

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10/12/2020

The Committee of the Whole met in regular session in the council chambers of the Park Falls City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on October 12, 2020. 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-excused Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett-on phone Anthony Thier-on phone Dina Bukachek Dan Greenwood
City Administrator:	Brentt Michalek
Attorney:	Bryce Shoenborn

Also present: Michelle Smith, Jerry Ernst, Scott Hilgart, Deb Hyde, David Dryer and on the phone, Bonnie Dryer.

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

Under communications, the Mayor let everyone know that Richard Scharp is no longer on the council because he has moved.

There was no public comment.

Under Old Business, there was discussion on the Halloween trick or treat hours. There was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to set the hours for trick or treating on October 31, 2020 from 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Motion carried. The council also instructed Administrator Michalek to put together a proper trick or treat etiquette with the current COVID situation that is taking place.

Under Finance, Alderman Greenwood made a motion to pay the bills of \$545,967.41. Seconded by Alderman Bukachek and motion carried, 6-0. Administrator Michalek presented the Council with the 2021 proposed budget. Alderman Mader requested the actual expense numbers through September 2020. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to purchase 449 Division Street in the amount of \$6,500 as long as there is a free/clear title and other contingencies are cleared up. Motion carried, 6-0. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve Forward Bank's offer to purchase 4 city-owned properties at the value of \$5,000/lot. Motion carried. Resolution 20-016: Workout Agreement Between City of Park Falls and Park Falls Development, LLC was discussed. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this resolution. Motion carried, 6-0.

Under Board of Public Works, there was a request for a curb cut widening on Kelsi Lane. This would include 30 feet to the south of both driveways. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to allow this extended curb-cut at the owner's expense. Motion carried.

There was nothing to report under public services.

Under Personnel, the Mayor discussed filling the vacancy of Alderman District 3. The Mayor will have a possible candidate at the council meeting in October.

Administrator Michalek informed the council that the city center project is ready for the bank to begin building as soon as the transfer of land takes place. There will be a new city center zoning added to our zoning ordinance that the council will be looking at approving in the beginning of 2021. The raze orders were discussed.

There was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to convene into closed session at 6:40 p.m., pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g)-conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Discussion of DNR Asbestos/Demolition Compliance); and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Regarding TIF 5 borrowing and developers agreement for lands listed below: 464 1st Street S., 175 5th Ave. S., 149 5th Ave. S) Motion carried, 6-0. Michalek and Smith stayed for closed session.

Motion to reconvene at 7:02 p.m. by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader. Motion carried, 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Michelle M. Smith
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk