

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/09/2021

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 9, 2021. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

Aldermen: Chris Hoffman
David Dryer
Michael Mader
Dennis Wartgow
James Corbett---excused
Anthony Thier
Dina Bukachek
Dan Greenwood

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Jerry Ernst, Michelle Smith, Deb Hyde, Bill Hoffman, Larry Reas, Tammy and Jason Hastings, Bonnie Dryer and Dixie Weiland.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

City Administrator Michalek distributed a thank you that he received regarding the speed bumps at Hines Park.

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Alderman Greenwood made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$160,660.09 Motion carried, 7-0. There was Pay Application No. 1 presented from Howard Brothers in the amount of \$100,106.18. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this pay application. Motion carried, 7-0. City Administrator Michalek reminded the council to turn their budget surveys back to him and the City is currently looking at finding another insurance broker. There was a presentation from Cornerstone Properties, LLC (Tammy and Jason Hastings) regarding the property located at 219 and 229 2nd Avenue North. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to extend the developer's agreement with a new completion date of December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Board of Public Works – A bid was received from Miron Construction Company, Inc. for the transfer station crane foundation repair in the amount of \$49,764 with a possible addition of \$1,500 extra for ¾ conduit and hard wire in outlet for the cooling fan. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Dryer to approve this expenditure. The timeline would be right around October or November and would take approximately two weeks. Motion carried, 7-0. There was a change order presented from Cooper Engineering in the amount of \$10,812 which is for the lighting for the alley and city parking lot located south of Highway 182. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve this change order. Motion carried, 7-0. There will be a meeting on August 16, 2021 at 5 p.m. to discuss the East side alley discussion located between Sherry and Case Avenue and to discuss the downtown park design and progress.

Public Services – There was nothing to report.

Personnel – There was nothing to report.

Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations – Administrator Michalek informed the council that the notice was filed regarding Boettcher Road and the US Forest Service is choosing not to go forward with the sewer extension. They will be paying their half of the \$11,000 that was already expended for the survey. He also updated the council that he did cancel the contract with National Fencing for the fence that was surrounding our new park area. Lastly, he mentioned that he is still working on the budget amendment to cover the cost for the billboards that were approved earlier in the year. Looking at cancelling the agreement with Saylor Signs in the amount of \$1,400 and then the rest would be out of the City Council Contracted Services. Chief Ernst spoke briefly concerning Flambeau Rama. He stated it was very successful and the first time in 30 years that there were no citations issued in connection with Flambeau Rama.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer