Regarding TIF Development Agreement at 219, 229, and 239 2nd Avenue North). Motion carried, 8-0. City staff Michalek, Greenwood, Hoffman, Nevelier, and Schultz present.

At 6:17 there was a motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Mader to reconvene into open session, for discussion and/or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Prepared by: Shannon Greenwood, Executive Assistant