

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 04/11/2022

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 11, 2022. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

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

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Laurie Wagner, Bill Hoffman, Kevin Damrow, Larry Reas, Jerry Ernst, Shannon Greenwood, Dixie Weidman, Deb Hyde, Jon Beidler, Lisa Nagro, Katie Riva, Wendy Ford and Kathy Rose.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk and Treasurer Smith informed the council that there were 191 voters at the April 5, 2022 election.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Jon Beidler appeared before the council to request they change the current chicken ordinance to allow chickens and ducks. He would also like to see an ordinance that would include allowing goats. The council discussed the option of allowing the athletic committee to sell and place advertising banners alongside the 5th Street fence line. It was noted that the current ordinance allows the zoning administrator to approve all temporary signs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance –Alderman Hoffman made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$167,417.94. Motion carried, 8-0.

Board of Public Works – The Case/Sherry alleyway is still missing two signatures. There is a roadblock with one of the properties because the mortgage company doesn't want to sign. The City Park survey results were handed out and given to all of the council members. MSA will be putting together a more formalized results sheet to present to the council at a future meeting. Stacie Mollman presented a request to use the streets for the 4th of July parade. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this request. Motion carried. Discussion took place on County E and 9th St. S. The council instructed the City Administrator to send a letter to the County to deny paying 50% for the curb and gutter. The sidewalk option is not an option that the City would like to pursue at this time. Motion by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Mader that unless the County can cite a statute that states the City must cost share, the City will not pay for the

curb and gutter. Motion carried. Because of uncertainty with the wastewater lagoon baffles, this discussion will be postponed until the 19th of April meeting.

Public Services – There was nothing to report.

Personnel – There was nothing to report.

Administrator update to Committee of the Whole on general city operations –The YMCA steering committee will be meeting soon to discuss the needs of the community. Those on the committee include Allie Plessner, Tim Kief, Paul Rybak, Brentt Michalek and Jeff Euclide. There was a grant submitted to Tammy Baldwin’s office for possible funding for the city hall project.

At 6:05 PM, there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(e)-deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Discussion on TIF 5 Developer’s Agreement-Vichy’s Pub) Motion carried, 8-0. Staff remaining included Administrator Michalek, Clerk and Treasurer Smith, Executive Assistant Greenwood, and DPW Director Hoffman. Laurie Wagner, Katie Riva, Kevin Damrow and Wendy Ford were also present.

At 6:48 PM., there was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Mader to reconvene into open session, for discussion and /or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer