

## COMMON COUNCIL

6/22/2020

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session in the council chambers of the Park Falls City Hall at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 22, 2020. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

Aldermen: Chris Hoffman  
Richard Scharp  
Michael Mader  
Dennis Wartgow  
James Corbett—via phone  
Anthony Thier  
Dina Bukachek  
Dan Greenwood

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn-excused

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Larry Reas, Scott Hilgart, Jerry Ernst, and Dave Dryer via phone.

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

The minutes of the 5/26/2020 Council and 6/8/2020 Committee of the Whole meetings were presented. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

In communications, the Mayor informed everyone that the housing authority has submitted their annual report. In addition, the performance evaluation for the City Administrator will be taking place in the next couple of months. There will be a closed session in July and the mayor will lead the process. Negotiations will take place in August. Treasurer Smith informed the council that the City received a 2019 dividend amount of \$4,872.00 from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. She also handed out the schedule of the remainder of the meetings for the 2020 year.

There was no public comment.

Under new business, there was some discussion on an emergency services consortium with the Town of Eisenstein and Town of Lake. There will be a lot of coordination with the towns for this to be successful. More discussion will take place at future meetings. There was a motion from Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve a \$73,900 proposal for a rehab filter at the east plant for wells 6, 7 and 8. Motion carried, 8-0. There was discussion regarding the findings from Graef for the Wells Fargo Building. The renovation costs would be roughly around \$394,000 and to bring everything up to code, the expenses would be around \$700,000. There was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to raze the building. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to use the \$20,000 reimbursable funding from the CARES act for the airport to proceed with the airport fuel upgrade, fuel tank maintenance and fuel truck inspection. Motion carried, 8-0.

There was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$150,155.29. Motion carried, 8-0.

Under the Board of Public Works, there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve the purchase of property located off Highway 13 and Tower Road with a tax id: 50-271-2-40-01-14-2 03-000-070000 in the amount not to exceed \$53,750 for 22 acres. This land would be used for future expansion of an industrial/business park or housing needs. Motion carried, 8-0. The seller would have to pay off the MFL amount that is due.

Under Public Services, the 2020-2021 liquor license list was presented. After much discussion, there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the list as presented with a letter from the attorney going to the establishment that had some violations. Motion carried, 7-0 with Alderman Greenwood abstaining. It was also noted that all establishments should receive a letter explaining the actions that are now in place for the issuing of liquor licenses. There was a recommendation from the City Administrator that the City Hall, Police Department, Library and DPW garage be open starting on July 6, 2020. Motion to approve this recommendation from Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood. Motion carried. There was quite a bit of discussion on the opening of the city park pavilions and bathrooms. It was first discussed to keep the reservations already reserved at Hines Park but to not allow any more reservations. This was amended to allow reservations to continue to be taken for the 2020 season for Hines Park. There was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Scharp to approve reservations to continue to be taken but to not allow bathrooms, except for at Hines Park, to be opened for the 2020 season. This would also include no special events to be held on city properties for the 2020 season. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Mader to not open the pool for the 2020 season due to COVID-19. Motion carried. Administrator Michalek presented a ballpark reservation policy that he would like to see implemented within the City. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the form for ballpark reservations. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve Resolution 20-012: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources-NR208-Compliance Maintenance Resolution for the 2019 CMAR Report. Motion carried, 8-0. There was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the agreements from JB Disposal for garbage/recycling and the transfer station until December 31, 2025 as presented: \$61,649.28/year for garbage; \$64,817.76 for recycling and \$10,000/year for the transfer station lease agreement. Motion carried, 8-0.

There was nothing to report for the personnel meeting.

Under the Mayor's report, Mayor Bablick let everyone know that the mill is coming in under budget for repairs. He also recommends the appointment of Rupert Smith as Lt. for the remainder of the 3-year term (2 years remaining). Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this recommendation. Motion carried.

City Administrator/Clerk Michalek informed the council that the city center park project is moving along nicely. The bids for demolition are due on July 13 and the last set of auctions is this coming week. The developers' agreements are going well. The wage and comp. study preliminary results are starting to come in...there should be a full report coming soon.

Treasurer and Deputy Clerk Smith informed the council that there will be an election on August 11, 2020.

Library Director Hyde was not present, but she did have a report that the council could view and see the updates at the library.

Police Chief Ernst stated that the spring cleanup list has now been updated to 22 properties, with 9 properties already in compliance. Speeding continues to be an issue which his officers are trying to address.

Fire Chief Reas informed the council that the fire engine purchase for 2021 is coming along nicely. Spec sheets were mailed out to a multitude of companies. He is hoping to purchase from a company within the State of Wisconsin.

Street and Water Superintendent Hilgart let the council know that the new playground at Hines Park is here and it is scheduled to be installed sometime next week. The SCADA system is also now in place. There is an exploratory dig taking place within the downtown to try and discover if there is a hidden fuel tank somewhere. The water has been stubbed in down by the athletic field for future handicap bathrooms. The sewer will be stubbed in shortly.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Michelle M. Smith  
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk