

COMMON COUNCIL
12/3/2018

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session in the council chambers of the Park Falls city hall at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 3, 2018. Mayor Daniel Leitl called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Daniel Leitl
Aldermen:	Michael Bablick Chris Hoffman David Dryer Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett Anthony Thier Dina Bukachek
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn

The minutes of the Council meeting of 11/12/18 were presented. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. The minutes of 11/26/18 Special Council meeting were presented. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The 2019 budget hearing was held. The following ordinance was introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-010

Appropriation Ordinance Adopting and Approving the Proposed Budget for 2019

Moved by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Thier to adopt the ordinance as presented. Motion carried 7-1, Alderman Mader voting no.

Alderman Dryer presented the minutes of the 11/26/18 Personnel Committee meeting. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Alderman Wartgow presented the Finance Committee report. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to pay the bills in the amount of \$240,436.58. Motion carried. The Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the 2019-2020 Maintenance Contract from Bowmar Appraisal, Inc. was presented. Moved by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the contract. Motion carried.

Alderman Thier presented the BPW report. Recommendations for winter water utility operations were presented by Water & Street Superintendent Scott Hilgart. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Dryer to mirror last winter's water usage by opening the hydrant near the corner of the First National Bank building and piping the water to the storm sewer on the west side of the river, and to open a second hydrant near the Pfizer plant on the east side of the river. Motion carried. Bids were opened for snow and ice removal from unmaintained sidewalks for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 winter seasons. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to accept the bid from Tim Dane at a rate of \$40.00 per hour. Motion carried. Alderman Mader presented information regarding snow removal on sidewalks at the intersection of Hwy 13 and Hwy 182. He requested that the City use the snow blower instead of the snow broom to remove snow in order to preserve flowers that are planted there. It was decided that the city would try using the snow blower instead of the snow broom there this winter.

Alderman Mader presented the Public Services Committee report.

Mayor Leitl appointed Michelle Czlapinski to the position of part-time police officer. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to confirm the appointment. Motion carried. Mayor Leitl informed the Council that the Chequamegon school would like the city to consider a sign on 9th Street North prohibiting left hand turns by the elementary school M-F from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. It was decided to invite the Chequamegon school superintendent and school board president to the next meeting to brainstorm solutions to the traffic issues on 9th Street North.

City Attorney Schoenborn presented his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann presented her report.

Chief of Police Straetz presented his monthly report.

Water & Street Superintendent Hilgart informed the Council that the fluoride component of the water utility's 2017 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been resolved and the CCR is ready for publication.

Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to go into closed session in accordance with Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel regarding resolution of employee matters. Motion carried, 8-0.

Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Dryer to reconvene in open session. Motion carried, 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Arla J. Homann
Clerk-Treasurer