

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**04/12/2021**

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 April 12, 2021. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and the following members were present:

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

Also present: Scott Hilgart, Jerry Ernst, Michelle Smith, Judy Kraetke, Claus Kraetke, Jeff Seamandel from MSA and one unidentified caller online.

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

Under communications, Alderman Mader asked if there was anywhere in the City that an individual can park long term. It was mentioned that a person can park in the legion parking lot and the pool parking lot.

There was no public comment.

Under new business, Claus Kraetke was recognized for 6.5 years of faithful service. He retired on March 19, 2021.

Under Finance, there was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve the bills in the amount of \$821,254.51. Motion carried, 7-0. Mavo Systems Wisconsin, LLC presented a quote for environmental cleanup in the amount of \$18,108 for the cleanup of some of the razed homes. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve this expenditure. Motion carried, 7-0. City Administrator presented the fire engine cost breakdown by community to the council. (Town of Lake-\$194,348.22; Town of Eisenstein-\$91,015.45 and City of Park Falls-\$243,374.33 for a total of \$528,738.00) Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to accept the recommendation from the Administrator. Motion carried.

Under Board of Public Works, Jeff Seamandel from MSA presented an update on the project and he also recommended that the board award Francis Melvin Inc. the hospital area project contract in the amount of \$2,225,996.90. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to award the contract to Francis Melvin Inc. for the amount listed above. Motion carried, 7-0. There was discussion by the council to not allow parking on a street for the duration of the hospital project. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to not allow parking on Linden Street from Case Avenue to Sherry Avenue for the duration of the hospital project. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to pay, and not exceed, 50% of \$77,903 for a sewer extension project for USFS offices on Highway 13. Motion carried, 7-0. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to allow for a bid advertisement for road maintenance on 9<sup>th</sup> Street North which would be seal coating from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North to Highway 13. Motion

carried. There was a discussion on a capital improvement plan expenditure presented from MacQueen Equipment for a street sweeper in the amount of \$210,158. Original cost was \$226,158 but there will be trade-in amount of \$16,000 coming off. Motion from Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to forward this to the council for approval. Motion carried. There was discussion on the chamber requests for Flambeau Rama and the flea market. Because there is no bathroom facility at Triangle Park, it was motioned to postpone the flea market request to use Triangle Park by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier until April 26 when the Chamber Director is present. Motion carried. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Dryer to postpone all of the Flambeau Rama requests until April 26. Motion carried.

Under Public Services, City Administrator Michalek presented a quote from Crane Engineering for a Main Life Sewer Pump Replacement in the amount of \$16,898. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to allow this. Motion carried, 7-0. There was discussion on a water meter reader system from Core & Main in the amount of \$187,000. City Administrator Michalek explained that there is a possibility that there may be funding available in the CARES Act for this type of expenditure. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to recommend to the council to approve this expenditure if we can use funds from the CARES Act. Motion carried. There was an airport operation update to inform the council that we are allowing the Secretary of Transportation to accept CRRSAA funds on behalf of the City of Park Falls in the amount of \$9,000. In addition, we are receiving \$25,000 for our fuel card reader at the airport.

Under Personnel, the Mayor appointed Dave Chamberlin to replace Rupert Smith as Lieutenant on the fire department until June elections. Motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this appointment. Motion carried.

Administrator Michalek updated the council on the alcohol license discussion that will be taking place on April 26, 2021. An individual from the Department of Revenue Alcohol and Tobacco enforcement will be here to answer any questions that any of the council members have and will explain the current procedure for licensing.

There was a motion by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Bukachek at 6:30 p.m. to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Discussion of DNR Asbestos/Demolition Compliance) and 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 exercise responsibility. (Discussion and recommendation for two full-time DPW general laborer positions and a part-time DPW custodian position.) Motion carried, 7-0.

There was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Thier to reconvene into open session at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to offer full-time employment to Reece Michalski and Dylan Borne and to offer part-time employment to Brian Mader, all pending successful background checks. Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Michelle M. Smith  
Treasurer and Clerk