

COMMON COUNCIL
7/11/2016

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 11, 2016. Mayor Thomas Ratzlaff called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor: Thomas Ratzlaff

Aldermen: Brad Dehmlow
Chris Hoffman
David Dryer
Michael Mader
Dennis Wartgow
Ron Hogue
Anthony Thier
Ronald Schoch

City Attorney: Scott Reinhard

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous Council meeting of 6/13/16 were approved as presented.

Sean McClay presented an update on the athletic field press box reconstruction. Mr. McClay also offered to have the bleachers painted green at no cost to the city. Moved by Alderman Schoch and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this painting project. 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 Schoch to pay the bills in the amount of \$713,260.78. Motion carried, 8-0.

Alderman Thier presented the minutes of the 7/5/16 BPW meeting. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Hogue to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0. A street closure request from Captain Nemo's Pub & Grub LLC was presented to the Council. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hoffman to approve the street closure. Motion carried, 6-2, Aldermen Wartgow and Schoch voting no.

A request to use the tennis courts for BMX presentation during Flambeau Rama was presented to the Council. Moved by Alderman Hogue and seconded by Alderman Dehmlow to approve this use. Motion carried, 7-1, Alderman Wartgow voting no.

Alderman Mader presented the Public Services report. A liquor license application for Park Falls Gastropub LLC was presented. Moved by alderman Wartgow and seconded and by alderman and mater to grant the license. Motion carried, 8-0. A picnic license application for Park Falls Fire & Rescue for August 5 - 8, 2016 was presented. Moved via aldermen Wartgow and seconded by alderman Dehmlow to grant the license with the provision that serving ends at 10:00 PM on

Sunday, August 7th. Motion carried, 8-0. An update on the property at 784 4th Avenue South was given by Chief of Police Straetz

Mayor Ratzlaff gave his 2016 State of the City Address. He then reported on the revocation of the Conditional Use Permit for a kennel license at 220 Maple Street. Mayor Ratzlaff appointed the following Fire & Rescue Department officers: Chief Larry Reas, Asst. Chief Philip Bochler, Captain Ken Zierer, Captain Scott Herbst, Lieutenant Bill Hoffman, Lieutenant Chris Hoffman, Lieutenant Rupert Smith, Lieutenant Mark Koller. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to confirm the mayor's appointments. Motion carried 7-1, Alderman Hoffman abstaining.

A request for approval of an LP gas tank/refueling station at the Chequamegon High School bus garage was presented by a representative from the Medford Co-op. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hogue to grant approval. Motion carried, 8-0.

City Attorney Reinhard presented his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann presented her report.

Chief Straetz presented his report.

In public comment, aldermen moderate gave an update on the athletic field bathroom project. Bonnie Dryer commented on the revocation of the Conditional Use Permit for a kennel license at 220 Maple Street. Mayor Ratzlaff and Zoning Administrator Phil Bochler noted that the revocation was for cause. Daniel Leitl inquired about on-line posting of the Council agenda. Conditions of the safety training center, and properties at 189 8th Street South, the house north of 734 3rd Avenue North, and 498 Avery Avenue were briefly discussed. Phil Bochler and Chief Straetz agreed to inspect these properties and report back. It was decided to publish grass mowing notices and snow shoveling notices each year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Arla J. Homann
Clerk-Treasurer