

## COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/14/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 14, 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  
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, Jerry Ernst, Shannon Greenwood, Gary Wollerman, Sean Kennedy, Matt Palecek, Dominick Koller, Seth Fohr, Rebecca Kasowicz, Michelle Schmidt, Juliet Corbett and Don Preisler.

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Weidman to move 8.D.2 to after the council reconvenes from closed session and then adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor informed the council that the final hearing for the mill receivership will be on December 6 at 11 a.m. Alderman Mader let everyone know that the memorial/honor wreaths will be placed this Friday, November 18 on the rails. Director of Public Works Hoffman said that the entrance signs have begun to get replaced.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Rebecca Kasowicz from 330 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South addressed the council about a parking concern. It was discussed that the City Administrator and her meet to discuss options.

### NEW BUSINESS

Michelle Schmidt and Juliet Corbett presented a request for Music in the Park. The City would need to provide electricity, bathrooms, use of the Triangle Park pavilion, law enforcement availability, assumed liability for this event, permission to allow consumption of alcohol on the grounds, and overall support in moving forward for this event to take place on Wednesdays during the summer months. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to allow the organization to work with the administrator to plan this event and block out those dates. Motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Board of Public Works** – There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the street closures listed in the Turkey Trot request from the Chamber. Motion carried. The Chamber made a request to use Triangle Park for the Christmas tree lighting on December 1, 2022. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve this request. Don Preisler appeared before the council to request a sign be placed near the Tuscobia Trail. He would pay for the sign and all materials but the City would need to put the sign in place. Motion by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve this motion. Motion carried. City Administrator Michalek presented a land agreement that needed to get approved

because of a name change. (Dwight Webb property) Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this agreement with North Development PF, LLC. Motion approved on a 7-1 voice vote. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve an expense of no more than \$85,000 for a 2023 F-550 4x4 Regular Cab with a stainless-steel box and plow in front. This expense would be taken out of capital improvements. Motion carried, 8-0. Motion by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to accept the City Park Plan and add to the Capital Improvements Plan. Motion carried.

**Public Services** – Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to accept the City Hall Plan and add to the Capital Improvements Plan. Motion carried.

**Personnel** – Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to appoint Jack Dietrich as a Park Falls Police Department Patrolman with the conditions of completing the academy, a finalized background test and passing of a drug test. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Corbett to appoint Dominick Koller to Park Falls Police Department Sergeant, effective January 1, 2023. Motion carried.

**Finance** – Alderman Hoffman made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$341,136.59. Motion carried, 8-0. City Administrator Michalek presented the proposed budget presentation.

**Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations** –The raze orders will be completed in the next couple of weeks. The property on 1<sup>st</sup> Street will be the first one demolished. A land transfer should be coming from Watco soon.

At 7:22 PM there was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to convene into closed session, 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 City owned property and lease consideration with Marshfield Hospital.) City staff Smith, Ernst, Greenwood, Hoffman, Reas and Michalek stayed for closed session. Motion carried, 7-1, with Alderman Wartgow casting the no vote.

Motion to reconvene into open session and take possible action on closed session items by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Thier at 7:32 PM. Motion carried, 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood that the City will sign the service agreement with the hospital as long as three provisions are met: The housing of the ambulance comes out of the agreement; there is a signed lease for the ambulance garage; and there is a decision on the police agreement. Motion carried, 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Michelle M. Smith  
Clerk and Treasurer