

COMMON COUNCIL

12/13/2019

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session in the council chambers of the Park Falls city hall at 9:00 AM on Friday, December 13, 2019. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Michael Bablick
Aldermen:	Chris Hoffman Richard Scharp Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett Anthony Thier Dina Bukachek --Excused Dan Greenwood

Also present: Jerry Ernst, Deb Hyde, Brentt Michalek, Seth Carlson, and Tom Ratzlaff.

Alderman Hoffman made a motion to adopt the agenda the way it was presented. Seconded by Alderman Scharp. Motion carried.

Under communications, the Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Under public comment, Tom Ratzlaff applauded the council's efforts in regard to moving forward with the downtown land purchases.

There was a brief presentation and discussion by City Administrator/Clerk Michalek to those present on the 2020 budget. The City mill rate was not increasing...it was actually going down a little but the overall mill rate will be increasing due to other factors and entities. Mr. Michalek made the following recommendations to the council: go with Ameritas for Dental Insurance with the amounts presented; go with the health care recommendation as presented and for wages, he is recommending either a 1.5% or 2.0% increase. This does not include the police union...this will be discussed at a later meeting. (for all amounts presented, please see attachment A). Alderman Greenwood made the motion to accept the City Administrator/Clerk's recommendations on the health and dental. Motion passed 5-2 with Alderman Hoffman and Alderman Mader saying no. During the discussion on wages, Alderman Wartgow pointed out that the morale will go down if you give different increases to the police union vs. the other staff. He suggested to treat everyone equally for raises. Alderman Hoffman asked if this included the fire department and it did not. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Corbett to increase the wages for the 2020 year by 1.5%. This does not include the police union. Motion carried, 4-3 with Alderman Wartgow, Alderman Greenwood, and Alderman Hoffman saying no.

Resolution No. 19-008 "Resolution Adopting the 2020 Budget" was presented to the council. There was a motion by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Mader to accept the resolution. Motion carried 6-1, with Alderman Hoffman saying no.

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to convene into closed session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. "Recommendation for Part-Time Police Administrative Assistant Position" and in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion,

compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. "Evaluation of organizational structure and potential litigation and per Section 19.85(1)(e), whenever bargaining or negotiation reasons require a closed session, the council is going to be voting on contract language to propose." Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Thier to reconvene into open session to take action, if any, on closed session items. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to hire Tammy Casey for the Part-Time Police Administrative Assistant Position. Motion carried, 6-0 with Alderman Hoffman abstaining.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM.

Michelle M. Smith
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk