

COMMON COUNCIL
9/12/2016

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, September 12, 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 8/8/16 were approved as presented.

The 2015 audit report was presented by Rob Biller and Lynn Lutz from Eagle Audit and Accounting, LLC.

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 \$968,285.53. Motion carried, 8-0. The following ordinance was introduced:

Ordinance No. 16-006
Amending Sewer Rates

Moved by Alderman Hogue and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to adopt the ordinance as presented. Motion carried, 7-1, Alderman Hoffman voting no. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Dehmlow to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation for 2017 financing and construction of the 2nd Avenue area/downtown project. In discussion the alley east of the Park Mall was mentioned. It was noted that the south end of this alley will require repair at an approximate cost of \$5,000. Motion carried 7-1, Alderman Dryer voting no.

Alderman Thier presented the minutes of the 9/6/16 BPW meeting. Moved by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve the minutes as presented. In discussion

Alderman Schoch noted that he objects to establishing one-way traffic between STH 182 and Division Street east of the Park Mall. Motion carried, 8-0.

A public hearing for the 2nd Avenue North/downtown project wastewater facility plan (Clean Water Fund) was held. Jim Bollmann from MSA presented project information and answered questions.

Alderman Thier presented the minutes of the 8/22/16 BPW Committee of the Whole 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 presented his report. The following resolution was introduced:

Resolution No. 16-015
Addressing the Shortage in Fire and EMS Service Providers

Moved by Alderman Hoffman and seconded by Alderman Hogue to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried, 8-0.

City Attorney Reinhard presented his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Homann presented her report.

Police Chief Straetz presented his report.

Street and Water Superintendent Hilgart presented his report.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Arla J. Homann
Clerk-Treasurer