

COMMON COUNCIL 5/24/2021

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 24, 2021. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. 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 Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Jerry Ernst, Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Deb Hyde, Deb Perkins, Jeff Seamandel, Chief Larry Reas, and Caroline Corbett. There were no callers.

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

There was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the Common Council meeting minutes of April 26, 2021, the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of May 10, 2021 Motion carried 8-0

COMMUNICATIONS

Jeff Seamandel spoke about Hospital Project update. They will start digging 6/1 on highway at Case Ave. From there, they will move to Paddock then Avery Ave.

Little league fields being used June 12 and 26 for ballgames.

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Alderman Hoffman made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$364,167.10. Motion carried, 8-0.

OFFER TO PURCHASE

Discussion about access to the Industrial park on Hwy 13. Motion to approve purchase made by Alderman Wartgow, seconded by Alderman Mader Motion carried 7-1 (Hoffman abstained)

FORWARD BANK LOAN EXTENSION

Mayor Bablick gave report on the legislation. A co-op is trying to raise money to purchase both paper mills. Until receivership is settled, need to approve loan extension with Forward Bank, interest is in receivership fund. Alderman Greenwood made a motion to approve the extension, Alderman Corbett seconded it, the motion carried 8-0

Board of Public Works

Director Hoffman spoke about Struck & Irwin Paving and passed around a sample. It was suggested that we do another street so we can do a comparison of products in the future. 5th Street was suggested as a possibility. Alderman Wartgow made a motion to accept the bid by, seconded by Alderman Mader. Motion carried 8-0

Public Services

Swimming pool lessons and hours – Caroline Corbett, passed out schedule. Fees are same as 2019. Aerobics will be Mon & Wed. Motion made by Alderman Mader, seconded by Alderman Corbett to approve the pool schedule. Motion carried 8-0.

Personnel - There was nothing to report under Personnel.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Bablick – monthly report – Park Falls Development LLC update already given

City Administrator Michalek

Core and Main – water meter reader system – we have filed for FCC license. Radio signal owned by City. First check is scheduled to be here in June for ½ of amount. The other half of the Recovery Act funding comes next year.

Community Development – St. Anthony's was shown to 3-4 potential developers around (Mayor) Market rate rentals will be difficult to find someone to rent without being subsidized.

Attorney report – City Administrator Brentt Michalek informed that Krist Oil signed offer to purchase.

Clerk and Treasurer Smith – nothing to report

Library Director Hyde – going fine. Opening on June 1st.

DPW Director Hoffman mentioned that park mowing will commence as soon as they can do it without getting mower stuck.

Alderman Bukachek commented about an ordinance about mowing grass shavings into the street. Brentt will put out a notice on Facebook about not blowing grass clippings into the street.

Mayor commented about a housing proposal south of Boettcher Road, on the Flambeau River.

Chief of Police Ernst let the council know that we need another squad car. May 10 – call to assist resulted in totaling the vehicle being driven at high speed. One of the officers sustained a minor injury to his arm. That vehicle was purchased in 2019 and is considered a total loss. Check has been received from insurance company. Getting price from Fred Mueller - 6 to 8 months out for purchase.

Administrative Assistant – Wendy Ford started a week ago. She's doing great work and learning fast.

Fire Chief Reas - no grass fires this spring. 1 car accident County E on May 15. Couple of lift assists and a smoke alarm at Waterford. Attaboy from Greenwood for watering assist on the greens.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM

Debra L. Perkins
Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer