

COMMON COUNCIL
11/14/2016

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session in the council chambers of the Park Falls city hall at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 14, 2016. Mayor Thomas Ratzlaff called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Thomas Ratzlaff
Aldermen:	Brad Dehmlow Chris Hoffman David Dryer Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow Ron Hogue Anthony Thier Ronald Schoch
City Attorney:	Scott Reinhard

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous Council meeting of 10/10/16 were approved as presented.

Alderman Schoch reported on the 11/2/16 Personnel Committee meeting. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hogue to ratify the agreement reached between the Personnel Committee and Local 1405-A AFSCME AFL-CIO Police Unit providing for a three-year contract with a 2% increase in base wage in each of the three years 2017, 2018, 2019, and a one-time increase of 25¢ per hour as a night shift differential for any hours worked between 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM, with the city reserving the right to reopen negotiations if health insurance costs increase by 10% or more in 2018 or in 2019. Motion carried, 8-0. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to offer a 2% increase in base wage to all other full-time and part-time city employees in each of three years 2017, 2018, and 2019 with the city reserving the right to renegotiate wages if health insurance costs increase by 10% or more in 2018 or in 2019. Motion carried, 8-0.

Alderman Schoch also reported that the Personnel Committee reviewed applications for the police department administrative assistant position at its 11/9/16 meeting.

Alderman Wartgow presented the Finance Committee report. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Schoch to pay the bills in the amount of \$411,940.26. Motion carried, 8-0.

Alderman Thier presented the minutes of the 11/7/16 BPW meeting. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Dehmlow to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0. The Council then discussed the property at 577 7th Avenue South. Chief Straetz reported that the owner of this property has been informed that he is not allowed to drive

over the sidewalk. The concern that the property owner has graveled his entire side lot and part of his front lot was discussed. A neighbor complained about the appearance of the lot, and that many vehicles are often parked on the lot with some hanging over the sidewalk. It was decided that these matters will be discussed again in the spring of 2017 when amendment of current ordinances or adoption of new ordinances may be necessary to address the issues at hand.

Alderman Mader presented the Public Services report. An update on the property at 784 4th Avenue South was given.

Mayor Ratzlaff scheduled a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting for 11/16/16 at 5:00 PM to review the 2017 budget. He also reported on the certificate of appreciation presentation to Touhy Furniture and Saunders Wood Specialties for their donation of a custom-designed city council table.

City Attorney Reinhard presented his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann reported on the 11/8/16 election.

Police Chief Straetz reported on his interview that aired on Channel 12 regarding the dirty needle problem in our area.

Street and Water Superintendent Hilgart reported that the city crew is doing its last round of yard waste collection and preparing equipment for snow removal.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Arla J. Homann
Clerk-Treasurer