

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/12/2024

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, February 12, 2024. Mayor Tara Tervort called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Tara Tervort

Alderman: Dan Greenwood
Dennis Wartgow
Terry Wilson
James Corbett
Anthony Their
Dixie Weidman
Michael Mader
Dina Bukachek

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Shannon Greenwood, Bill Hoffman, Deb Hyde, Marvin Nevelier, Larry Reas, Scott Schultz, Nicole Zylka, Dominic Koller, Luke Larson, Bob Zoubek, Seth Fohr, Matt Yusten, Nancy Dehmlow, Jeff Seamandel, Mike Weidman, Scott Straetz, Chris Hoffman, Mark Koller, Gary Wollerman, Victor Ambrose, Kyle Cronan, Sue Falstad, Jim Green, Tom Bay, Kathy Bay, Hailey Larson, Theresa Zoubek.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Wideman has been appointed to the Bay Area Rural Transit Board. In reference to the open Police Department Patrolman position Officers Zubek, Koller, Fohr, Yusten, Larson, Dehmlow, and former officer Trimble spoke in support of maintaining the position within the Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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NEW BUSINESS

Kyle Cronan and Victor Ambrose shared information regarding the estimated cost to repair the track at the Athletic Complex. The track is currently failing, and the District is unable to run meets on it. Repairs would likely include a geotextile bridge under the existing surface. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wideman to sell the fuel truck that is not being used at the Park Falls Municipal Airport to the City of Portage. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the agreement with J&M Displays for the 2024 fireworks display in the amount of \$6,000.00. Motion carried, 8-0. There was a motion by Alderman Wideman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve Resolution 24-001 urging Marshfield Medical Center to reconsider discontinuing service of the Home Health and Hospice. Motion carried, 8-0. Discussed the estimate for a new squad car as the cost is more than budgeted in the CIP, but it wouldn't be available until 2025. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Wideman to approve ordering the new squad. Motion carried, 8-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$1,107,182.18. Motion carried, 8-0. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the Contractors Application for Pay #1 to Angelo Lupino in the amount of \$10,393.18. Motion carried, 8-0. Motion to approve 2024 TID and Non TID Services Agreements from MSA Engineering in the amount of \$5,000.00 each by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Mader. Motion carried, 8-0.

Board of Public Works – Jeff Seamandel presented the MSA Updates on the 2023 Water Improvements Projects, Old Abe Memorial Park, Safe Streets and Roads for All Plan, and the 2024 Utility Improvement Project.

Public Services – Nothing to report.

Personnel – Chief Nevelier gave a statement in support of not eliminating the position, noting that the national average is 2.4 officers per 1000. Leaving the position vacant would make the current 12-hour shift schedules impossible. Discussed the possibility of sponsoring a student in the academy with an agreement to serve at the PFPD for a minimum number of years. Discussed a resource through the League of Municipalities through our Mutual Insurance membership to have the department evaluated for efficiency. There was a motion by Alderman Wideman and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to keep the position open until filled, to have the public safety specialist look at the efficiency of the department, and to reach out to the academy student from our area. Motion carried, 8-0.

At 7:06 p.m. there was a motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Wideman to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 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 Clerk and Treasurer Position). Motion carried, 8-0. City staff Michalek, Greenwood, Hoffman, Nevelier, Reas, Hyde and Schutlz present.

At 7:45 there was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to reconvene into open session, for discussion and/or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Prepared by: Shannon Greenwood, Executive Assistant