

## COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 08/08/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 8, 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-Absent  
David Dryer-Absent  
Michael Mader  
Dennis Wartgow  
James Corbett  
Anthony Thier  
Dina Bukachek  
Dan Greenwood

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Deb Hyde, Jerry Ernst, Ben Tenpas, Gary Wollerman and Dixie Weidman.

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor informed the council that there will be an informational meeting on the water rate status on August 11 at 6 p.m. Fr. Shaji met with the mayor and asked if the City would contribute money for the demolition of the St. Anthony's School. It was decided this was not in the best interest of the City. Clerk and Treasurer Smith informed the council that there will be a pool party on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. Alderman Thier let the council know that Hines Park has been full this whole summer for camping. Alderman Mader informed the council that St. Anthony's has donated their bleachers to the little league field.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance** –Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$315,362.92. Motion carried, 6-0.

**Board of Public Works** –Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to grant the bid to A-1 Excavating in the amount of \$666,666 for the Boettcher Road Utility and street construction project. Motion carried, 6-0. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Corbett to award the lagoon baffle bid to Staab Construction in the amount of \$167,300. Motion carried, 6-0. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to allow an expenditure of not more than \$75,000 for the YMCA area for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street North watermain extension for sewer and water pipe. Motion carried, 6-0. Ben Tenpas from 622 Saunders Avenue was present to discuss abandoning the sidewalk that is on his property. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to allow this abandonment. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Bukachek and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve a quote from Badgerland

Overhead Door company in the amount of \$9,100.00 for an overhead door replacement at the garage. Motion carried, 6-0.

**Public Services** – Nothing to report.

**Personnel** – Nothing to report.

**Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations** –The City has received an accepted offer to purchase on the Charles Wartgow property. Plan Commission Case #22-003 was denied from the Plan Commission. There will be monitoring to make sure there is not a nuisance present. The National League of Cities contacted the City of Park Falls to offer their services in helping find grants. There will be no cost to the City because they have been given federal money to help municipalities. WATCO has been sent a letter with the new requests from the City. There was a letter sent to the owner of 349 8th Avenue South that the City has suspended the raze order for six months due to the fact that there is a new owner involved and he is showing signs of updating the property. Chief Ernst updated the council on the results of Flambeau Rama from a police perspective.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.

Michelle M. Smith  
Clerk and Treasurer