

COMMON COUNCIL
6/10/2019

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session in the council chambers of the Park Falls city hall at 5:01 PM on Monday, June 10, 2019. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Michael Bablick
Aldermen:	Chris Hoffman Richard Scharp Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett Anthony Thier Dina Bukachek Dan Greenwood-Excused
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn

The minutes of the 5/15/19 Council meeting were presented. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

In public comment, Pete Maynard informed the council that Hines Park has now been included on the Chamber website under the Parks tab. The Mayor informed everyone that the Council received muffins from Peace Lutheran Church and also let everyone know that Chief Ernst is on vacation but is available if needed. Mayor Bablick read a letter from the Town of Lake Clerk that the Town of Lake would like to be more informed on the Sea Plane Base project. Mayor Bablick also informed the Council of his latest findings on the Flambeau River Paper mill. All affected employees should come into the CEP office to pick up a packet of information.

Alderman Wartgow had nothing to report for the Personnel report.

Alderman Bukachek presented the Finance Committee report. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$254,949.96. Motion carried. Alderman Bukachek informed the council that banking bids will be on the July agenda.

Alderman Thier presented the BPW report. Moved by Alderman Corbett and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the American Legion 4th of July requests to use the baseball field at the Athletic Complex for fireworks, either July 4, 2019 or July 5, 2019 and to close the following streets for the July 4th activities: 3rd Avenue North directly in front of the legion and 2nd Street North just to the alley to be closed from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. They also requested the parking lot to be closed for the same time period. Moved by Alderman Corbett and seconded by Alderman Mader to allow these closures. Motion carried. The Chamber of Commerce

requested to close the following streets for the Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, August 3rd from 7 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.: 2nd Avenue North from 1st Street N to Division St.; Division St. from intersection of 2nd Ave. N. to alley west of Pal Café (provisions made to allow traffic flow from 1st Ave. N to Hwy. 182 and vis versa and 1st St. N from intersection of 2nd Ave. N to alley west of Post Office with provisions that allow traffic flow from Hwy. 13 to 2nd Ave N. and vis versa and not allow 1st St. N to become a dead end-east of closure.) Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the closures as described. Motion carried.

Alderman Mader presented the Public Services Committee report. Liquor license applications for the 2019-2020 year were presented. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the licenses. Motion carried. The following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-003
2018 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report

Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Under the Mayor's report, Mayor Bablick introduced Steven Kubacki as the Interim City Administrator. The council also was presented with approving the cost-sharing of custodial/maintenance position of Athletic Field complex with the Chequamegon School District, not to exceed, \$4,000, starting July 1, 2019 and ending with the fall season of 2019. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve this plan. Motion carried. Alderman Wartgow made a motion and seconded by Alderman Mader to appoint Michelle Smith as Interim City Clerk and Treasurer at a wage of \$28.50/hour, upon retirement of Clerk/Treasurer Arla Homann (6/13/19), until hiring of City Administrator/Clerk. Motion carried. Alderman Corbett made a motion and seconded by Alderman Mader to appoint/promote Michelle Smith as Finance Director (Treasurer)/Deputy City Clerk at a salary of \$56,014/year, upon hiring of City Administrator/Clerk. Motion carried. Alderman Mader made a motion and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to appoint/promote Tammy Casey as Administrative Assistant/Deputy Treasurer, at a wage of \$18.00/hour (29 hrs/week), upon retirement of Clerk/Treasurer Arla Homann (6/13/19). Increase wage to \$18.75/hour upon successful performance evaluation after 3 months. Motion carried, 6-0, with Alderman Hoffman abstaining. Alderman Mader made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to appoint Caroline Corbett as Pool Director, at a salary of \$4,000/year. Motion carried, 6-0, with Alderman Corbett abstaining. Mayor Bablick updated everyone on the Tax Increment Finance district creation that he has been working on along with many others. Mayor Bablick brought up the addition of Communications to be put on the monthly agenda, right before public comment, which would allow the council to discuss items that they may have received from their constituents or any other information that they would like to share with the full council. In addition, Mayor Bablick discussed adding "Administrator" to the City Official reports. Mayor Bablick and Alderman Mader informed the council that the old bleachers at the football/track field have been removed and were sold to a Colby organization for \$1.00. They were declared scrap metal and no other action is needed. Mayor Bablick also recognized retiring Clerk/Treasurer Arla Homann for her 36 years of service to the City of Park Falls.

City Attorney Schoenborn presented his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann reported on the 2018 audit that is almost complete.

Police Sergeant Zoubek presented the monthly police department report. He reported on a death investigation that occurred in the City as well as a child abuse case. In addition, he brought up the fact that out of the 28 residents who were in violation of ordinances (during spring cleanup), there are now 13 that are in compliance.

Water & Street Superintendent Hilgart let everyone know that brush and bags spring cleanup is now complete. Hines Park now has 4 out of 9 sites that have the sewer service available to them. Weed notices have also been sent out to those that were not in compliance.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Michelle M. Smith
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer