

## COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/2021

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 12, 2021. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. 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

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Tom Miller, Glen Wegner, Mike Harnois, Jerry Ernst, Michelle Smith, Deb Hyde, Bill Hoffman, and Kelli Tuttle.

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Thier reminded the Alders that they need to let the Chamber know if they are interested in riding in the parade for Flambeau Rama.

There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Kelli Tuttle from Bluestem Forestry Consulting, Inc. was at the meeting to discuss the City of Park Falls' Urban Forestry Operations Plan. Funding for this plan was made possible by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Program and the USDA Service Urban and Community Forestry Program. Ms. Tuttle is recommending the council to apply for a start-up grant, with the matching funds coming from the labor costs from our DPW workers.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance** - Alderman Greenwood made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$202,455.64. Motion carried, 7-0. Clerk and Treasurer Smith handed out the budget recap for the first six months of 2021. City Administrator Michalek presented two properties that were on the list for razing last year. The problems at the properties have not been remedied and he is proposing that the raze order be reissued for these two properties. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to reissue the two raze orders. Motion carried.

**Board of Public Works** – Tom Miller from Miller Electric was present to ask about adding a curb cut on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North. Alderman Thier made a motion and seconded by Alderman Mader to allow Mr. Miller to improve the right-of-way for parking and to work with DPW Director Hoffman. Motion carried. Glen Wegner from signature signs was present at the meeting to discuss the different sign options for Forward Bank. There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve all signs presented except for

the parking sign. Motion carried. After further discussion, there was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to allow the parking sign. Motion carried. 5<sup>th</sup> Street bids for resurfacing was presented. There was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to grant the bid to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers in the amount of \$28,963.57. Motion carried, 7-0. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the Phosphorus Optimization Plan from MSA in the amount of \$7,800. Motion carried, 7-0. Donald Preisler presented a request for a cemetery statue to be placed at Nola Cemetery. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to allow this statue. Motion carried.

**Public Services** – City Administrator informed the council that they will be having a meeting to discuss the different options for a new location/building/remodel for City Hall. The meeting will take place at the library on July 16, 2021 at 10 a.m.

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

**Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations** – Administrator Michalek informed everyone that the Housing Study will be presented on Wednesday, July 28, 2021. He also updated the council on the Krist Oil Property, the downtown park project, hospital area project and 219 Division Street property demolition and clean up.

**Convene into closed session:** Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow at 6:39 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. (Regarding discussion on current status of Park Falls Development, LLC, Receivership in relation to existing loan and water use agreement); and 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. (Consideration of Xcel Energy proposal regarding Park Falls Development, LLC, Receivership). Motion carried, 7-0.

**Reconvene into open session to take action, if any, on closed session items:** Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to reconvene into open session at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM

Michelle M. Smith  
Clerk and Treasurer