

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 09/28/2023

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 28, 2023. Mayor Tara Tervort called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Tara Tervort

Aldermen: Dan Greenwood  
Dennis Wartgow  
Terry Wilson  
James Corbett  
Anthony Thier  
Dixie Weidman – via phone  
Michael Mader  
Dina Bukachek

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn - Excused

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Shannon Greenwood, Bill Hoffman, Deb Hyde, Marvin Nevelier, Larry Reas, Debra Perkins, Kurt Damrow, Cindy Koller, Dominick Koller, Dylan Borne, Matt Palecek and Judy Kraetke.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE DISCUSSION**

Presentation on Health Insurance options presented by B. Michalek. There is a 17% increase from last year and the current carrier, GHC of Eau Claire was not the lowest bidder. The total premium for State Maintenance Plan (SMP) Dean is \$2,339.04 and the GHC of Eau Claire came in at \$2,562.42. City just received the information regarding the coverage from the different providers within the ETF and they are comparable. Another option would be the High Deductible plan, which would increase from \$500 Single/\$1,000 Family to \$1,600 Single/\$3,200 Family. This plan also includes the current zero-dollar copay to \$75.00. Current recommendation from the Administrator to stay competitive for attracting employees is to go with the Dean Healthcare program with standard deductions. This equates to a \$42/month increase per month per employee and a \$300/month increase per month for employer contributions. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to keep the standard deduction plan.

**RESOLUTION 23-021 – EXISTING EMPLOYER OPTION RESOLUTION** – Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to adopt the Existing Employer Option Resolution Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Insurance Program. Motion carried, 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Prepared by: Shannon Greenwood, Executive Assistant