

**COMMON COUNCIL**  
**3/13/2017**

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, March 13, 2017. Mayor Thomas Ratzlaff called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor: Thomas Ratzlaff

Aldermen: Brad Dehmlow  
Chris Hoffman  
David Dryer  
Michael Mader  
Dennis Wartgow  
Ron Hogue  
Anthony Thier  
Ronald Schoch

City Attorney: Scott Reinhard

The minutes of the previous Council meeting of 2/13/17 were approved as presented.

Alderman Schoch presented the minutes of the 3/8/17 Personnel Committee meeting. Moved by Alderman Schoch and seconded by Alderman Hogue to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Michael Bablick as municipal pool director pending successful completion of a drug screen and background check. Motion carried, 8-0.

Alderman Wartgow presented the Finance Committee report. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Schoch to pay the bills in the amount of \$987,673.94. Motion carried, 8-0.

Alderman Thier presented the minutes of the 3/6/17 BPW meeting. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to accept the Board of Public Works' recommendations to include decorative items in 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Reconstruction Project, to award the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Reconstruction Contract to James Peterson and Sons, Inc., and to authorize the mayor and clerk-treasurer to sign all SDW & CWF contract documents as necessary. Motion carried, 7-1, Alderman Hoffman voting no.

Alderman Mader presented the minutes of the 3/8/17 Public Services Committee meeting. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Dehmlow to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Mader to accept the Public Services Committee recommendation for a three-year extension of the recycling and garbage collection contracts with JB Disposal. Motion carried, 8-0.

Mayor Ratzlaff appointed Jeremy Tesnow and Helmut Schmidt to the position of firefighter. Moved by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Schoch to confirm the

mayor's appointments. Motion carried, 8-0. Mayor Ratzlaff appointed Jessica Mathis as Housing Authority Resident Commissioner. Moved by Alderman Hogue and seconded by Alderman Mader to confirm the mayor's appointment. Motion carried, 8-0. Mayor Ratzlaff reappointed Virginia Feit as Housing Authority Commissioner. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Schoch to confirm the mayor's appointment. Motion carried, 8-0. The following resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-003**  
**Close Loopholes that Shift a Greater Property Tax Burden from**  
**Commercial to Residential Homeowners**

Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Hogue to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried, 8-0. Mayor Ratzlaff thanked Brad Dehmlow for his years of service as alderman. Mayor Ratzlaff then presented the 2017 State of the City Address.

City Attorney Reinhard presented his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann presented her report.

Police Chief Straetz reported that the Park Falls Police Department recently implemented a Facebook page.

Street and Water Superintendent Hilgart presented his report.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Arla J. Homann  
Clerk-Treasurer