

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 09/12/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, September 12, 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-Excused
Michael Mader
Dennis Wartgow
James Corbett
Anthony Thier
Dina Bukachek
Dan Greenwood

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Deb Hyde, Marvin Nevelier, Jeff Seamandel, Larry Reas, Terry Wilson, Amelia Milham, Michael Hau, Gary Wollerman and Dixie Weidman.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk and Treasurer Smith informed the council that a thank you card was received from Alderman Dryer's family. Alderman Mader informed the council that the little league dugouts were being replaced by volunteers. The City is contributing to removing the current dugouts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Wartgow made a motion and seconded by Alderman Corbett to approve the mayoral appointment of Dixie Weidman to 3rd District Alderman. Motion carried. Ms. Weidman was sworn in as 3rd District Alderman. There was a request by the residents of 914 3rd Avenue North to allow five cats at their residence until two of them pass away. Then they would comply with the current ordinance of three cats. Amelia Milham spoke on behalf of her request. Motion by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to allow five cats at this residence until two of them pass away. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve paying the bills in the amount of 215,046.64. Motion carried, 7-0. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve MSA to be the administrator for the Water Utility Grant and the YMCA Neighborhood Investment Grant in the amount of \$50,000 (\$25,000 each grant). Motion carried, 7-0. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the payment #7 for Howard Brothers in the amount of \$168,960.09. Motion carried, 7-0. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve payment #7 for Francis Melvin, Inc. in the amount of \$14,398.75. Motion carried, 7-0. Clerk and Treasurer Smith passed out a budget update for the 2022 fiscal year.

Board of Public Works – Chamber of Commerce presented some requests for Fright Fest on October 29, 2022. They would like to use the streets for their hayride and close off a portion of Division Street and 2nd Avenue

North. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve these requests. Motion carried. There was a request from the Sno-Gypsies to use the walking path that goes from Hines Park past the groomer shed. They have been in contact with the police chief to help with traffic crossing at Highway 182. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve this request as long as the administrator and police chief are ok with everything taking place. Motion carried. Discussion to approve the MAVO quote for the following properties for asbestos abatement: \$40,210.00 for 277 1st St. N-this is contingent on final paperwork; \$9,860.00 for 459 Division Street, and \$210.00 for 744 3rd Avenue North. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to allow these expenditures. Motion carried, 7-0. Motion by Alderman Their and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve the expenditure of \$8,204.75 for woodchipper repairs. Motion carried, 7-0. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the 12' by 32' municipal entryway signs in the amount of \$15,172.00. Motion carried, 7-0.

Public Services – Nothing to report.

Personnel – Nothing to report.

Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations –Ameritas will not be increasing their rates this year. Everything will stay the same. There will be a letter of intent going out to WATCO very soon. The last signature from the Case/Sherry alley project was brought in today. The Fred Pryor virtual customer service seminar was discussed with employees present.

At 6:14 PM there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation date of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility. (Applicant interview, discussion and recommendation for the Police Chief position with the Park Falls Police Department.) City staff Smith and Michalek stayed for closed session. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion to reconvene into open session and take possible action on closed session items by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader at 6:26 PM. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to adopt the recommendation to hire Marvin Nevelier as the police chief, subject to terms and conditions, effective January 3, 2023. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer