

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING & COMMON COUNCIL
4/19/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

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

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn-excused

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Jerry Ernst, Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Deb Hyde, Shannon Greenwood, Lynda Ludwig, Dixie Weidman, Kevin Damrow, Katie Riva, Wendy Ford, Dwight Webb, Jeff Seamandel and Mike Harnois.

The following officials were sworn in at the meeting: Alders: Dennis Wartgow, James Corbett, Anthony Thier and Dina Bukachek.

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

Alderman Hoffman made a motion and seconded by Alderman Dryer to approve the minutes for the March 28, 2022 Common Council meeting; the April 11, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting and the April 11, 2022 Board of Public Works meeting. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Terry Palecek would like to gift the City the red area on exhibit 1. He is requesting the City pay the \$200 fee that his attorney is billing him. Xcel Energy is requesting the City lower one of the lights on the softball field by 12 inches. The Mayor received a congratulations note from the President of NTC on the YMCA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dixie Weidman from 857 3rd Avenue South is interested in purchasing property from the City that is located behind her property. This will be discussed at a future meeting. Lynda Ludwig from Phillips appeared before the council to request \$2,000 funding for a billboard...considering this was not on the agenda, no action was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance - Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$98,917.25. Motion carried, 8-0. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by

Alderman Mader to approve the transfer of the TIF development agreement for property located at 124 4th Avenue South from Vichy's Pub to Third Shift, LLC. Motion carried, 7-0, with Alderman Hoffman abstaining.

Personnel – There was nothing to report.

Board of Public Works –A request by Jan Ebben was presented to the council to use Preisler Park for a flea market on the 4th of July and every Wednesday in the summer. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this request. Motion carried. Alderman Wartgow made a motion and Alderman Hoffman seconded it to approve gravel crushing from Wisco Bid for an amount not to exceed \$40,000. Motion carried, 8-0. Administrator Michalek presented a cost estimate for brackets to hang banners on approximately 115 poles. The cost would be roughly around \$50/bracket. An implementation plan will be presented at a future meeting. A local cost share estimate was presented to the council from the DOT for the highway project scheduled in 2025. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the four items presented: sidewalk extension near Super One-\$3,873; colored/stamped median concrete-\$37,900; led street light upgrades-\$34,875; sanitary sewer manholes and water valve adjustments-\$25,350. Motion carried, 7-1, with Alderman Mader saying no.

Public Services – MSA updated everyone on the different projects that they have been working on for the City. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve the safe drinking water reapplication for the hospital area project. Motion carried, 8-0. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the amendment #1 for additional services for the redesign of city hall in the amount of \$12,400.00. Motion carried, 8-0. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the engineering services for lagoon baffle replacement project in the amount of \$20,000. Motion carried, 8-0.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Bablick – There was a nomination by Alderman Wartgow to nominate Alderman Mader to become Council President. After three calls and seeing no other nominations, Alderman Wartgow made a motion and seconded by Alderman Corbett to close nominations and cast an unanimous vote for Alderman Mader for Council President. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve the council committees as presented by the Mayor. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to designate the Price County Review as the official newspaper. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to designate Forward Bank as the official depository. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to appoint William Hoffman as the Weed Commissioner. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to appoint William Hoffman as the City Forester. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to appoint the following members to the Board of Review: Michael Bablick, Dennis Wartgow, Michael Mader, David Dryer, and Michelle Smith. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the planning commission members as presented by the Mayor. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Members as presented by the Mayor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the library board members as presented by the Mayor. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the Mayor's appointment of Michael Mader to the Room Tax Commission. Motion carried.

City Administrator Michalek – Reported that the landfill PFAS has nothing in place for regulations at this time.

Attorney report – Nothing to report

Clerk and Treasurer Smith – The field work is complete for the audit. Open book will be on May 9 from 10 AM until noon and the Board of Review will be on May 16 from 10 AM until noon.

Library Director Hyde – Over 500 individuals passed through the library for library week.

DPW Director Hoffman – There are 852 radio meter installs that will be taking place. The telehandler arrived on March 30th and flushing hydrants will begin next week. Let runs will be cancelled at the end of this week.

Chief of Police Ernst – Informed the council that the new squad car is going to be coming from Phillips Ford and is scheduled to be

Fire Chief Reas- The crew responded to a structure fire in the Town of Eisenstein and one in the Town of Lake.

At 6:51 PM, there was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin 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 in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Regarding City owned property and Just Plane Fun of Park Falls, LLC); and pursuant to Wisconsin 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 in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Regarding City owned property and lease consideration with Marshfield Hospital) Motion carried, 8-0. Staff remaining included Administrator Michalek, Clerk and Treasurer Smith, Police Chief Ernst, Administrator Assistant Greenwood and DPW Director Hoffman. Scott Carpenter was also present.

At 7:58 PM., there was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Mader to reconvene into open session, for discussion and /or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer