

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/10/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 10, 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-Excused Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett Anthony Thier Dina Bukachek Dan Greenwood Dixie Weidman
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn
City Administrator:	Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Deb Hyde, Marvin Nevelier, Victor Ambrose, Larry Reas, Jerry Ernst, Gary Wollerman, Penny Radlinger and Benjamin Fox.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mader informed the council that the little league dugouts were still looking for a couple of sponsors for the dugouts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Victor Ambrose invited everyone to the annual elector's meeting for the school on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Glidden.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Wartgow made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the mayoral appointment of Ms. Debra Ralston to the Housing Authority. Motion carried. Penny Radlinger approved before the council to purchase some property from the City that is connected to her property. Her intention is to clean the parcel up. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Weidman to table this discussion to October 24, 2022. Motion carried. Alderman Corbett left the meeting at 5:22 p.m. There was a non-binding letter of intent from WATCO presented to the council. There is a conflict with the walking/snowmobile trail and the 3rd Avenue lift sewer main right now. Alderman Greenwood made a motion and Alderman Bukachek seconded it to sign the non-binding agreement with WATCO. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$486,548.57. Motion carried, 6-0. There will be budget meetings with all department heads starting on October 11.

Board of Public Works – There was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the expense of \$10,976 for the airport gate which was struck by lightning. Motion carried, 6-0. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the contract for the top three projects listed on the handout from MSA. Motion carried, 6-0. There was discussion on the forestry notice that

was sent to 214 7th Street North. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to cut the tree down and bill the property owner. Motion carried.

Public Services – Nothing to report.

Personnel – Nothing to report.

Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations –The situation that was brought up at an earlier meeting this year involving 421 3rd Ave. South has been resolved. At the next meeting, there will be bids presented for the demolition of those houses on the raze order list. The Citizens for a Clean Environment has closed the case for now that was presented in closed session last meeting. Boettcher Road construction started off rough but is continuing to move forward.

At 6:12 PM there was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin State 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. (Regarding City owned property and lease consideration with Marshfield Hospital.) City staff Smith, Ernst, Nevelier, Hoffman, Reas and Michalek stayed for closed session. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion to reconvene into open session and take possible action on closed session items by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood at 6:23 PM. Motion carried, 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer