

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
01/11/2021

The Committee of the Whole met in regular session in the council chambers of the Park Falls City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on January 11, 2021. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Michael Bablick
Aldermen:	Chris Hoffman Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett-on phone Anthony Thier Dina Bukachek Dan Greenwood David Dryer
City Administrator:	Brentt Michalek
Attorney:	Bryce Shoeborn

Also present: Michelle Smith, Jerry Ernst, Larry Reas, Deb Hyde, Luke Larson, Bob Zoubek, Charles Kotke and two unidentified callers.

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

Under communications, the Mayor let everyone know that a note of appreciation was received from the Mark Richter family. Alderman Bukachek had a concern about snowmobile trails not being properly marked. The Mayor responded that he and Chief Ernst will look into this issue. Chief Reas let everyone know that he is still getting prices for the new fire truck.

There was no public comment.

Under New Business, Charles Kotke, the Regional Manager at Spirit Medical Transport/Ascension of WI introduced himself and detailed their services to the council and answered any questions that the council had in regard to the Spirit Medical Helicopter presence in the City. They are still serving the City and if they are called, they will come.

Under Finance, Alderman Greenwood made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to pay the bills of \$961,014.18. Motion carried, 8-0. The Mayor spoke to the council about possibly deferring the PILOT payment from the TIF Developer Agreements. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to recommend that the Administrator and City Attorney put together the proposal for an amendment of the previous deferred PILOT payments. Motion carried.

Under Board of Public Works, there was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the airport hangar lease for Joe Radlinger. Motion carried. There was some discussion for allowing West side parking only on 5th Avenue North from 1st Street North to Highway 13. This will be a discussion brought up again at a later meeting.

Under Public Services, City Administrator Michalek presented a fire department study from Public Administration Associates, LLC that would cost \$8,680. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to go forward with this study. Motion carried, 7-0 with Alderman Hoffman abstaining. There

was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to recommend that the council approve the agreement with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission for the Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the 340B Healthcare Services contract with Flambeau Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Marshfield Medical Center-Park Falls. Motion carried.

There was nothing to report under Personnel.

Administrator Michalek informed the council that he is working on a new COVID-19 policy and the police will be next in line to receive the vaccination. He updated the council on 3 raze orders: 498 Avery Avenue-now owned by the County and the two parcels owned by the City: 184 2nd Avenue North and 172 2nd Avenue North. The BakerTilly contract for the water/sewer rate study has been signed. The Police Union Contract has been reopened and there will be a personnel meeting to discuss changes...hoping to have everything resolved by the end of February. Administrator Michalek has reached out to the hospital in regard to the ambulance agreement and the ambulance garage but has been unable to setup a meeting date; still working on this. The personnel policy will hopefully be presented to the council in February. The city logo is currently in the design mode. GRAEF was working on some different ideas but we have now gone to a local graphic artist to help us with a new logo. This should be available for discussion in February. GRAEF has been working on the zoning ordinance and everything is moving along well. The commercial/industrial land purchase (Jerome Pritzl and Judith Seifert) is now complete. The BART bus land sale has a complete set of closing documents and should be taken care of in the next week. The capital improvement plan financing will be taking place in March. Administrator Michalek updated the council on the Morgan developer agreement. He has been waiting for a return call from the Morgans to complete this transaction. The DPW director position will be going into the Price County Review on January 21; January 28 and February 4. A list of dates were given to the council from MSA in regards to the hospital project...it was noted that public information needs to get out to affected residents. The Hammerstrom offer to purchase was signed today, January 11, 2021, for \$6,500. The Hammerstroms are to pay all closing fees. Administrator Michalek informed the council that he will be running for school board for the Town of Lake position in April and has confirmed with the City Attorney that there will be no conflict of interest if he holds both positions.

At 6:30 p.m., there was a short break.

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to convene into closed session at 6:35 p.m., pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g)-conferring with legal counsel for the governmental 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 of DNR Asbestos/Demolition Compliance); and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Discussion and recommendation for full-time patrol officer). Motion carried, 8-0. Michalek, Larson, Ernst and Smith stayed for closed session.

Motion to reconvene at 6:49 p.m. by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wartgow. Motion carried, 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to appoint Luke Larson as a full-time police officer. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Michelle M. Smith
Treasurer and Clerk