

## COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 10/24/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 24, 2022. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

Aldermen: Chris Hoffman  
Dixie Weidman  
Michael Mader  
Dennis Wartgow  
James Corbett  
Anthony Thier  
Dina Bukachek  
Dan Greenwood

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn - excused

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Jerry Ernst, Gary Wollerman, Larry Reas, Shannon Greenwood, Marv Nevelier, Penny Radlinger, Wendy Remington, Deb Hyde and Jeff Seamandel.

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to table 8.D.1. until after closed session. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Weidman to adopt the agenda as presented with the above change. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alderman Bukachek and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes for the Common Council meeting on September 26, 2022, the Joint Review Board meeting on October 6, 2022 and the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 10, 2022. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Bukachek mentioned that there is a smell coming from the mill area. It was noted that the owners are turning it over and trying to get it to compost. Alderman Mader informed the council that another business has donated to the dugout project.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Wollerman asked where he could find information on the routes for UTV/ATVs. He was directed to the Chamber for maps.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance** –Alderman Hoffman made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$124,963.99. Motion carried, 8-0. The budget survey results were discussed with the council and there was some budget discussion for the 2023 budget. There will be a presentation on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November and the final approval on November 28<sup>th</sup>. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve the Bowmar Appraisal contract in the amount of \$14,500 for 2023 and 2024. Motion carried, 8-0.

**Personnel** – The Personnel Committee will be meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m. to do interviews for the Park Falls Police Department Sergeant position.

**Board of Public Works** – Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the demolition bid from C & D Excavating in the amount of \$67,300. Motion carried, 8-0. Motion by Alderman

Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve a driveway permit for 154 Maple Street. Motion carried. Jeff Seamandel presented the MSA report. Wendy Remington asked if there were any weekly meetings regarding the Boettcher Road project. Meetings take place weekly at the job site.

**Public Services** – Will be discussed after closed session.

## **CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

Mayor Bablick – Nothing to report.

City Administrator Michalek-Waiting for a response from WATCO in regards to the land transfer.

Attorney report – Nothing to report.

Clerk & Treasurer Smith – Absentee voting will take place starting on October 25 until next Friday. The hours will be from 9:30-3:00, Monday through Thursday and 9-11:30 on Fridays.

Library Director Hyde – The auditorium floor is fixed! Channel 12 should have their weather camera working fairly soon.

DPW Director Hoffman – The crew is brush cutting right now.

Chief of Police Ernst – Updated the council that winter parking will be in place starting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. They will also be helping with the Frightfest/5K Run/Walk.

Fire Chief Reas – Informed the council that they had a mutual aid call to Glidden. He also asked if they could use the house on 459 Division for smoke training ONLY. No live fires. This was ok'd by the council as long as there are no live fires.

At 6:25 PM there was a motion by Alderman Mader, seconded by Alderman Weidman, to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (*Regarding request by Whitmer Avenue resident to purchase city owned property ID#50-271-2-40-01-25-5 05-003-300000*); pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed (*Regarding City owned property proposal with Marshfield Medical Center, Park Falls*). Motion carried, 8-0. Staff remaining included Michalek, Smith, Greenwood, Ernst, Nevelier, and Hoffman.

At 6:48 PM there was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to reconvene into open session. Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Services – It was noted that Cities are not required to have ambulance service. Before any agreement is signed, the housing of the vehicle needs to come off; the state operational plan needs to be seen and the council is recommending a joint meeting of all of those that are involved in the ambulance service.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM

Michelle M. Smith  
Clerk and Treasurer