

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 02/15/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

Aldermen: Chris Hoffman
David Dryer
Michael Mader
Dennis Wartgow
James Corbett---absent
Anthony Their---on phone
Dina Bukachek
Dan Greenwood

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Jeff Seamandel, Bill Hoffman, Richard Ross, Larry Reas, Jerry Ernst, Shannon Greenwood, Joseph Gozelski, Justin Fischer, Brian Ruechel, and Jordan Thurow

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to remove items 8.A.5 and B.1.B from the agenda and then adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

There was no communications.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Under New Business, Baird Financial presented to the council about what types of services they offer. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to recommend using Baird Financial for financial consulting. Motion carried. Catkins presented a request to use the fire hall again for a spaying/neutering clinic for cats on either April 12 or 13. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this request as long as Chief Reas is included on the discussion of which date they select. Chief Reas said that he has been in communication with Catkins. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Public Works – There was a request from Northwoods Group Realty LLC & MRD Group, Inc. for the demo of Boiler No. 6. The companies' current hours are Monday through Saturday 7 AM until 5:30 PM Everything above ground would be removed and the foundation would stay. Everything below ground would be plugged and capped. After questions and comments from the council and staff, a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader was made to grant the permit as the letter states. Motion carried. There was a contract presented by MSA in the amount of \$122,700 to do the design, bidding and construction work for Boettcher Road Utility and Street Extension Phase 1. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve this contract. Motion carried, 7-0. Administrator Michalek informed the council that the Board of Public Works Committee met on Wednesday, February 9 to discuss the park plan. There was a mix of ideas with reusing and not reusing the current pavilion.

Public Services – There was nothing to report.

Personnel – There was nothing to report.

Finance –Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$1,156,743.09. Motion carried, 7-0. Administrator Michalek presented an update to the capital improvements plan which included raising the telehandler cost to \$65,000 and purchasing police radio equipment in the amount of \$18,000. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve this change. Motion carried, 7-0. Howard Brothers, Inc. presented pay application #6 in the amount of \$17,612.54 for the alley reconstruction project. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this expenditure. Motion carried, 7-0. Resolution #22-003 for Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2021C-Water System and Sewerage System Revenue was presented to the council for consideration. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve this resolution. Motion carried, 7-0. City Attorney Schoenborn left at 6:10 p.m. There was a shared space agreement presented to the council with the Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve this agreement. Motion carried. Administrator Michalek presented a property lease agreement with Flambeau River Community Growing Center. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve the lease. Motion carried.

Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations – Administrator Michalek mentioned that if the council members are not using the emails to let him know.

At 6:44 PM, there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek 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. (Consideration of wages and promotion of two employees); and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g)-conferring with legal counsel for the governing 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 on TIF 5 Developers Agreement, Flambeau River Housing Development); and pursuant to Wisconsin 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 in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Regarding public funds PILOT payment consideration with the North Lakes Community Clinic); and pursuant to Wisconsin 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 in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Regarding City owned property and lease consideration with Marshfield Hospital). Motion carried, 7-0. Staff remaining included Administrator Michalek, Clerk and Treasurer Smith, Administrative Assistant Greenwood, and DPW Director Hoffman. Jeff Seamandel was also present from MSA.

At 7:47 PM., there was a motion by Alderman Bukachek and seconded by Alderman Mader to reconvene into open session, for discussion and /or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer