

COMMON COUNCIL
4/23/2018

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, April 23, 2018. Mayor Daniel Leidl called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Daniel Leidl
Aldermen:	Michael Bablick Chris Hoffman David Dryer Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow James Corbett Anthony Thier Dina Bukachek
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn

The minutes of the previous Council meeting of 3/12/18 were approved as presented.

Mayor Leidl appointed the 2018 committees. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to confirm the mayor's appointments. Motion carried.

Alderman Wartgow nominated Michael Mader for council president. There being no other nominations, it was moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Michael Mader. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bablick and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to designate the *Price County Review* as the city's official newspaper. Motion carried.

Mayor Leidl appointed Scott Hilgart as City Forester and Weed Commissioner. Moved by Alderman Bablick and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to confirm the mayor's appointment. Motion carried.

Alderman Dryer presented the minutes of the 4/9/18 Personnel Committee meeting. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Moved by Alderman Bablick and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire the following full-time student summer employees on the city crew for the 2018 season: Kevin Koski, Caleb Armstrong, Emma Wagner, Jordan Armstrong, and Madilyn Brunner. Motion carried. Moved by Alderman Dryer and seconded by Alderman Mader to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire the following full-time student summer employees at the municipal pool for the 2018 season: Makayla Casey, Ashley Casey, James Mineau, Hailey BeBeau, Allison Michels, Jamie Wohlleben, and Annalee Wallow; and to employ the following applicants on a casual part-time,

as-needed basis only: Michelle Hecimovich, Tess Richard, Blake Richard, Joe Balsavich, Kennedy Kieplikowski, Kiana Schmidt, Olivia Ocker, Shea Minneau, William Graf, Mallori Zoesch, Marissa Niehoff, and Jeanna Scanlon. Motion carried.

Alderman Wartgow presented the Finance Committee report. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Dryer to pay the bills in the amount of \$282,827.07. Motion carried.

Alderman Thier presented the minutes of the 4/2/18 BPW meeting. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Dryer to approve the prequalification questionnaire for the force main project and authorize Water & Street Superintendent Scott Hilgart to evaluate and approve/disapprove eligible contractors based on their respective statements as submitted for this project. Motion carried.

Alderman Mader presented the Public Services Committee report. Terri Kaiser, Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce, presented a city beautification proposal which included: hanging flower baskets in the downtown; painting, replacing doors, and hanging flower baskets at Stueber Pavilion; and planting trees and a flower garden in Triangle Park. Moved by Alderman Bablick and seconded by Alderman Dryer to refer this proposal to the Board of Public Works. Motion carried, 8-0.

Mayor Leitl presented his report. Alderman Bablick updated the Council on General Code's proposal to recodify the Park Falls Municipal Code. This \$14,700 project will take two years to complete. Moved by Alderman Bablick and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation to create a C-2 Zone on the west side of Hwy 13 between Hwy 13 and 5th Ave. S. beginning at the north lot line of 844 4th Ave S (car wash) to the north lot line of 528 4th Ave. S. (Preisler). Motion carried, 8-0. Moved by Alderman Bablick and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation to rezone the south side of 9th St. S. (County E) from 5th Ave. S. to the western city limit from R-2 to C-1. Motion carried, 8-0. Mayor Leitl appointed the following members to the 2018 Board of Review: Daniel Leitl, Arla Homann, David Dryer, Michael Mader, and Michael Bablick. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to confirm the mayor's appointments. Motion carried. Mayor Leitl appointed James Corbett to serve as a Plan Commission member. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to confirm the mayor's appointment. Motion carried.

City Attorney Schoenborn presented his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann presented information on USDA grant and loan funding that is available for Park Falls residents to improve and purchase homes.

Police Chief Straetz reported that a man found guilty in a sexual assault case has been sentenced to 35 years in prison.

Street and Water Superintendent Hilgart presented his report.

Alderman Mader presented an update on the Athletic Field bleacher fundraising efforts. A fundraising All Sports Banquet will be held on April 28, 2018 at 5:00 PM at the American Legion Hall.

In public comment, Canadian National rail service was discussed briefly, and it was noted that volunteers are willing to prune the new trees on Hwy 13.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Arla J. Homann
Clerk-Treasurer