

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 8/11/2025

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 11, 2025. 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 Anthony Thier Dixie Weidman Michael Mader Dina Bukachek - Excused
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn
City and Zoning Administrator:	Scott Kluver

Staff present: Shannon Greenwood, Becky Michels, Isabel Grimes, Dom Koller, Larry Reas

Also present: Gary Wollerman, James & Linda Wachowicz, Arnie Oswald

ADOPT THE AGENDA - Motion by Mader/Weidman to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion by Weidman/Wilson to approve the Minutes for the Plan Commission Meeting on July 24, 2025, the Finance Committee Meeting on July 28, 2025, and the Common Council Meeting on July 28, 2025. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS – Alderman Mader inquired about the plantings at the intersection of Highways 13/182. Arnie Oswald, representing the Agnes Oswald property, commented that he is concerned about the boundary line location between Oswald/Wachowicz properties on the new revision of the Lower Dam Certified Survey map. Derek Chamberes, 335 3rd Avenue South, wanted to thank Mayor for her donation of Christmas décor in the downtown. He would like to donate benches to the downtown park. He also wanted to address damage to his property from snowplowing. Gary Wollerman complimented the Flambeau Rama event, the arts and crafts setup, and he would also like to see the car show relocated to the downtown.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Certified Survey Map – Lower Dam Road–Surveyor Emily Pierce not able to attend. Survey was done to properly define the road which was never officially plated. Initial survey prepared and presented to 3 property owners required to dedicate their portion of property to the road. Revised the survey to remove the Oswald property as there is concern about property line locations. There was a survey that was never recorded as a CSM with the register of deeds which shows different boundaries. Pierce reviewed the legal property descriptions of all properties involved and believes her survey to be correct. Motion by Wilson/Greenwood to delay action and have Emily Pierce give more clarification at next meeting. Motion carried.

- B. Ordinance 25-026 – Well Operation Permit – Previously approved an ordinance for water connection requirements and this is following up to make the well operation permit consistent with those changes. Motion by Greenwood/Wilson to adopt Ordinance 25-026. Motion carried.
- C. Resolution 25-07 – Health Insurance Plan Change – There is a significant increase for 2026. Explored other plans and found nothing comparable. Investigated the high-deductible option within state system. The City could offset the net increase with a contribution to an HSA account but would keep FSA only for childcare expenses. Motion by Weidman/Mader to approve Resolution 25-07 to switch from the current Plan 14 to Plan 17 (High Deductible). Motion carried, 7-0.
- D. Select Health Savings Account Vendor and Approve Contribution Amount – Received 3 proposals. We are already using EBC, and their fees are reasonable. Motion by Wilson/Greenwood to approve a contribution of \$800 for single plans and \$1515 for family plans towards an HSA for eligible employees and approve Employee Benefits Corp as the administrator of the HSA program for the employees. Motion carried, 7-0.
- E. Allow Continuation of FSA for Childcare Reimbursement Purposes - Motion by Weidman/Mader to allow for the continuation of the FSA program for childcare reimbursement purposes.
- F. Amend the Policy on Health Insurance Buyout Option & Establish Rates – Staying in the state system allows the City to offer an incentive to opt out which will further reduce costs. Motion by Greenwood/Weidman to approve the revisions to the Health Insurance Opt-out Policy and establish the rates for 2026 as 7000 for a family plan and 2850 for those on a single plan. Motion carried, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Payment of Bills - Motion by Weidman/Greenwood to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$115,700.38. Motion carried, 7-0.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Tervort: The League of Wisconsin Municipalities Fall Conference is scheduled for September 17-19 league in Milwaukee, please RSVP by the end of August if you would like to attend.

Administrator Kluver: The cell tower buyout that was approved has been completed and we have received payment. There is now WIFI at Hines Park campground.

Clerk Greenwood: Acknowledgement forms need to be returned from the Elected Officials handbook.

Treasurer Michels: No report.

Police Department: There were no incidents on the Flambeau Rama grounds. There have been 5 citizen complaints regarding chicken violations and 3 nuisance violations for junk properties.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29

Prepared by: Shannon Greenwood, City Clerk