

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 5/21/2024

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. 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
Michael Mader
Dina Bukachek

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn - Excused

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Staff present: Bill Hoffman, Becky Michels

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Weidman reported on the Price County Transportation Committee planning for new busses. The County is budgeting for them, and they will be asking the City for a contribution. Mayor Tervort announced the award from the WHEDA housing grant to Alpha Developers. Completion of the 60-unit housing complex completion is anticipated for the end of 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Reviewed the Chicken Coop permit application for 524 2nd Avenue North. Applicants were not present to answer council questions regarding square footage. No action taken. Adopting Ordinance will need to be in place for the new code ordinance books to be created. Administrator Michalek gave an overview of the process. All fees have been removed and replaced with 'fee schedule'. All fees will be reflected in the schedule, and changes will be made to the schedule only so that ordinances will not need to be changed as fees change. Plan to have them ready for adoption by the end of June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - There was a motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to pay the bills in the amount of \$53,989.30. Motion carried, 8-0.

Board of Public Works – There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve Resolution 24-005 – Safe Streets for All – Adopting Vision Zero Policy. Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Services – The cost for the plans is \$73,000 if we meet the September deadline. The cost to build 3 additional hangars is \$92,000. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve hangar construction. Motion carried, 7-1.

Personnel – There are currently 3 applicants for the Administrator position. The application deadline was extended. Applicants will have a tour of the City, department head meet and greet, followed by interviews. Discussed the possibility of having an interim Administrator. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve the Lifeguard appointment.

Update on General City Operations – Ribbon cutting at new City Hall scheduled for May 30th at 10:30. Groundbreaking ceremony at Old Abe Memorial Park scheduled for May 30th at 10:00. City Hall will be closed on May 28th and 29th for relocating offices to the new location, and Library will be closed for those dates as well. 1st Avenue/Heritage Lane/River Road utility project to start after Memorial Day. The Old Abe Memorial Park project to begin on June 3rd. Director Hoffman and Administrator Michalek have been investigating solar installation with Bill Bailey who is helping with some of the design. Police report reviewed by Chief Nevelier.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Prepared by: Shannon Greenwood, City Clerk