

COMMON COUNCIL
10/9/2017

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, October 9, 2017. Mayor Daniel Leitl called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor: Daniel Leitl

Aldermen: Michael Bablick
Chris Hoffman - Excused
David Dryer
Michael Mader
Dennis Wartgow
Ron Hogue
Anthony Thier
Joseph Oskvarek

Assistant City Attorneys: Bruce Marshall
Bryce Schoenborn

A moment of silence was observed in memory of City Attorney Scott Reinhard.

The minutes of the previous Council meeting of 9/11/17 were presented. Moved by Alderman Hogue and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

The Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation (PFACDC) Annual Report was presented by Paul Ross. Mr. Ross highlighted the economic revolving loan funds, noting that in addition to researching funding opportunities for businesses, the PFACDC sponsors a Business of the Year award, assists with the development of bike trails in Price County, and has been instrumental in the development of a Young Professionals Organization to attract and retain young professionals. The PFACDC also provides fundraising assistance for projects such as the Park Falls Community Pool renovation, construction of the athletic field bathrooms, and most recently the athletic field bleacher project. Sam Pritzl requested the City's continued financial support of the PFACDC, indicating that 59% of their \$65,000 annual budget comes from public contributions.

Alderman Dryer presented Personnel Committee report.

Alderman Wartgow presented the Finance Committee report. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve Change Order No.2 on the 2nd Avenue project in the amount of \$8,471.22 contingent upon final approval by Water & Street Superintendent Hilgart. Motion carried, 7-0. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bablick to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve Pay Application No. 5 for the 2nd Avenue project. Motion carried, 7-0. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hogue to approve payment of the bills totaling \$555,058.14. Motion carried, 7-0.

Alderman Thier presented the minutes of the 10/2/17 BPW meeting. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Mader to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Alderman Mader presented the minutes of the 9/18/17 Public Services Committee meeting. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mayor Leitl proclaimed Trick-or-Treat hours in City of Park Falls for October 31st from 4:00 - 6:30 PM. He also noted that the DOT has postponed the Hwy 182 bridge replacement completion date to November 3, 2017.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann reported on the positive and negative features affecting municipalities in the recently passed Wisconsin State budget. She also asked the Council to review the 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan and bring capital suggestions to the first budget meeting scheduled for 10/16/17.

Chief of Police Straetz reported on a recent drug search warrant, and noted that he will request the evaluation of recent police recruit school graduates for possible part-time employment with the Park Falls Police Department.

In public comment, Mayor Leitl invited the Council to attend the open house at Park Manor Nursing Home. Also in public comment, Victor Ambrose thanked the city for its assistance with the Strong Families Strong Kids project at Hines Park on 9/17/17, and thanked the city for the lights on the flags at the Old Abe Veterans Memorial.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Arla J. Homann
Clerk-Treasurer