

COMMON COUNCIL

1/8/2018

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session in the council chambers of the Park Falls city hall at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 8, 2018. Mayor Daniel Leitl called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Daniel Leitl
Aldermen:	Michael Bablick Chris Hoffman David Dryer Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow Ron Hogue Anthony Thier Joseph Oskvarek
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn

The minutes of the previous Council meeting of 12/4/17 were presented. Moved by Alderman Hogue and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Alderman Dryer presented the Personnel Committee report. The following ordinance was introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-001

2018 Salary Ordinance

Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried. The following resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-001

2018 Salary Resolution

Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hogue to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Alderman Wartgow presented the Finance Committee report. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Dryer to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$347,653.12. Motion carried. While discussing financing options for the wastewater force main repair, it was decided to expose the force main 200 feet south and 200 feet north of the original leak to determine the extent of damage prior to authorizing replacement.

Alderman Their presented the minutes of the 1/2/18 Board of Public Works meeting. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Mader to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Alderman Mader presented Public Services Committee report.

Mayor Leitl presented an update on the response to Flambeau River Papers' (FRP) 1/5/18 announcement to idle its paper machine #3. Mayor Leitl reported he has been in contact with legislators requesting their assistance to remove or replace a \$1.5 bond held by FRP owner William Johnson which would then be used for reinvestment in the mill. The city has also been working with the Department of Workforce Development to get the affected employees the assistance they need. Mayor Leitl then informed the Council that the Park Falls Area Chamber of Commerce would like to move the Flambeau Rama Arts and Craft Fair downtown this year.

City Attorney Schoenborn presented an amendment to Ordinance No. 17-002 – Designation of State Highway 182 Bridge for use by ATVs & UTVs. Moved by Alderman Hogue and seconded by Alderman Mader to adopt this amendment as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann presented the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-002

Relating to the Collection of State and County Taxes by the City Treasurer

Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Oskvarek to adopt the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Straetz reported on 2016 and 2017 drug investigations. He also gave a winter sidewalk report and a winter parking permit report.

Alderman Mader presented the Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation update.

In public comment, Alderman Mader presented an update on the athletic field bleacher fundraiser and reported on the Tuscobia Ultra event.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Arla J. Homann
Clerk-Treasurer