

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

7/27/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

Aldermen: Chris Hoffman
David Dryer
Michael Mader
Dennis Wartgow
James Corbett
Anthony Thier
Dina Bukachek
Dan Greenwood

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Jerry Ernst, Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Larry Reas, Tom LaVenture, Gary Wollerman, Dixie Weidman, Debra Hyde, Jeff Seamandel, Tara Tervort and Sean Tervort.

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

Alderman Hoffman made a motion and seconded by Alderman Dryer to approve the minutes for the June 27, 2022 Common Council meeting, the July 11, 2022 and July 21, 2022 Plan Commission meetings, July 5, 2022 Special Council meeting, the July 18, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting and the July 25, 2022 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Bukachek let the council know that she tried to contact the Chamber about them riding in the parade this year but the Chamber knew nothing about it. It was decided the council would not be riding in the parade for Flambeau Rama this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance - Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$271,691.00. Motion carried, 8-0. There was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the Patchouli Garden Developer Agreement in the amount of \$152,000. Motion carried, 8-0. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the procurement policy as presented. Motion carried.

Personnel – There was nothing to report for personnel.

Board of Public Works –Jeff Seamandel from MSA updated the council on the current projects that MSA has taking place for the City. Alderman Greenwood made a motion and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the expenditure from Geotechnical Drilling Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$5,150.00 for four borings for the downtown park. Motion approved, 8-0.

Public Services – Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the façade application for Patchouli Garden. Motion carried. The PSC informed the City that they made a mistake in their calculations, and the rate that needs to be implemented would be an increase of 92%-93%. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to withdraw the water rate case with the PSC and to proceed with the Simple Rate Case study of 4.5%. Motion carried.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Bablick – Nothing to report.

City Administrator Michalek – There are several interested candidates in the police chief position. There were ten holes dug for the soil borings from the tennis court location. Looks like the tennis court area is a viable site for the YMCA.

Attorney report – Nothing to report.

Clerk and Treasurer Smith – There will be a primary election on August 9, 2022. Currently, there are 135 individuals that have signed up for lessons at the pool.

Library Director Hyde – The Friends of the Library will be having their annual book sale during Flambeau Rama.

DPW Director Hoffman – The paving is complete within the City. The cemetery is dealing with a grub infestation. The crew is actively trying to keep it under control but animals are now digging up holes throughout the entire cemetery to get at the grubs.

Chief of Police Ernst –The individual that had seven dogs is now down to three dogs. On July 23, there was a stabbing within the city limits by a 42 year old male. The victim was his daughter. Dom Koller will be attending the death investigator training.

Fire Chief Reas- There have been some requests for lift assistance.

At 6:10 PM, there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to convene into closed session 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. (Regarding Raze Order-Parcel ID #50-271-2-40-01-23-5 15-024-13020); and 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 on TIF 5 Developers Agreement). Motion carried, 8-0. Staff remaining included Administrator Michalek, Clerk and Treasurer Smith, Police Chief Ernst, and DPW Director Hoffman. City Attorney Schoenborn was also present.

At 6:42 PM., there was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Greenwood 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 6:43 PM.

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer