

## COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/11/2021

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 11, 2021. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Michael Bablick
Aldermen:	Chris Hoffman--excused David Dryer Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett-on phone Anthony Thier Dina Bukachek Dan Greenwood
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn
City Administrator:	Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Deb Hyde, Bill Hoffman, Dixie Weiland, Larry Reas, Jerry Ernst and Jeff Seamandel.

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk and Treasurer Smith informed the board that she spoke with Paul Precour from Dr Da Pa Do and he expressed appreciation for the CDBG loan program.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### NEW BUSINESS

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the hours for Trick or Treating on October 31, 2021 from 4 PM.-6:30 PM. Motion carried. Resolution 21-014, Establishing Municipal Wards and Aldermanic Districts, was presented to the council. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve this resolution. Motion carried. Planning Commission case 21-001, conditional use permit for Signature Signs, was presented. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve this conditional use permit. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve MSA to submit applications on behalf of the City for the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant Program, with a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried, 7-0. Mayor Bablick handed out a letter of intent to Watco, regarding acquiring portions of the rail right-of-way and the historic depot. Mayor Bablick spoke about a memorandum of understanding between the City of Park Falls and the Diocese of Superior regarding the marketing of the St. Anthony School for workforce housing.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance** –Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$258,439.86. Motion carried, 7-0. There was Pay Application No. 3 presented from Howard Brothers in the amount of \$5,396.01. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier

to approve this pay application. Motion carried, 7-0. Administrator Michalek handed out the results from the six surveys he received concerning the budget and explained the information in detail.

**Board of Public Works** – There was an RFP request from MSA for the park master plan and schematic design. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the RFP request in the amount of \$68,500. Motion carried, 6-1, with Alderman Mader saying no.

**Public Services** – There was nothing to report.

**Personnel** – There was nothing to report.

**Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations** – Administrator Michalek informed the council the transfer station project will be started at the end of October. (To replace the concrete base for the crane.)

At 6:16 PM, 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 governing 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 Park Falls Development, LLC); and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g)-conferring with legal counsel for the governing 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 Wisconsin Paper Personal Property, LLC and Wisconsin Paper Real Property, LLC. Motion carried, 7-0. All the public left except for Administrator Michalek, DPW Director Hoffman, Chief Ernst and Clerk and Treasurer Smith.

At 6:33 PM, there was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to reconvene into open session, for discussion and /or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 6-0. (Alderman Corbett left closed session prior to vote being taken).

Resolution 21-015, Agreement to Liquidate the Paper Mill, was presented. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this resolution. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Michelle M. Smith  
Clerk and Treasurer