

## COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 7/22/2024

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 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 - Excused  
Anthony Thier  
Dixie Weidman  
Michael Mader  
Dina Bukachek

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn - Excused

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

Also present: Jeff Seamandel, Gary Wollerman

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

There was a motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes for the Common Council meeting on June 24, 2024, with amendments; the Committee of the Whole meeting on July 8, 2024; and the Special Council meeting on July 17, 2024. Motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Tervort shared that she had been approached by two different individuals to give praise to the Pool Manager and Staff for the great job that they are doing this year.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

### NEW BUSINESS

Reviewed the RFP for Parcel ID #50-271-2-40-01-23-5 15-024-19070 seeking competitive development proposals from qualified developers to create a commercial or residential project at the corner of State Highway 182 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North. The area is comprised of one parcel of approximately .41 acres in the downtown. There was a motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve and publish the RFP. Motion carried.

**Finance** – Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$297,660.77. Motion carried, 7-0. Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Greenwood to approve the MSA Professional Services Agreement for Congressional Directed Spending Assistance in the amount of \$30,000. Motion carried, 7-0. There was a motion by Alderman

Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Weidman to approve the Contractor's Application for Payment #1 to A1 Excavating in the amount of \$203,569.33. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Personnel** – Reviewed the Employment Agreement offered for the City and Zoning Administrator. Starting salary of \$105,000 with 6 month and 1-year reviews, 4 weeks of vacation and moving expenses were offered. Scott Kliver has accepted the terms and will start on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to accept Employment Agreement. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Board of Public Works** – Jeff Seamandel gave the MSA updates report including the progress that Janke is making at Old Abe Memorial Park noting that they set and poured footings for Old Abe, stage, and new pavilion, as well as concrete walls on new pavilion building. American asphalt recently paved the final lift on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues. All the sanitary sewer, watermain, and storm sewer is complete along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to River Road. Will remobilize and go to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South soon. Once MSA obtains the title work for the papermill parcel they can review it and schedule a survey crew to complete the field work portion of the CSM.

**Public Services** – Nothing to report.

### **CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

Mayor Tervort – Attended the League of Municipalities Board meeting in Eau Claire and will be attending the Fall Conference as well.

City Clerk Greenwood – Preparing for the August 13 primary election.

Treasurer Michels – Attending online training sessions from the League of Municipalities as well as Civics.

Library Director Hyde – The Children's programming event with trucks was a huge success with over 200 participants. The annual 'Big Book Sale' event will take place over Flambeau Rama week, lots of good bag sales.

DPW Director Hoffman – The crew removed more of the old pavilion roof to accommodate the new playground, and they will be able to duplicate the Boston style gable. The Chassey for the plow truck has been delivered, expected by the end of the year.

Chief of Police Nevelier – Cops and Whoppers turned out great this year with kids fishing with local officers. Gearing up for Flambeau Rama. Verkata security system has been working well.

At 5:57 there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wilson to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Regarding offer to lease Parcel ID # 50-271-2-40-01-14-2 01-000-10000). Motion carried, 7-0. City staff Greenwood, Hoffman, Michels, Nevelier, Reas and Hyde were present.

At 6:18 there was a motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Mader to reconvene into open session, for discussion and/or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Prepared by: Shannon Greenwood, City Clerk**