

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 3/24/2025

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, March 24, 2025. Mayor Tara Tervort called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

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| Mayor: | Tara Tervort |
| Alderman: | Dan Greenwood Dennis Wartgow Terry Wilson James Corbett Anthony Thier Dixie Weidman Michael Mader Dina Bukachek -Excused |
| City Attorney: | Bryce Schoenborn |
| City and Zoning Administrator: | Scott Kluver |

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

Also present: Lena Motola, Bob Wartgow, Jim Luhtala, Jared Luhtala, Bob LaVoie, Gary Wollerman, Chris Kahr, Amanda Kopka, Troy Danielson, Joanne Straetz, Scott Straetz, Perry Cuddeback, Jessical Herbst, Rod Behreandt, Mary Behreandt, Kortney Veitengruber, Tim Dragovich, Fallon Pritzl, Katlin Pritzl, Katie Feit, Luke Feit, Beth Wartgow

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

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to approve the minutes for the Finance Committee on February 19, 2025, Common Council on February 24, 2025, Committee of the Whole on March 10, 2025, and Special Council on March 17, 2025. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – Alderman Mader stated that the Chequamegon High School Musical held over the weekend was very good.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Lena Motola – Introduction and welcome – Lena’s Northern Pines on Butternut Lake.

NEW BUSINESS – Chief Nevelier presented the three potential map options for the new ATV/UTV routes. Discussion includes comments about making the City ATV/UTV friendly, having more direct routes, bringing tourism dollars here, and issues with speed. Complaints are received often about maps being complicated, needs to be simplified. Administrator Kluver noted that we allow direct access for businesses currently by Ordinance but may need to be modified to allow for access routes on map. After a straw poll, the majority chose Map A with additional modification, for consideration on April 15. Discussed the vacation of 3rd Avenue South Between Division Street and STH 182. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve. Public Hearing date is set for June 9th. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – There was a motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$34,250.66. Motion carried, 7-0.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Tervort: Rob Sommerfield has a listening session this Friday from 11:30 – 12:30 Rob Sommerfield in the 3rd floor board room.

City Clerk Greenwood: The Spring election is on April 1st. In person absentee voting is really picking up this week.

Treasurer Michels: Working on Audit hopefully done by end of week, with PSC and Form C reports. Finishing up YMCA grant final draw.

Library: April calendar is included in the packet and Public Library Annual Report- most important information on page 2 is circulation numbers.

DPW Director Hoffman: The fifth water main break happened on Whitmer Avenue. Discontinued let-run orders and sent notice last Friday prior to meter readings. A couple of wastewater operators are attending the conference in Green Bay. Received requests for improvements from pickleball group who have also purchased some new equipment on their own. MSA completed the changes for Lower Dam Road survey last week, now we need signatures on the new CSM before we can record with the County. Met with Janke to discuss items remaining and punch list that will be completed over next few weeks with completion date of May 31st. Wastewater treatment plant has completed everything the Mill discharged to the City - we think there is still some residual there, working with DNR to get facility closed and we are not accepting any more from them.

Chief of Police Nevelier: Pleased with resolution of ATV UTV map. The new squad was completed last week and will be put into service sometime soon. Transition from Expedition to Explorers will be cheaper to outfit. The old squad is going to the Fire Department for command squad vehicle. Officer Dehmlow provided her letter of resignation effective May 5th.

Fire- Provided mutual aid for two different structure fires to Fifield and Butternut over last week, otherwise very quiet. Monday through Friday there is a full-time employee on EMS and on weekend there is one at night.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21

Prepared by: Shannon Greenwood, City Clerk