

COMMON COUNCIL

2/12/2018

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, February 12, 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 1/8/18 were presented. Moved by Alderman Hogue and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Sam Pritzl, President of the Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation, presented information on a proposed seaplane base at the Park Falls municipal airport. Mike Drover and Bill Lauer proposed installing a floating dock and ramp at the north end of the runway citing the possibility of increased aviation fuel sales. Mr. Lauer also expressed an interest in providing flying lessons and seaplane rides. Airport Manager Brian Ernst informed the Council that the Park Falls municipal airport now has 12 planes based here, and we will begin receiving entitlement funds again in 2019. In the past, entitlement funds have been approximately \$150,000 per year. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to move ahead with planning the seaplane base and inquire about necessary permits. Motion carried.

Alderman Dryer presented the Personnel Committee report.

Alderman Wartgow presented the Finance Committee report. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hogue to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$712,088.09. Motion carried.

Alderman Thier presented the minutes of the 2/5/18 Board of Public Works meeting. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Mader to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried. The council discussed displaying advertising banners at the baseball field for the athletic field bleacher fundraiser. Daren Patterson, Chequamegon School Athletic Director noted that the WIAA has no restrictions on this type of advertising. He suggested that no alcohol or tobacco advertising be

allowed. Money from sales of these advertising banners is to be deposited into the Chequamegon Public School Foundation account and appropriately accounted for. The Park Falls Athletic Complex Advisory Committee will be responsible to decide future uses of funds. Banners must be designed to allow air to go through them. All banners must be removed each year after the Flambeau Rama celebration. The Chequamegon School athletic director is the responsible person to install and remove banners. It was noted that the city may need to amend its no off-premise advertising ordinance to exempt the athletic field. Moved by Alderman Bablick and seconded by Alderman Mader to allow the placement of advertising banners at the baseball field with the aforementioned conditions. Motion carried.

Alderman Mader presented Public Services Committee report.

Mayor Leitl asked the Council to consider changing some aldermanic district positions to at-large positions. Possible changes may include having 4 seats remain aldermanic district seats with 4 becoming at-large seats or reducing the council size by having 4 aldermanic district seats and 2 at-large seats. Mayor Leitl mentioned that Kimberly Clark and the Fox River Valley may receive state economic assistance in the form of tax credits. He also noted that Flambeau River Papers is searching for a buyer to operate its #3 paper machine in Park Falls.

City Attorney Schoenborn presented his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann noted there is a primary election on 2/20/2018.

Police Sergeant Jerry Ernst informed the Council that juveniles have been using social media to organize fist fights. Those involved in fights have been issued citations. He also noted that a man arrested for sexual assault of a young child has been found guilty of 2 counts of sexual assault. Sentencing will be on 2/21/18 with a minimum of 25 years for each count.

Street & Water Superintendent Scott Hilgart informed the Council that the Ash Street lift station project PERF score is 70.3 which does not qualify it for a principal forgiveness grant. He informed the Council that MSA is proceeding with engineering the force main replacement. He also noted that the DNR is asking the city to determine the condition of its 2 sewer siphons that are under the river.

The Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation update included the scheduled meet and greet at AJ's Supper Club on 2/21/18 and the retention visit at the Waterford assisted living facility.

In public comment, Mayor Leitl informed the Council that the Plan Commission is considering the creation of a C-2 commercial byway zone on a portion of Highway 13.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Arla J. Homann
Clerk-Treasurer