

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12/12/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 12, 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
Dixie Weidman
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, Jerry Ernst, Larry Reas, Shannon Greenwood, Marv Nevelier, Mike Durmeyer, Gary Wollerman, Tara Tervort and Jesse Meyer.

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

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes for the Common Council meeting on November 28, 2022. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The meeting schedule for 2023 was handed out.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 22-008 was presented for the budget 2023. Motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve this resolution. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance –Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$667,626.00. Motion carried, 8-0. Ordinance 22-001, Sewer Rate Increase, was presented to the council. This would increase the sewer rates by 16.6%. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve Ordinance 22-001. Motion carried.

Personnel –Nothing to report.

Board of Public Works – A-1 Excavating presented a contractor’s application for pay #3 in the amount of \$29,556.59. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Corbett to approve this expenditure. Motion carried, 8-0. There was proposals presented by Municipal Well and Pum for well #6 rehabilitation in the amounts of \$29,730.00 for labor/well rehabilitation and \$18,046.00 for materials. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve these proposals. Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Services – Nothing to report.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Bablick – Nothing to report.

City Administrator Michalek-On December 15, 2022, the Christmas party will be taking place. Airport Manager Mike Durmeyer discussed that the runway lights at the airport are currently not working. Michalek expressed that the City would be purchasing a \$700 computer board to see if that will resolve the issue.

Attorney report – Nothing to report.

Clerk & Treasurer Smith – The times that the City will be collecting taxes was presented. Alderman Chris Hoffman has filed his noncandidacy for 2nd District Alderman. To date, Tara Tervort has filed papers for Mayor; Jesse Meyer has filed for 4th District Alderman; and Dixie Weidman has filed for 3rd District Alderman. Clerk and Treasurer Smith recognized Chief Ernst, with this being his last official meeting.

Library Director Hyde – Nothing to report.

DPW Director Hoffman – Expressed appreciation from the DPW workers for the upcoming budget year. Demolition is finishing up on 1st Street and will be going to 3rd Avenue next. The snowblower has been received and will be used for the projected storm towards the end of the week. DPW Director Hoffman has been working closely with the DNR to remedy a sewer issue that is taking place on private property at the trailer park. Wisco has started crushing gavel in the City.

Chief of Police Ernst –The mill damage amount is a little over \$21,000. This is considered a felony crime. Lots of training has been taking place for the police officers. A round of applause was given to Chief Ernst for his 30 plus years of service.

Fire Chief Reas – The fire department assisted with a car fire.

At 5:55 PM there was a motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Regarding City of Park Falls Police Union Contract.) City staff Smith, Ernst, Nevelier, and Michalek stayed for closed session. Motion carried, 8-0.

Motion to reconvene into open session and take possible action on closed session items by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Bukachek at 6:14 PM. Motion carried, 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer