

## COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 03/14/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, March 14, 2022. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

Aldermen: Chris Hoffman  
David Dryer  
Michael Mader  
Dennis Wartgow  
James Corbett  
Anthony Their  
Dina Bukachek  
Dan Greenwood-in at 5:23 PM

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Jeff Seamandel, Bill Hoffman, Harvey Barylski, Larry Reas, Jerry Ernst, Shannon Greenwood, Dixie Weidman, Deb Hyde, Matt Brenholt, Deb Richter and Tom LaVenture.

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor informed the council that the City and YMCA received a grant from the state in the amount of \$5,675,156.25. Marshfield Clinic received a grant in the amount of \$20 million for their remodeling of the hospital.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Schoenborn let the council know that the Wisconsin Election Commission has requirements that a drop box cannot be used to collect absentee ballots. An absentee ballot must either be mailed or hand delivered by the elector to the clerk or deputy clerk.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance** –Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$83,001.15. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Board of Public Works** – There was some discussion on a request of allowing alley parking near Patchoulli Gardens by Tara Tervort. Motion by Alderman Bukachek and seconded by Alderman Mader to deny this request. Motion carried. The Chamber of Commerce presented their Flambeau Rama requests to the council. Motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to allow these requests. Motion carried. Harvey Barylski, from the Park Falls Area Baseball, Softball and T-Ball club, appeared before the council to request that a little league equipment shed be built on City property. Michael Mader volunteered to build the shed with the help of Park Falls Building Supply. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve this contingent upon meeting with the City Administrator and DPW Director to make sure everything was ok. Motion carried. Matt Brenholt, representing Northern Dynamite softball requested the use

of the little league fields, the softball field and the outfield of the baseball field on August 12-August 14. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to allow this request. Motion carried. There was discussion in regards to County Road E being redone in 2023 by the County. If the City wanted to redo the portion that is located within the City limits, the approximate cost for water and sewer would be \$600,000. The curb and gutter for the storm sewer would be a total of \$173,000, but the County is stating they will pay for 50%, leaving \$86,500 for the City's portion. This topic is to be discussed at a future meeting. Jeff Seamandel from MSA is recommending that the City purchase the building materials for the Boettcher Road project at a cost of \$143,000 to hopefully avoid the rising costs of construction materials as well as the shortage of some materials. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this expenditure not to exceed \$160,000. Motion approved, 8-0. Administrator Michalek is working on getting an agreement in place for the city entrance signs. If the City Hall would be interested in doing a changeable message sign, the cost would be approximately \$32,600. No action taken on this. The street west of Forward Bank needs to be named. Some names thrown out were Old Abe Lane; Old Abe Avenue or 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South. No decision made on this topic.

**Public Services** – There will be a meeting on March 16th at 10 AM to discuss the space needs study for the city hall. There is a survey that is available to the public right now with their options on the downtown park. The survey will remain open until March 25, 2022.

**Personnel** – There was nothing to report.

**Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations** – nothing additional to report.

At 6:17 PM, there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow 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 Developers Agreement, Dema Dima Properties, 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 City owned property and lease consideration with Marshfield Hospital) Motion carried, 8-0. Staff remaining included Administrator Michalek, Clerk and Treasurer Smith, Police Chief Ernst, and DPW Director Hoffman. Deb Richter was also present.

At 7:18 PM., there was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to reconvene into open session, for discussion and /or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Michelle M. Smith  
Clerk and Treasurer