

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3/9/2020

The Committee of the Whole met in regular session in the council chambers of the Park Falls city hall at 5:00 PM on Monday, March 9, 2020. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Michael Bablick
Aldermen:	Chris Hoffman Richard Scharp Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett Anthony Thier Dina Bukachek Dan Greenwood
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn—Excused
City Administrator:	Brentt Michalek

Also present: David Dryer, Bonnie Dryer, Seth Carlson, Dan Leitl, Pete Maynard, Jerry Ernst, and Scott Hilgart

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

In communications, City Administrator Michalek mentioned that the City received the loan proceeds of \$1.9 million today. He also passed out flyers for the open house that is scheduled to take place next Monday, March 16, 2020 from 5-7 p.m. at the Park Falls Public Library for the downtown project. Lastly, he has been working with Hueckman Auctions for all of the recently acquired properties and will be putting together a proposal before the next meeting. Alderman Bukachek mentioned that Wheel Way will be having a grand opening on March 17. She also commended the police department and the humane officer for taking care of a dog situation that has been lingering for a while and she would like to look at the dog ordinances in general. Alderman Mader informed the council of the article that was in the Price County Review about the Park Theatre. In addition, he reminded everyone that the athletic field banquet is this weekend.

There was no public comment.

There was some discussion on the Charter Ordinance No. 20-001: Section 2-2-10 Meetings of the Common Council. This will be presented to the Council at the March 23 meeting for approval.

Under the Finance Committee report, there was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$229,844.51. Motion carried, 8-0. The Council also discussed the Housing Study RFP and heard the latest update from Administrator Michalek. There was a motion from Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Corbett to contract with the consultant (MSA) at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 pending approval from CDBG with grant information. The “real cost” to the City is expected to be around \$10,000. Motion carried 8-0.

For the Board of Public Works, Administrator Michalek discussed the annexation of Eisenstein Township lands at the Park Falls Municipal Airport. Two different ordinances were presented. The first one

was Ordinance No. 20-002: Ordinance of Annexation for Town Island Pin: 50-004-2-40-01-12-5-05-001-10000. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to recommend this to the full council. Motion carried. The second ordinance was Ordinance No. 20-003: Ordinance of Annexation to include the following parcels: 50-004-4-40-01-18-5 05-004-20000; 50-004-4-40-01-07-5 05-016-10000; 50-004-4-40-01-07-5 05-013-10000; 50-004-440-01-075 05-013-20000. Motion by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to recommend this ordinance to the full council. Motion carried. There was discussion on the VFW plans for Nola Cemetery. Mayor Bablick recognized Dan Leitl to speak to the council in regard to the plans. Mr. Leitl had previously emailed the City Administrator and provided a diagram with the details, which was placed in the council packets. He was able to provide more details in regard to the proposed work. Scott Hilgart will be working with Mr. Leitl to figure out the details and then will present again to DPW at a later date. The Chamber of Commerce presented twelve different requests for Flambeau Rama encompassing the dates of July 25, 2020-August 4, 2020. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to recommend to the council to approve all of the requests with the pending information for the tennis courts. Motion carried. Administrator Michalek updated the council on the RFP responses for the Hines Park Playground Equipment. He narrowed it down to two plans and will be having both companies submitting two new poster boards and they will be then taken up to the elementary school to be “judged” by the kids. He should have all the results by the March 23 meeting. The Sno Gypsies requested to use the city streets for the First Annual Sno Gypsies Hop 5K Run/Walk on April 11, 2020. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Thier to recommend this to the full council. Motion carried.

There was nothing to report for the public service committee.

There was nothing to report for the personnel committee.

Mayor Bablick brought up the discussion on the current and pending TIF projects. He would like to know the Council’s thoughts on where the money should be spent, and which projects should be prioritized. Right now, the current projects are paving and the water main that is on 5th Avenue by Park Falls Hardwoods. There is a lot of excitement throughout the community in regard to all of the improvements taking place...it was the overall feeling that the council members want to be very progressive with projects. The general consensus is that it will be by a first come, first serve process to determine which projects would be approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Michelle M. Smith
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk