

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/27/2023

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 27, 2023. Mayor Tara Tervort called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Tara Tervort

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

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn - Excused

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Bill Hoffman, Deb Hyde, Marvin Nevelier, Scott Schultz, Larry Reas, Michelle Smith, Jeff Seamandel, Mike Weidman

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

There was a motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes for the Common Council meeting on October 16, 2023; Zoning Board of Appeals November 2, 2023; Public Hearing November 13, 2023; Committee of the Whole meeting on November 13, 2023. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Park Falls wrestling club has a breakfast fundraiser this Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30AM, comments were made on the Memory Wreath fundraising effort, Madrigal dinner is this weekend, YMCA is continuing their fundraising efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A moment of silence was held for David Rose who was Alderman from 1992-2011. Budget was presented by City Administrator Michalek with details and options discussed. The Mayor expressed her desire to keep the mill rate the same as 2023, while the other jurisdictions have increased their Mill Rate. Public Comment on the budget began at 6:25 and closed at 6:28. A motion by Alderman Bukachek to approve Resolution 23-021 and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried on a 6-1 voice vote, with Alderman Wartgow voting no. The 5-year Capital Improvement Plan was presented by City Administrator Michalek with a motion to approve by Alderman Weidman seconded by Alderman Mader as presented with an Amendment to add City Hall/Library Improvements in 2024. Motion passed on a Voice Vote 7-0. Motion was made to reschedule the December 25, 2023 meeting to Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Alderman Weidman made a motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$106,012.78. Motion carried, 7-0.

Personnel – Motion by Alderman Wartgow seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve appointments of Hegeman, Mann, Meyer, Jarvis, and Little to the Park Falls Volunteer Fire Department, pending the results of the drug tests. Motion Carried, 7-0.

Board of Public Works – Motion by Alderman Mader, seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the holiday parade route as presented. Motion carried, 7-0. Motion by Wartgow and seconded by Wilson to approve the request for proposals (RFP) with Dalmark Development Group, LLC in Partnership with Alpha Development Corporation, to have the City Administrator and Attorney work with them toward a full agreement; they were the only ones to reply to the RFP. Motion carried, 7-0. MSA gave their project updates to the city.

Public Services – Nothing to report.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor – Nothing further to report.

City Administrator – Nothing further to report.

Clerk and Treasurer – On December 1st election papers for candidacy or noncandidacy are available.

Library Director – December 2nd Santa will be at the library for the tree decoration at 10:30am.

DPW Director – Just getting ready for winter snow.

Parks & Recreation Director – Talked about the upcoming bricks campaign, and the selection process for the playground equipment in the new Old Abe Memorial Park.

Chief of Police Nevelier – Mentioned the November 1st winter parking is in effect, and they have begun citing people. Captain Nemo's bar OD was presented.

Fire Department – Appreciated approving the new volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Prepared by: Brentt P. Michalek, City Administrator