

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/10/2025

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, March 10, 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 Dennis Wartgow Terry Wilson James Corbett Anthony Thier Dixie Weidman - Excused Michael Mader Dina Bukachek
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn - Excused
City and Zoning Administrator:	Scott Kluver

Staff present: Shannon Greenwood, Bill Hoffman, Marvin Nevelier, Becky Michels, Larry Reas

Also present: Bob LaVoie, Bob Wartgow, Gary Wollerman, Allen Pritzl, Judy Pritzl

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

COMMUNICATIONS – Alderman Mader and the Mayor attended the Regional Roundtable in Tomahawk last week put on by the League of Municipalities where they discussed Roberts Rules of Order.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Allan Pritzl, trail boss of the Snow Gypsies, is available to help with signage and shared maps of the current snowmobile trails. Bob Wartgow, president of the Flambeau Riders ATV/UTV club, stated that the maps are inaccurate, and some locations are inaccessible. The biggest complaint from tourists is that the routes are hard to follow. Bob Lavoie started the Flambeau Riders club and noted that in 2023, ATV/UTV riders in Wisconsin were responsible for generating an estimated \$4.2 billion in direct economic activity and we haven't done anything here to tap into those tourism dollars. We want to make PF a tourist destination.

NEW BUSINESS

The City of Park Falls Police Association is currently represented by the Labor Association of Wisconsin which is dissolving. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve Resolution 25-004 recognizing the Wisconsin Professional Police Association as the official bargaining unit. Motion carried. Reviewed a policy to provide some utility bill relief in extreme cases due to an unfortunate leak. Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the Water and Sewer Credit Policy. Motion carried, with Wartgow voting no. Reviewed proposed map from Chief Nevelier to outline potential changes to the ATV/Snowmobile routes. Changes suggested will hopefully make navigating through town easier. After discussion on several possible changes it was decided to create a couple options for the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – There was a motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$.29,536.88. Motion carried, 8-0.

Debt Management, Fund Balance, Capital Planning, and Purchasing/Grant Procurement Policies were reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee for approval at their last meeting. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approval all four recommended policies. Motion carried.

Reviewed an ordinance to provide clarity since on what does or does not need council approval since there has been much inconsistency. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve Ordinance 25-008 – Purchasing Authority of City Administrator. Motion carried.

Board of Public Works – No report.

Public Services – No report.

Personnel – No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40

Prepared by: Shannon Greenwood, City Clerk