

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 07/18/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 18, 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-Excused
David Dryer
Michael Mader
Dennis Wartgow
James Corbett
Anthony Thier
Dina Bukachek
Dan Greenwood

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn-Excused

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Larry Reas, Deb Hyde, Jerry Ernst, Shannon Greenwood, Rob Biller, Gary Wollerman, Dixie Weidman and Tara Tervort.

The Mayor recommended removing 8.A.3. and 8.B.2. from the agenda. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to adopt the agenda with this amendment. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported that there was a pool issue from the storm that hit, but everything was running and fixed now. Alderman Thier commended the DPW crew for removing a large, dead tree that was over by Hines Park. Clerk and Treasurer Smith informed the council that there is an election coming up on August 9 and that she is looking for workers to work in the chamber tent over Flambeau Rama.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance –Rob Biller from Eagle Audit presented the 2021 audit report. Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$161,873.77. Motion carried, 7-0.

Board of Public Works –The two bids were received for the Boettcher Road Utility and Construction project. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to recommend granting the bid to A-1 Excavating in the amount of \$666,666. Motion carried. The council was informed about a pump that is starting to fail at the 3rd Avenue lift station. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve a quote for the replacement pump in the amount of \$19,742.40. Motion carried, 7-0. Alderman Mader made a motion and seconded by Alderman Corbett to approve a quote for updating the city vehicles with our new logo in the amount of \$2,878.00. Motion carried, 7-0. There was a request from the Park Falls Chamber of Commerce to relocate the Lumberjack Shows from Hines Park to Triangle Park. Motion by Alderman Dryer and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this relocation. Motion carried.

Public Services – Alderman Greenwood made a motion and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve the temporary class B license to the Chamber of Commerce for the dates of August 5-7 for the locations of the parking lot by the arena and the softball field. Motion carried. Alderman Mader made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the temporary class B license to the Park Falls Fire and Rescue for the dates of August 5-7 for the location of the fireman’s stand. Motion carried.

Personnel – Administrator Michalek presented the council with a customer service training seminar that he is interested in having all city staff and any interested elected officials participate in this coming fall. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve this training with an amount not to exceed \$3,500. Motion carried, 7-0.

Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations –In reference to plan commission case #22-002, the Plan Commission turned down the C-2 Zoning request. In addition, the owner of property 50-271-2-40-01-23-5 15-056-40000 did not want to pursue anything with the City at this time.

At 5:58 PM, there was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to convene into closed session 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 Application, Patchouli Garden, LLC); 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 the response to the non-binding letter of intent from WATCO) Motion carried, 7-0. Staff remaining included Administrator Michalek, Clerk and Treasurer Smith, Police Chief Ernst, Fire Chief Reas, Executive Assistant Greenwood and DPW Director Hoffman. Tara Tervort was also present.

At 7:18 PM., there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier 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 7:19 PM.

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer