

COMMON COUNCIL

4/20/2021

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

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

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn-excused

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Jerry Ernst, Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Deb Hyde, Lynda Ludwig, Paul Freiburger, and an unidentified caller.

The following officials were sworn in at the meeting: Mayor Michael Bablick; Alders: Daniel Greenwood, Chris Hoffman, David Dryer and Michael Mader.

There was a nomination by Alderman Wartgow to nominate Alderman Mader to become Council President. After three calls and seeing no other nominations, Alderman Wartgow made a motion and seconded by Alderman Corbett to close nominations and cast an unanimous vote for Alderman Mader for Council President. Motion carried.

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

There were no communications.

There was no public comment.

Under New Business, Lynda Ludwig presented a request for billboard funding. She is asking for a commitment of no more than \$4,000 from the City for a one-year contract. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this request directing the City Administrator to review where the money can come from and work through a potential budget amendment. Motion carried, 5-2 with Alderman Dryer and Alderman Wartgow saying no. PKF Investments, LLC was present at the meeting asking for a TIF Development Agreement in the amount of \$80,000 for property located at 334, 338 and 340 Division Street. (Construction would be complete by late June.) Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to recommend approval to the council. Motion carried, 7-0. City Administrator Michalek presented his recommendation to hire the following summer help: full time lifeguards: Kennedi Kielpikowski, Olivia Ocker and Alison Smith; part time lifeguards: Kristina Peterson, Claudia Lasiowski and Jacob Hilgart and for the DPW crew: Madilyn Brunner, Max Brunner, Robert Smith and Shea Mineau. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Corbett to approve this recommendation. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Dryer to designate the Price County Review as the official newspaper. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the council committees as presented by the Mayor. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to appoint William Hoffman as the Weed Commissioner. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to appoint William Hoffman as the City Forester. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Dryer to appoint the following members to the Board of Review: Michael Bablick, Dennis Wartgow, Michael Mader, David Dryer, and Michelle Smith. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to appoint Forward Bank as the official depository. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to appoint the following members to the Board of Appeals: Dennis Wartgow, Sharlene Gelina, Victor Ambrose and Michelle Rhode. One seat is vacant at the present time. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to appoint the following individuals to the Planning Commission: Michael Bablick, Lauri Hart, Fred Lenzen, David Dryer and Michael Mader. Two seats are vacant at the present time. Motion carried.

There will be future discussion on reestablishing the library board at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer