

## COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/8/2024

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 8, 2024. Mayor Tara Tervort called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Tara Tervort

Alderman: Dan Greenwood  
Dennis Wartgow  
Terry Wilson - Excused  
James Corbett  
Anthony Thier  
Dixie Weidman  
Michael Mader  
Dina Bukachek

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

Staff present: Shannon Greenwood, Bill Hoffman, Deb Hyde, Becky Michels, Marvin Nevelier, Larry Reas

Also present: Gary Wollerman, Meredith Hueckman, Karen Langrehr

There was a motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mader thanked Mike and Dixie Weidman, Northwoods Property Inspections, for their contribution to the Beautification Committee. Mayor Tervort updated the Council that Mr. Liu did not respond to the Subpoena and was held in contempt and a warrant was issued. The candidates for the City and Zoning Administrator position will be held next Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Meredith Hueckman, who is running for Price County Clerk, introduced herself.

### NEW BUSINESS

Justine Taleck of ESA Solar gave a presentation to the Council with regards to the 16.7 acres of property that they would like to lease from the City for a proposed battery storage facility. She stated that the facility would be monitored off site, but that there are no environmental concerns or issues with the location's proximity to the railroad. The transmission system here has available capacity to upgrade the grid. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the application for a Temporary Class B Liquor License to the PF Volunteer Fire Department for Flambeau Rama. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the Employee Assistance Programs Contract with the Employee Resource Center. Motion carried, 7-0. Discussed the city-wide assessments that will be required by the State. There was a motion by Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the prorated payment of \$291.67 for the IWorq software cancellation. Motion carried, 7-0. Discussed the new Front Desk Policy for City Hall requiring all visitors to check-in at the front desk with the Deputy Clerk and Treasurer that has been implemented.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance** – Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$204,393.46. Motion carried, 7-0. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the Contractor’s Application for Payment #1 to Janke Builders in the amount of \$427,661.50. Motion carried, 7-0. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve the Contractor’s Application for Payment #6 to Angelo Luppino Inc. in the amount of \$45,195.42. Motion carried, 7-0. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve resolution 24-011 Authorized Amendment to the 2024 Budget which transfers \$16,701.00 from the Parks & Recreation Salary budget and places that into the Clerk Salary budget. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Board of Public Works** – The City does now own Lower Dam Road and will need to do a Certified Survey Map to acquire ownership and continue to maintain it. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to proceed with the CSM. Motion carried, 7-0. Reviewed the 2023 Raze order properties. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to proceed with title searches and serve a 30-day order. Motion carried.

**Public Services** – Nothing to report.

**Personnel** – The City accepted a resignation from a summer help employee this morning.

**Update to Committee of the Whole on General City Operations** – Mayor Tervort updated the Council on the recent moving day at City Hall.

At 6:27 p.m. there was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing or public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Regarding TID Agreement Extension – Cornerstone Properties, LLC). Motion carried, 7-0. City staff Greenwood present.

At 6:46 there was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to reconvene into open session, for discussion and/or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

**Prepared by: Shannon Greenwood, City Clerk**