

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 4/22/2024

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 22, 2024. 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 Their
Dixie Weidman
Michael Mader
Dina Bukachek

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn - Excused

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

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

Also present: Jeff Seamandel, Gary Wollerman, Jeff Kobus, Kortney Veitengruber

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

There was a motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes for the Common Council meeting on March 25, 2024, Special Council meeting on March 26, 2024; Special Council Meeting April 1, 2024; Joint Review Board meeting on April 3, 2024; Plan Commission meeting on April 4, 2024; Committee of the Whole meeting on April 8, 2024; Joint Review Board meeting on April 11, 2024; Special Council meeting on April 11, 2024; Annual Organizational meeting on April 16, 2024; and the Zoning Board of Appeals Committee meeting on April 17, 2024. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Tervort will be attending the Wisconsin League of Municipalities Regional Roundtable in Rice Lake on May 22, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS

Request from the resident at 1121 2nd Avenue North, Jeff Kobus, to exceed the limitation on the number of dogs, per Ordinance Section 7-1-18. J. Kobus would like to rescue Yorkshire Terrier puppies only at his residence for animals that are taken from puppy mills or other poor conditions. He would only rescue 1-2 at any given time and would help to retrain and condition them until they can find new homes. They would never be left unsupervised, and he has a fenced yard. He has received verbal permission from his neighbors. Length of stay would typically be 3-4 months unless there were medical conditions. Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve with the following conditions: Not to exceed 2

additional dogs, must be Yorkshire Terrier, must be spayed/neutered, must be vaccinated and must not breed any dogs. Motion carried, 5-4. Reviewed Code of Ordinances Fees.

Finance – Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$14,906.94. Motion carried, 8-0.

Board of Public Works – Nothing to report.

Public Services – Nothing to report.

Personnel – Nothing to report.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Tervort – Nothing to report.

City Administrator Michalek – City Hall renovations nearing the final stages, looking very nice. DPW will remove the covering over the old 'City Hall' over the South entrance at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Library Director Hyde – May activities include Cooking in the Library, Pokémon Club for Kids, Mrs. K's Summer Reading programming.

DPW Director Hoffman – Spring Clean Up is scheduled for May 13-24 throughout the City. Crew members are currently flushing the hydrants and park maintenance to be open by fishing season opener. Pre-construction meetings on the 1st for the 2024 utility project and on the 8th for the Old Abe Memorial Park project. Power has been disconnected to the restrooms at Old Abe Park, and the crew is halfway done with the street sweeping. The water at Hines Park will be turned on the first weekend in May, and there is open sewage dumping all year long at the DPW Garage. There is a new 'City Residents Only; signage at the garage area for the brush/yard waste area.

Chief of Police Nevelier – PFPD received a \$2,000.00 training grant and Officers Koller and Fohr will be attending. Have started a spring cleanup list to begin contacting. Please notify of any locations that need to be added. The homicide on 2nd Avenue is still under active investigation. The Mayor congratulated our department on the handling of this situation.

Fire Chief Reas – The fire ban is still active for our area. We have been experiencing high winds, which have been drying everything despite the amount of rainfall, and we are lucky there have been no power lines down.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Prepared by: Shannon Greenwood, City Clerk