

COMMON COUNCIL
9/11/2017

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, September 11, 2017. Mayor Daniel Leitl called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Daniel Leitl
Aldermen:	Michael Bablick Chris Hoffman - Excused David Dryer Michael Mader Dennis Wartgow Ron Hogue Anthony Thier Joseph Oskvarek
City Attorney:	Scott Reinhard

The minutes of the previous Council meeting of 8/14/17 were presented. Moved by Alderman Hogue and seconded by Alderman Thier to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mayor Leitl appointed Joseph Oskvarek to the position of 4th District Alderman to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Alderman Ronald Schoch. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to confirm the mayor's appointment. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mayor Leitl reappointed the 2017 committees. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to confirm the mayor's appointments. Motion carried, 7-0.

Alderman Wartgow nominated Michael Mader for council president. There being no other nominations, it was moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Hogue to close nominations and cast to a unanimous ballot for Michael Mader. Motion carried, 6-0, Alderman Mader abstaining.

Alderman Dryer presented Personnel Committee report.

Alderman Wartgow presented the Finance Committee report. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Dryer to pay the bills in the amount of \$158,755.13. Motion carried, 7-0.

Alderman Thier presented the minutes of the 9/5/17 BPW meeting. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Hogue to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

The Council discussed the Ash Street lift station project. Moved by Alderman Bablick and seconded by Alderman Mader to authorize an Ash Street lift station engineering recommendation

along with funding options to be prepared by Gary Strand of Cooper Engineering. Motion carried, 7-0.

A Chamber of Commerce request to use Triangle Park for a Fall Chili Cook Off on 9/30/17 was presented to the Council. Moved by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Bablick to grant permission. Motion carried, 7-0. A request to use the Safety Training Building for the Haunted House from 9/15/17 to 11/15/17 was presented to the Council. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bablick to grant permission. Motion carried, 7-0.

Alderman Mader presented Public Services Committee report.

Mayor Leitl appointed Cathleen Wartgow to the position of Plan Commission Member. Moved by Alderman Bablick and seconded by Alderman Thier to confirm the mayor's appointment. Motion carried, 7-0. Mayor Leitl then read a statement regarding proposed cuts to Price County Tourism.

City Attorney Reinhard presented his report. The following ordinance was introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-001
Amending Sec. 11-2-17(f)

Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to adopt the ordinance as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann presented her report. The following resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-006
Dissolving TIF District No. 2

Moved by Alderman Bablick and seconded by Alderman Dryer to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Chief of Police Straetz reported on a recent notification regarding a registered sex offender working in Park Falls. He also notified the Council of a recent methamphetamine drug arrest.

Street & Water Superintendent Hilgart reported that decorative street lights have been installed downtown, the new roof has been installed on the ambulance garage, and the city hall roof replacement is almost complete.

In public comment, Mayor Leitl reported that the anticipated completion date for DOT's Highway 182 bridge project is 10/27/17. Also public comment, Alderman Mader reported that fundraising for the athletic field bleacher project is underway. He informed the Council that someone has offered to donate materials to build a new roof over the baseball field bleachers. Park Falls Building Supply has offered to donate labor and equipment necessary to install this roof. Moved by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Hogue to accept this donation of materials, labor, and equipment use. Motion carried, 7-0. Also in public comment, Gary Koski asked if city parking regulations have been addressed by the Ordinance Review Committee. Alderman Bablick will contact Mr. Koski with the date and time the Ordinance Review Committee will address this issue. Also in public comment, Alderman Hogue asked if decorative lights will be installed on

Division Street west to Highway 13. There are no plans for decorative lights in that area at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Arla J. Homann
Clerk-Treasurer