

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/13/2023

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 13, 2023. Mayor Tara Tervort called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Tara Tervort

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

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Marv Nevelier, Gary Wollerman, Larry Reas, Deb Hyde and Michael Weidman.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

City Administrator Michalek let the council know that the City will be receiving \$100K for the park playground from the county. The Chamber would like to use the police/fire station for their turkey trot. It was not on the agenda, but council agreed that this was fine. Mayor Tervort informed everyone that David Rose passed away today. A moment of silence was given. Alderman Mader informed everyone that the wreaths will be going up sometime this week for Deck the Rails. Clerk and Treasurer Smith let the Council know that she will be gone next week in Florida with the band.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Weidman spoke against the cloud permitting that is on the agenda. There will be more enforcement needed and that is lacking right now.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance –Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$332,643.57. Motion carried, 8-0. City Administrator Michalek presented the budget presentation. This will be put in front of the council at the November 27, 2023 meeting. There was a contractor’s application for permit #5 in the amount of \$65,661.03 from Francis Melvin Inc. Motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this expenditure. Motion carried, 8-0. Cloud Permitting was presented to the board for consideration. The current price for our permitting is \$3,500. The first year would be \$6,500 and then \$3,500 after that. There was discussion as to where this additional \$3,000 will come from. It was decided that more research is needed and this will be discussed at a future meeting.

Board of Public Works –Resolution 23-020: Vacating a Portion of a Build Road and an Unbuilt Alleyway was presented for approval. Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this motion. Motion carried, with Alderman Wartgow casting a nay vote. A bid for the 2024 Utility Improvement Project was

presented from MSA in the amount of \$301,500.00. This was the only bid that was received. Motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to grant this bid to MSA. Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Services – The financial statements and supplementary information were presented by the housing authority. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Personnel – There was nothing to report.

Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations – The Old Abe Memorial Park is starting to get cost estimates in and is scheduled to start in the spring of 2024 hopefully. The four season pavilion has been dropped at this point due to a potential donor dropping out of giving the money needed for this item.

At 7:09 PM there was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Regarding TID Agreement Extension-Cornerstone Properties, LLC); and pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Regarding Mill Office, Whistle and Train Locomotive); and pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Regarding Potential University Satellite Campus). Motion carried, 8-0. City staff Smith, Nevelier, Hyde, Hoffman, Reas and Michalek stayed for closed session.

At 7:44 PM there was a motion to reconvene into open session and take possible action on closed session items by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Weidman. Motion carried, 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer