

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 06/13/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 13, 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
David Dryer
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, Larry Reas, Deb Hyde, John Aman, Juliet Corbett, Dixie Weidman, Joan Buraglio, Katie Buraglio, and Marvin Nevelier.

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Corbett to remove agenda item 8.B.6 from the agenda and to adopt the agenda with this correction. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported that the sludge is starting to smell from the mill. Right now, the DNR is holding up the process to have it removed. Clerk and Treasurer Smith passed out an updated information sheet on the loans that were given out on the revolving loan fund that the City had back in the '90's. There is only one outstanding loan according to the records that she had found. She also discussed that the PSC will be having a hearing with the City of Park Falls' water rates on July 7 at 3 p.m. Administrator Michalek handed out a request from Katie Buraglio about abandoning 8th Street North. Ms. Buraglio was given an opportunity to speak and verbalized her request.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Under public comment, John Aman would like the City to grant him permission to put a curb in on his properties on 7th Avenue South and 6th Avenue South. The council can consider this request at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to appoint Terry Austin Wilson to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve Resolution #22-006, Adoption of the City of Park Falls Facade Improvement Guidelines. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance –Alderman Hoffman made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$261,122.09. Motion carried, 8-0.

Board of Public Works – The council heard a request for a chicken coop permit for 259 7th Avenue South. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to allow this. Motion carried. The council requested Administrator Michalek to present a report to the council on all active chicken coops to make sure they are all in compliance. There was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Mader to table item 8.B.2 to next meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman

Bukachek to approve the Chamber of Commerce request to use Preisler Park for Flambeau Rama. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the Lions Club bark park sign on the west industrial park entrance. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Corbett to approve the soil boring expense not to exceed \$8,200, which will be taken out of the capital improvements fund. Motion carried, 8-0. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the proposal from NorthStar Environmental Testing, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$9,940. Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Services – Alderman Hoffman made a motion and Alderman Mader seconded it to approve the 2022-2023 liquor license renewals. Motion carried. Alderman Hoffman made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the Temporary Class B Picnic License to the American Legion for July 4, 2022. Motion carried.

Personnel – Nothing to report.

Plan Commission - motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to recommend the final plat approval for Freiburger's subdivision. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve rescinding the decision to allow 4 dogs and allowing only the 3 dogs allowed by ordinance at 421 6th Avenue South. Motion carried.

Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations –Administrator Michalek informed the council that Pieper Electric gave him a quote for \$6,488.60 to lower the softball pole by one foot to come into compliance with Xcel Energy. This project is still in progress. The baseball field needs to have some light bulbs replaced and the school stated they would match up to \$10,000 to do this.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer