

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
03/08/2021

The Committee of the Whole met in regular session in the council chambers of the Park Falls City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on March 8, 2021. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Michael Bablick
Aldermen:	Chris Hoffman-excused Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett Anthony Thier Dina Bukachek Dan Greenwood David Dryer
City Administrator:	Brentt Michalek
Attorney:	Bryce Shoeborn

Also present: Scott Hilgart, Jerry Ernst, Michelle Smith, Deb Hyde, Lynn Ludwig and Jeff Belongia

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

Under communications, Alderman Mader commended the DPW crew for a great job with the removal of snow from the last snowfall. Administrator Michalek informed everyone that Lynn Ludwig would be talking with everyone under public comment regarding a request for advertising on Highway 51. Clerk and Treasurer Smith let everyone know that the City received a certificate of thanks from the United States Census Bureau.

Under public comment, Lynn Ludwig spoke about an opportunity to have a billboard advertising Price County in general and was looking for financial support. The billboard would be located on Highway 51 and would have a slogan of "Work-Live-Play". She was in the process of contacting Prentice, Park Falls and Prentice. She is hoping that Price County, would contribute 40% of the cost and the cities would contribute 30% and the final 30% would come from the school districts. Because this was not on the agenda, no decision could be made.

Under Finance, there was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the bills in the amount of \$124,627.88. Motion carried, 7-0. Jeff Belongia from Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. was at the council meeting to discuss the Moody's Rating. Jeff explained that the City received an A3 which is excellent for a community the size of Park Falls. Resolution 21-002 was presented: Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$2,300,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021A. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve this resolution. Motion carried, 7-0. Resolution 21-003 was presented: Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$2,200,00 General obligation Promissory Notes and the Issuance and Sale of \$2,200,000 Note Anticipation Notes, Series 2021B in Anticipation Thereof. Now of this would go against the GO debt limit. One million is anticipated to be used for TIF expenses and 1.2 million will be used for Capital Improvements. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve this resolution. Motion carried, 7-0. Resolution 21-004 was presented: Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$2,500,000 Water System and Sewerage System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2021C. This will be used for the hospital project that will be taking place in the summer of 2021. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this resolution. Motion carried, 7-0.

Under Board of Public Works, the American Legion Post 182 presented a request for the use of the athletic fields for the fireworks display on July 4, 2021. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve this request. Motion carried. There were lighting proposals from Cooper Engineering for Division Street and the alleyway between Division and Highway 182 adjacent to the downtown park in the amounts of \$21,177 and \$5,170, respectively. The later amount will be used for design services for electrical power distribution for future park development. Motion made by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve these two amounts. Motion carried, 7-0.

Under Public Services, Ordinance No. 21-001 was presented to the council which was an amendment to Section 9-1-49 of the Park Falls Municipal Code: Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention. Motion by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this ordinance. Motion carried.

Under Personnel, City Administrator Michalek informed the council that the negotiations on the police union contract was on hold until the personnel policy manual is updated. Hopefully, a completed personnel policy manual will be presented for approval on the March 22nd meeting. He also handed out the schedule for the DPW Director interviews. There are three candidates that will be interviewed: Dominic Benedict, William Hoffman and Joseph Kitelinger.

Administrator Michalek updated the council on the city logo. A collection of logos were presented to the council for their feedback. He will take the council's recommendations and hopefully present a logo at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Michelle M. Smith
Treasurer and Clerk