

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/28/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 28, 2022. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

Aldermen: Chris Hoffman
Dixie Weidman
Michael Mader
Dennis Wartgow
James Corbett
Anthony Thier
Dina Bukachek
Dan Greenwood

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn - excused

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Bill Hoffman, Jerry Ernst, Larry Reas, Deb Hyde, Shannon Greenwood, Marv Nevelier, Jeff Seamandel, Dom Koller, Bob Zoubek, Gary Wollerman, Tom Ratzlaff and Tom LaVenture.

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

There was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes for the Common Council meeting on October 24, 2022, the Personnel Committee meeting on November 3, 2022, the Public Services Committee meeting on November 9, 2022, The Board of Public Works meeting on November 14, 2022 and the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 14, 2022. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The employee/alderman/mayor holiday party will be on December 15. The cost will be \$22.50/person and this is on the person. The tree lighting will be taking place on December 1 at 5 p.m. Mayor Bablick announced to the council that he will not run for mayor in the 2023 election.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2023 Budget Hearing was presented. There was public comment opened up at 5:30 p.m. No public comment. Alderman Mader made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hoffman to adopt the 2023 budget, Resolution number 22-007. Motion carried, 8-0. The Capital Improvement Plan was presented. Alderman Wartgow made a motion and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve this plan. Motion carried, 8-0. There was a motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to reschedule the December Common Council meeting to December 12, 2022. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance—Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$203,525.02. Motion carried, 8-0. There were some expenses presented by A-1 Excavating. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the following items: Pay #1 in the

amount of \$69,851.50; Pay #2 in the amount of \$241,556.60 and a change order in the amount of \$2,540.50. Motion approved, 8-0.

Personnel – An update was presented to the council for the service contract with Marshfield Hospital for Police Services. Right now, the hospital is looking for a security guard; not a police officer. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to decline the police services contract to Marshfield Hospital, effective immediately. Motion carried.

Board of Public Works – A quote was presented from Complete Control in the amount of \$48,018.00 for the library boiler upgrade. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve this expenditure. Motion carried, 8-0. A proposal was presented for a Larue 2022 snowblower in the amount of \$185,350.00. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve this amount. Motion carried, 8-0. There was a proposal for a cargo work van in the amount of \$51,568.12. Motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve this purchase. Motion carried, 8-0. MSA presented contracts for the City Center Park Design in the amount of \$155,000.00; the 2023 CDBG PF grant application in the amount of \$11,000.00; and \$6,250.00 for the stewardship grant application for the City Center Park. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve these three amounts. Motion carried, 8-0. MSA reported on their current projects.

Public Services – Nothing to report.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Bablick – Nothing to report.

City Administrator Michalek-The City now has a signed agreement for the ambulance garaged and the ambulance service agreement should be signed shortly.

Attorney report – Nothing to report.

Clerk & Treasurer Smith – Election papers can be taken out for the spring election starting on December 1, 2022. Noncandidacy papers have to be turned in by December 23, 2022.

Library Director Hyde – There are free goodies the first of every month!

DPW Director Hoffman – On Wednesday, November 30, the internet will be installed at the water tower. Holiday banners will be put up in a couple of weeks. Holiday lights are put up with the new efficient blue LED bulbs.

Chief of Police Ernst –There is going to be a sex offender living at 450 9th Street South. On November 17th, the police assisted an individual that was suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning. The police have also been assisting with the mill break ins.

Fire Chief Reas – They assisted the police with the carbon monoxide incident and reminded everyone to check their carbon monoxide meters.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer