

## COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

6/27/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 27, 2022. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

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

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn-excused

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Jerry Ernst, Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Larry Reas, Shannon Greenwood, Michael Durmeyer, Dixie Weidman, Debra Hyde, Gary Wollerman, Jeff Seamandel and Scott Carpenter.

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to move 8.C.4 to under the Mayor's report and then adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Alderman Hoffman made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the minutes for the May 23, 2022 Common Council meeting, the June 6, 2022 Plan Commission meeting and the June 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk and Treasurer Smith informed the council that the City received a dividend check from the League. The Mayor also let the council know that he put a letter to the editor in the paper about the upcoming meeting that will be addressing water rates.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Finance** - Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$354,920.77. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Personnel** – There was nothing to report for personnel.

**Board of Public Works** –The Chamber of Commerce presented an amendment to the previously requested location of the pooch pageant. They would like to be able to use the area by Triangle Park instead of the previously requested little league fields. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to allow this amendment. Motion carried. There was a request to allow a chicken coop at the address of 312 Maple

Street. Motion by Alderman Bukachek and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this request. Motion carried. There was a quote presented to the council for fixing the flood lighting at the athletic complex. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve this expenditure with the cost not exceeding \$6,000. Motion carried, 7-0. Administrator Michalek will reach out to the school to let them know of the cost as well. Jeff Seamandel from MSA updated the council on the current projects that MSA has taking place for the City. He also mentioned that the soil borings will be taking place for the new YMCA.

**Public Services** – Airport manager Michael Durmeyer informed the council that he is in the process of getting the airport in compliance with having nine hangars, which means he needs to find six new customers. He is looking at possibly lowering the hangar land leases.

## **CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

Mayor Bablick – Mayor Bablick appointed the following individuals for the Park Falls Fire Department: Chief-Larry Reas; Assistant Chief-Phil Bochler; Captains-Bill Hoffman and Chris Hoffman; Lieutenants-Grant Tesnow, Ken Hegeman, Jacob Schmidt and Dave Chamberlain; Secretary-Kim Cuddeback. Motion made by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve these appointments. Motion carried. The first review of some city-owned properties began.

City Administrator Michalek – Presented an update on the chicken permits that are in the City. The area individuals will be restricted to during the fireworks for the Fourth of July was handed out. There will be a PSC public hearing on July 7 at 3 p.m. There will be a meeting on July 5 at 6 p.m. giving a background history of the water situation. Lastly, under Mr. Michalek's report, he informed the council that Dwight Webb signed the offer to purchase the land the City owns on the north end of the City.

Attorney report – Nothing to report.

Clerk and Treasurer Smith – There will be a primary election on August 9, 2022.

Library Director Hyde – The books by mail program received a \$20,000 grant. There are numerous activities taking place at the library and most recently, the library hired two high school students to fill the part time positions.

DPW Director Hoffman – Informed the council that he would like to purchase the water/sewer lines sooner than later for the new YMCA due to the rising costs of materials. During the month of July, there will be paving taking place on Highway 13 from 5<sup>th</sup> Street North to the county line. The auction provided approximately \$26,000 in revenue for the City. The telehandler is proving to be an asset to the City.

Chief of Police Ernst –The 2022 Ford Explorer was purchased as the new police vehicle. Chief Ernst announced his retirement for January 3, 2023.

Fire Chief Reas- There have been numerous requests for lift assists and just had their elections for a three-year term.

At 7:01 PM, there was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (e)-deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Regarding City owned property and Just Plane Fun of Park Falls, LLC) Motion carried, 7-0. Staff remaining included Administrator Michalek, Clerk and Treasurer Smith, Police Chief Ernst, and DPW Director Hoffman. Scott Carpenter was present from the public.

At 7:52 PM., there was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to reconvene into open session, for discussion and /or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Michelle M. Smith  
Clerk and Treasurer