
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
September 19, 2005
CITY OF ELKHORN
9 S. BROAD ST., ELKHORN, WI 53121

Mayor Michael Roberts called the Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Michael J. Roberts, Aldermen William Hoffmann, Scott McClory, Howie Reynolds, Charles Van Dyke, Julie Taylor

Absent: Alderman John Karcher

Also present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Nancy Jacobson, City Attorney Representative Randy Leece, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Public Works Director Terry Weter

Others present: James Adams, Jarad Video; Lucas Lauderback, Elkhorn Independent; Debra Jensen; Genevieve Jensen; Dave Wagner, Ehlers and Assoc.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

A public hearing on the plan is scheduled for October 6, 2005. The moratorium on development expires September 30, 2005. The Council will most likely not take action until November. Mayor Roberts reported that the Plan Commission will be implanting the policies of the 2030 Plan immediately.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Tapson told Council that the tax freeze as presented by the state is not a tax freeze but a tax cap. The allowable tax levy is the greater of 2% or actual growth in new construction. The City's current growth is 8.4%. He expects the levy to be in the range of inflation (3 – 4%). The levy will adjust for the actual increase of debt service. Debt service is not in the tax levy cap.

ACTION TAKEN

Consent Agenda

Motion (Hoffmann.Taylor) to approve the Common Council meeting minutes of September 6, 2005. Motion carried by the majority present.

Ordinance No. 05-20: Amending Chapter 9 at Trapping in the City

Motion (McClory/Taylor) to amend Chapter 9: Public Peace and Good Order at 9.16 Trapping Restrictions in the City. Motion carried by the majority present.

Resolution No. 05-31: Amending, Describing and Making Certain Findings and Approving Project Plan and Boundary Amendment for Tax Increment District No. 2, City of Elkhorn Wisconsin

Motion (Reynolds/Hoffmann) to adopt Resolution No. 05-31: Amending, Describing and Making Certain Findings and Approving Project Plan and Boundary Amendment for Tax Increment District No. 2, City of Elkhorn Wisconsin Resolution No. 05-31: Amending, Describing and Making Certain Findings and Approving Project Plan and Boundary Amendment for Tax Increment District No. 2, City of Elkhorn Wisconsin. Motion carried by the majority present. In discussion, David Wagner, Ehlers and

Assoc., said that the resolution removes certain lands from TIF 2. It will go to the Joint Review Board for action within 30 days. The state will review the amendment for the formal issues. The value added to the 2007 Tax Roll will be about \$4,156,000. This includes the Alder Subdivision and Stonegate Subdivision. Stonegate has the potential of 20 plus homes.

Resolution No. 05-32: Conditional Use Permit for Hill View Business Center

Motion (Reynolds/Hoffmann) to adopt Resolution No. 05-32 allowing for a Conditional Use Permit for Hill View Business Center to construct a 8,640 square foot contractor/office building and 12 storage units on lot # 9 of Fairways Edge Business Park. Motion carried by the majority present. In discussion, Alderman Reynolds said that it will allow for six small business. The storage building can not be rented out.

Ordinance No. 05-21: Amending Section 17.5.1 of the Municipal Code of the City of Elkhorn (Table of Permitted, Conditional and Accessory Uses)

Council held the first reading of Ordinance No. 05-21 amending the Zoning Code at the table of permitted, conditional and accessory uses to redefine where emergency vehicles may locate.

Façade Grant Approval: The Parts Place

Motion (Reynolds/Hoffmann) to approve the Façade Grant for The Parts Place located at 20 E. Walworth Street in the Downtown Business District. Roll call vote: Hoffmann, yes; McClory, yes; Reynolds, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

Façade Grant Approval: Pete Boas & Richard Howarth III

Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to approve the Façade Grant for Pete Boas and Richard Howarth III for façade alterations of a building located at 22 and 24 S. Wisconsin Street in the Downtown Business District. Roll call vote: Hoffmann, yes; McClory, yes; Reynolds, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

City and Utility Bills

Motion (Hoffmann/Taylor) to approve the City and Utility Bills (Check #55026-55225 and a \$345.65 credit to Elkhorn Chemical) for \$2,786,938.42. Roll call vote: Hoffmann, yes; McClory, yes; Reynolds, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

Amendment to Agreement between City of Elkhorn/Walworth County: Courthouse Agreement

Motion (McClory/Reynolds) to approve the amendment to the agreement between the City of Elkhorn and Walworth County concerning the relocation of Certain County Facilities and Operations (“Courthouse Agreement”). Motion carried by the majority present.

Easement Agreement: WALCOMET/City of Elkhorn

Motion (Reynolds/Hoffmann) to approve a sewerage easement between the City of Elkhorn and the Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District at Tax Key No. YUSW 00060. Motion carried by the majority present.

Farm Lease Agreement

Motion (Reynolds/McClory) to approve the Farm Lease Agreement between the City of Elkhorn and Ted C. Grant to farm City lands for the 2005-2006 growing season to terminate November 15, 2006, for \$2,100.00. Motion carried by the majority present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Hoffmann/Taylor) to adjourn the Common Council at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

Nancy B. Jacobson, City Clerk