

COMMON COUNCIL

8/8/2016

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, August 8, 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.

A moment of silence was held in honor of former police chief William Dirrigle, Sr.

The minutes of the previous Council meeting of 7/11/16 were approved as amended.

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 \$1,670,186.64. Motion carried, 8-0. Moved by Alderman Dehmlow and seconded by Alderman Thier to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to increase sewer rates by 7.3% effective with the 4th quarter 2016 billing period. Motion carried, 7-1, Alderman Hoffman voting no.

Alderman Thier presented the minutes of the 8/1/16 BPW meeting. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 8-0.

Alderman Mader presented the Public Services report. An update on the property at 784 4th Avenue South was given by Police Chief Straetz.

Mayor Ratzlaff reported on Flambeau River Papers, LLC's 10-year anniversary celebration. Mayor Ratzlaff then announced that he intends to seek another term, however, if

someone else is interested in running, he would step aside as he has no interest in engaging in a campaign race. He also informed the council that the city was not awarded a CDBG grant for the proposed 2nd Avenue Area project.

City Attorney Reinhard presented his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann reminded the public of the primary election to be held on 8/9/16.

Police Chief Straetz presented daily status reports from the Flambeau Rama celebration , and reported that a 4th dog at large citation had been issued to the residents at 220 Maple Street.

Street and Water Superintendent Hilgart presented his report.

In public comment, it was noted that the new athletic field bathrooms were available for use during the Flambeau Rama celebration.

The council then watched the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance DVD entitled *In The Scope of Your Authority Preventing Public Official's Liability*.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Arla J. Homann
Clerk-Treasurer