

COMMON COUNCIL
5/15/2019

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 Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

Aldermen: Chris Hoffman
Richard Scharp
Michael Mader
Dennis Wartgow
James Corbett
Anthony Their
Dina Bukachek

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn

The minutes of the 4/22/19 Council meeting were presented. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

In public comment, Mayor Bablick reported that UW-Madison will be using the WLEF tower on Hwy 182 to perform a scientific climate study. Daniel Leitl inquired when the Council intends to request banking bids. Michelle Smith thanked the Council for allowing the Girl Scouts to use the Council room for their regular meetings. Dina Bukachek mentioned that some items at Hines Park are in need of attention. It was also noted that Hines Park campground should be included on the Chamber website as an option for local accommodations.

Alderman Wartgow presented the minutes of the 4/30/19 Personnel Committee of Meeting of the Whole. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Alderman Wartgow presented the minutes of the 5/9/19 Personnel Committee of Meeting of the Whole. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Corbett to approve a recommendation from the Personnel Committee of the Whole to appoint Dan Greenwood as 1st District Alderman for the remainder of a one-year term to expire on April 20, 2020. Motion carried. Newly appointed Alderman Dan Greenwood took his oath of office. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Corbett to approve a recommendation from the Personnel Committee of the Whole to appoint Steven S. Kubacki as Interim City Administrator via approval of the contract for services with Public Administration Associates, LLC. Motion carried, 8-0.

Alderman Bukachek presented the Finance Committee report. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$238,711.65. Motion carried, 8-0.

Alderman Thier presented the BPW report. Moved by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the 2019 Park Falls Community Pool schedule and rates. Motion carried. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the contract with Pine Curve Consulting Forestry, LLC not to exceed \$2,500 to facilitate a timber sale at the Park Falls airport. Motion carried, 7-0, Alderman Hoffman abstaining.

Alderman Mader presented the Public Services Committee report.

Mayor Bablick appointed Grant Schuenemann to the position of full-time police officer effective 6/4/19. Motion carried. Mayor Bablick presented a plaque to retiring Chief of Police Scott Straetz recognizing him for 32 years of service to our community. Mayor Bablick reported that Forward Bank has donated the remaining funds needed for the new football/track bleachers. The old bleachers will be removed in early June with new bleacher installation to be completed before the first football game. An update on the seaplane base was presented. Four seaplanes landed at our airport during the project walk-through meeting on 5/15/19. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the job description for the part-time position of city finance assistant/accounts payable clerk and authorize solicitation of interested candidates. Motion carried, 8-0.

City Attorney Schoenborn presented his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann reported on the Municipal Treasurer Association of Wisconsin (MTAW) conference. She presented information on legal considerations for municipalities using social media.

Police Sergeant Ernst presented the monthly police department report. He reported speed board results from 1st Avenue North and noted that during its spring cleanup rounds, the police department contacted 28 residents who are in violation of ordinances. He also updated the Council on the 4/24/19 and 5/10/19 drug interdictions.

Water & Street Superintendent Hilgart gave a summary of Hines Park repairs that were completed in recent years and noted that 2019 improvements at Hines Park include the installation of sewer service to all existing campsites.

Mayor Bablick informed the Council that engineer Jim Bollmann of MSA Professional Services has accepted a new position, and Jeffrey Seamandel of MSA will be the engineer working with Park Falls.

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Arla J. Homann
Clerk-Treasurer