

COMMON COUNCIL
7/10/2017

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, July 10, 2017. Mayor Daniel Leitl called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Daniel Leitl
Aldermen:	Michael Bablick Chris Hoffman David Dryer Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow Ron Hogue Anthony Thier Ronald Schoch
City Attorney:	Scott Reinhard

The minutes of the previous Council meeting of 6/12/17 were presented. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0.

Alderman Schoch presented the Personnel Committee report.

Alderman Wartgow presented the Finance Committee report. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hogue to pay the bills in the amount of \$942,352.15. Motion carried, 8-0.

Alderman Thier presented the minutes of the 7/5/17 BPW meeting. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hogue to approve the Board of Public Works' recommendation to purchase two DPW trucks at a total cost of \$45,223. Motion carried, 8-0. The Chamber of Commerce's request to use the municipal pool for a Cardboard Regatta from 8/5/17 to 8/6/17 was presented to the Council. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hogue to grant permission. Motion carried, 8-0.

Alderman Mader presented the Public Services Committee report. Picnic license applications for the American Legion at the softball field from 8/4/17 to 8/6/17, for Park Falls Fire and Rescue at the firefighters' stand from 8/4/17 to 8/6/17, and for the Park Falls Baseball Club at the baseball field from 8/4/17 to 8/5/17 were presented to the Council. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hogue to grant all three licenses. The firefighters' stand must close by 10:00 PM on 8/6/17. Motion carried, 8-0.

Captain Nemo's request to amend its liquor license to include the additional premise description of 1st St. N. from 2nd Ave. N. east to the alley excepting the south sidewalk from 8/3/17 to 8/6/17 was presented to the Council. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Bablick to approve this additional premise description as requested. Motion carried, 7-1, Alderman Wartgow voting no.

Mayor Leitl reported that the Ordinance Review Committee met on 7/10/17 at 3:00 PM. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for 7/24/17 at 3:00 PM.

City Attorney Reinhard presented his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann presented her report.

Chief of Police Straetz reported that all establishments selling cigarettes in the City of Park Falls passed a recent inspection by Wisconsin Tobacco Prevention and Control personnel. Chief Straetz reported on three closed cases involving drugs. He then invited the Council to attend a presentation by DCI Special Agent Jeremy Buss on First Responder Safety in Dealing with Illegal Drugs and Hazardous Substances to be held at the Chequamegon High School auditorium on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6:00 PM. He also informed the Council that 13 surveillance cameras have installed in various locations throughout the city to aid in vandalism investigations.

Pool Director Bablick informed the Council that the municipal pool has seen increased usage this summer as compared to last summer likely due to a change in our fee structure. He also noted that a vendor of inflatable pool slides is considering providing a slide demonstration at the Park Falls municipal pool.

In public comment, Jim Bollmann from MSA provided an update on the 2nd Avenue project. The project is proceeding on schedule. It may be 4 to 6 months before the decorative lights are available for installation. There was some concern about lack of lighting near Captain Nemo's in the downtown area during the Flambeau Rama festivities. Also in public comment, Dennis Wartgow provided information on the Bay Area Rural Transit (BART) bus usage, and Chief Straetz informed the Council that two new police department employees, Anastasia Kolb and Dominick Koller, have been valuable additions to the department.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Arla J. Homann
Clerk-Treasurer