

## COMMON COUNCIL 01/24/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 24, 2022. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

Aldermen: Chris Hoffman  
David Dryer  
Michael Mader  
Dennis Wartgow  
James Corbett  
Anthony Thier-arrived at 5:12 PM  
Dina Bukachek  
Dan Greenwood

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Jerry Ernst, Michelle Smith, Deb Hyde, Larry Reas, Dixie Weidman, Bill Hoffman, Kathy Rose, Mike Durmeyer, Jeff Seamandel, Vince Franzen and Tom LaVenture.

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

Alderman Wartgow made a motion and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes for the December 13, 2021 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Slaby, Deda, Marshall, Reinhard & Writz will now be charging \$190/hour instead of \$180/hour. The City received a thank you from the Schloer family and Catkins. The Mayor attended the grand opening of Forward Bank on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. The City received a \$250,000 grant from the State of Wisconsin for redevelopment in the downtown area. Alderman Mader informed everyone the athletic complex committee is planning a banquet for the last weekend in March.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Michalek brought up zoning issues and concerns for a property on 9<sup>th</sup> Street South. There is nothing specified for a landscaper storage yard and because of past practice, the council took no action.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Personnel** – Administrator Michalek introduced Mike Durmeyer, an individual interested in the airport manager position.

**Finance** - Alderman Greenwood made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$1,225,896.57. Motion carried, 8-0.

**Board of Public Works** –There will be a park design meeting on January 26, 2022 at 1 PM with MSA.

**Public Services** – MSA updated everyone on the different projects that they have been working on for the City.

## **CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

Mayor Bablick – Informed the council he will now serve on the Board of League of Municipalities.

City Administrator Michalek – Updated the council that he will be working with General Code for the city ordinances. New Bedford, LLC signed their developer's agreement. He is still working with getting in touch with the existing landowners for the signs that the City wants to purchase from Saylor Signs. The mill properties that were going to be transferred over to the City are now transferred. Taxes are still due, which the City Attorney is looking into. The greenhouse is now owned by the City. The greenhouse committee met with City officials and a land agreement is needed

Attorney report – Nothing to report

Clerk and Treasurer Smith – The next election will be on April 5, 2022.

Library Director Hyde – The library will be changing their hours on February 28. They will be open from 9 AM until 7 PM, Monday through Thursdays and Fridays will be 9 AM until 5 PM. (The Friday change in hours will take place the first Friday in February.) There will be a book sale from February 17 until February 23.

DPW Director Hoffman – The Bobcat tool cat came in \$10,000 cheaper than originally quoted. The purchase will take place on February 7. Last Thursday, Mr. Hoffman and some of his crew went and looked at a backhoe in Eau Claire. The backhoe is in nice shape and will be delivered sometime later this month.

Chief of Police Ernst – The police radio is outdated and needed to be upgraded. Administrator Michalek will be presenting an updated CIP plan in February.

Fire Chief Reas- Still waiting for some parts for the new fire truck. Hoping to have the truck in Park Falls the first weekend in February.

At 6:29 PM there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to convene into closed session 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 exercises responsibility. (Consideration of appointment of the new Executive Assistant position with the Administrator's Office); 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 exercises responsibility. (Consideration of appointment of the new Airport Manager position for the Park Falls Municipal Airport; and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g)-conferring with legal counsel for the governing 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 of backup leachate agreement between the City of Park Falls and Park Falls Operator, LLC); and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g)-conferring with legal counsel for the governing 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 on TIF 5 Developers Agreements); and 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 in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Regarding City owned property and lease consideration with Marshfield Hospital). Motion carried, 8-0. Staff remaining included Administrator Michalek, Clerk and Treasurer Smith, Chief Ernst, and DPW Director Hoffman.

At 8:39 PM., there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to reconvene into open session, for discussion and /or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Michelle M. Smith  
Clerk and Treasurer