

## COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/13/2025

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 13, 2025. Mayor Tara Tervort called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Tara Tervort
Alderman:	Dan Greenwood - Excused Dennis Wartgow Terry Wilson James Corbett - Excused Anthony Thier Dixie Weidman Michael Mader Dina Bukachek
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn
City and Zoning Administrator:	Scott Kluver

**Staff present:** Bill Hoffman, Marvin Nevelier, Deb Hyde, Becky Michels

**Also present:** Gary Wollerman, Carol Mader, Michelle Schmidt, Judi Grissmeyer

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

**COMMUNICATIONS** –None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Judi Grissmeyer spoke regarding trapping near city streets and sidewalks and the potential for pets and people to get caught in them. There was a question about the amount of time political signs can be left in yards.

### NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Kluver explained parameters of the city insurance coverage when it comes to groups holding events on city property. Members of Wednesday Night Live were present and reported that the Lions Club International will cover their event as long as it is a fundraising event. The Chamber is also looking into the ability to extend their coverage to the Wednesday Night Live events. Park rental fees were discussed, and the members of Wednesday Night Live felt the \$100 cleaning fee and \$150 annual rental were feasible for them. Andrew Casper with WI DOT attended virtually to answer questions on the Hwy 13 project bid. There was discussion about using temporary signage during summer months instead of the flashing beacon and replacing the grass in the medians with rock or something other than concrete. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Madar to eliminate the flashing beacon \$57,318.95, stamped concrete \$15,195.95 and sidewalk extension \$4,402.10 with a portion of the cost charged to the utilities. Motion carried 5-1. There is potential that the DOT would relet the bid due to Park Falls requesting to remove items from the current bid. The Common Council/Committee of the Whole meeting and committee structures were discussed. Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to move from having one Committee of the Whole and one Common Council meeting each month to having two Common Council meetings with the option to have Committee of the Whole added as an agenda item when needed. Motion carried 6-0.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance** –There was a motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$1,003,812.07. Motion carried, 6-0. Motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve the Contractors Application for Pay #7 to Janke General Contractors in the amount of \$97,928.07. Motion carried, 6-0.

**Board of Public Works** – Nothing to report

**Public Services** – Nothing to report.

**Personnel** – Nothing to report.

**Update to Committee of the Whole on General City Operations** – Administrator Kluver gave an update that the personnel evaluations have been completed.

At 7:06 p.m. there was a motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Mader 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 Faith Group Company, Yong Liu*). Motion carried, 6-0. City staff Schoenborn, Kluver, Michels, Hoffman and Nevelier were present.

At 7:18 p.m. there was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Wilson to reconvene into open session, for discussion to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

**Prepared by: Becky Michels, City Treasurer**