

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 02/13/2023

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 2023. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Michael Bablick
Aldermen:	Chris Hoffman Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett Anthony Thier Dina Bukachek Dan Greenwood Dixie Weidman
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn
City Administrator:	Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Deb Hyde, Larry Reas, Marv Nevelier, Shannon Greenwood, Joseph Oskvarek, Tara Tervort and Jesse Meyer.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk and Treasurer Smith informed the council that there will be an election on February 21, 2023 for the primary for Supreme Court Justice. Mayor Bablick let everyone know that the state funding may be increasing for shared revenues. He also let the council know that he will be gone from the City on Wednesday, February 15 because he will be at the White House.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Public Works – There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the Park Falls Chamber of Commerce Flambeau Rama Requests as listed in their request: arts & crafts fair-road closing; temporary road closures; use of Preisler Park & utilities; and parade route street closure. Motion carried.

Public Services – Camping Ordinance 23-001 was brought up for discussion to the Council. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve the ordinance. There was an amendment to the motion to put in the ordinance that that Clerk needs to approve and file any extended stay camping permits. This shall not exceed one site/season/camping unit. In addition, the following needs to get added: occupancy means the camping unit or another piece of camping equipment must be left on site during stay. Motion carried to approve the amendment with one dissenting vote. Motion carried to approve the ordinance with the amendment with one dissenting vote. Resolution #23-002: Discussion and possible action to approve the citizen participation plan. Jennifer Trader from MSA was on the phone to explain the plan and to answer

any questions. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve this plan. Motion carried.

Personnel – Nothing to report.

Finance – Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$132,574.52. Motion carried, 8-0. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve Baird Financial Services for TID 6 services agreement. Motion carried, 8-0. Motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve Resolution 23-001: Refinance Forward Bank Loan in the amount of \$326,501.66. Motion carried, 8-0. Motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve the CIP amendment that is adding police equipment. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the expenditure of \$42,735 for a lift station generator. Motion carried, 8-0.

Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations –Mark Palecek will be retiring at the end of April. Jacob Smutzer is looking a career change and will be leaving the police department at the end of March. Regarding WATCO, the City has received the agreement for the land lease and transfer of properties. There is a few more adjustments that need to be worked out but then everything should be ready to sign.

At 5:45 PM there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statues 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 (Regarding City Administrator Contract); and pursuant to Wisconsin State 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. (Regarding Discussions with Potential Manufacturing and Employment Opportunities on Former Paper Mill Properties.) City staff Smith, Hoffman, Reas and Michalek stayed for closed session. Motion carried, 8-0. All staff left except for Michalek when the discussion came up in accordance with State Statues 19.85(1)(c).

Motion to reconvene into open session and take possible action on closed session items by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Weidman at 7:10 PM. Motion carried, 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer