

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 6/24/2024

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 24, 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 Thier
Dixie Weidman
Michael Mader
Dina Bukachek

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn - Excused

Staff present: Shannon Greenwood, Bill Hoffman, Becky Michels, Deb Hyde, Chief Marvin Nevelier, Chief Larry Reas

Also present: Jeff Seamandel, Kirk Dunlap, Laurie McKuen, Jeff Miller, Lynn Redfall, Kortney Veitengruber, Vic Ambrose

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to adopt the agenda with amendments. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the minutes for the Board of Review meeting on April 22, 2024, Common Council meeting on April 22, 2024; Committee of the Whole meeting on May 13, 2024; Special Council meeting on May 21, 2024; Special Council meeting on June 6, 2024; and the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 10, 2024. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Hoffman reported that two ash basins at the former Mill property have been successfully drained and the sludge will be processed next.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynn Redfall, who is currently running for Price County Clerk, introduced herself.

NEW BUSINESS

Requests from the Park Falls Chamber of Commerce for the annual Flambeau Rama celebration included an application for Temporary Class 'B' Retailers License, use of the Athletic Complex for the Softball tournament, use of the city parking area for the carnival, use of the Little League fields for the Children's Museum and activities, and temporary street closures for the Arts & Crafts fair, the Evergreen 5K Run as well as for the Parade route. Alderman Wartgow made a motion and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve all the Chamber requests. Motion carried, 8-0. Kirk Dunlap, Laurie McKuen, and Jeff Miller presented the MMC-PF request for easement and the clearing of vegetation for the new Helipad. The proposed area is the only real location away from the tower for the pad and will not interfere with the walking trail. Alderman Wartgow made

a motion and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the easement. Motion carried, 8-0. The 2024 Liquor License renewals were reviewed as well as the report on the documented incidences. Motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve them all. Motion carried. Reviewed the Land Survey agreement with MSA for \$9,200.00 that would be required to pursue a housing development. The cost of the survey can be recouped from the sale of the property to a developer. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve the agreement. Motion carried, 8-0.

Finance – Alderman Wilson made a motion and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$198,068.45. Motion carried, 8-0. Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve the Municipal Property Insurance Company annual premium in the amount of \$37,683. Motion carried, 8-0. Completed the final walk through of the new City Hall offices. Motion by Alderman Bukachek and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve the Contractors Application for Payment to Angelo Luppino in the amount of \$58,344.35. Motion carried, 8-0. Reviewed the Park & Recreation and the Administrator Budget Reports.

Personnel – Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the request from the Pool manager to backdate one of the lifeguards' start date due to communication error. Motion carried, 8-0. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Weidman to appoint the Fire Department Officers: Chief Larry Reas, Assistant Chief Phil Bochler, Captain Bill Hoffman, Captain Chris Hoffman, Lieutenant Grant Tesnow, Lieutenant Dave Chamberlain, Lieutenant Ken Hegeman, Lieutenant Jacob Schmidt, Secretary/Treasurer Kim Cuddeback. Motion carried.

Board of Public Works – Motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve Resolution 24-008 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources NR 208 – Compliance Maintenance resolution for the 2023 CMAR Report. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve the Weed Violation contract to JSS Lawn Care Services. Motion carried, 8-0. Jeff Seamandel gave the MSA updates report including the progress that Janke is making at Old Abe Memorial Park noting that the footings will be going in shortly.

Public Services – Nothing to report.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Tervort – Nothing to report.

Treasurer Michels – Getting caught up on the monthly reconciliations.

Library Director Hyde – Busy summer with the children's programming. Furniture was delivered to the new Library mezzanine. Cameras caught an aggressive individual blocking staff and taking pictures of an employee.

DPW Director Hoffman – Completed the North water tower maintenance and painting repairs and it is back online today. Catching up with project, going well despite all the rain.

Chief of Police Nevelier – PFPD executed a search warrant for a case of child pornography that concluded with an arrest. New sign for the parking lot for recorded exchanges.

Fire Chief Reas – There were a couple power lines down at night due to the high winds, and there was a live line down near Northern Pines.

At 6:39 there was a motion by Alderman Corbett and seconded by Alderman Mader 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 Discussion on Applicants for the City Administrator Position); and pursuant to Wisconsin 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 Compensation for Lifeguard); and 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 MOU with the YMCA of the Northwoods). Motion carried, 8-0. City staff Greenwood, Hoffman, Michels, Nevelier, Reas and Hyde were present.

At 8:13 there was a motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Weidman to reconvene into open session, for discussion and/or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 8-0.

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Corbett to approve Resolution 24-009 Authorized Amendment to the 2024 Budget, transferring \$10,000 from the Park & Recreation budget to the Pool budget to compensate for additional salaries for the position of pool manager. Motion carried, 8-0.

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Corbett to hire Aiden Miesbauer as the Pool Manager at \$18.00 per hour. Motion carried, 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Prepared by: Shannon Greenwood, City Clerk