
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
December 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 Roberts; Aldermen William Hoffmann, John Karcher, Scott McClory, Howie Reynolds, Julie Taylor, Charles Van Dyke

Also present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Nancy Jacobson, City Attorney Ward Phillips; Police Chief Joel Christensen

Others present: James Adams, Jarad Video; Lucas Lauderback, Elkhorn Independent

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Van Dyke/McClory) to approve the December 5, 2005, Common Council minutes with one correction – change numbering of Resolution No. 05-33 to No. 05-37.

Motion carried by the majority present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor: Discussions have begun concerning the Courthouse Square and the Governmental Center.

City Administrator: City and County will meet with Plunkett Raysich Architects to look at options that could include Police, City and County at the Courthouse Square location. Tapson and the Mayor met with developers planning a major project in the Town of Delavan to keep informed if and when the development may cause an impact on the City.

City Clerk: Clerk asked for authorization to schedule a public hearing on February 6, 2005, for the discontinuance of the cul de sac located at the south end of Fairway Lane in Fairways Edge Business Park. Motion (Reynolds/Van Dyke) to authorize the Clerk to schedule the Public Hearing for Feb. 6, 2006, for the discontinuance of the cul de sac as described. Motion carried by the majority present.

ACTION TAKEN

Change Order Policy

Council consensus was to bring the back Resolution No. 05-40 amending the City of Elkhorn Purchase Plan at change order policy to the January 3, 2006, Council Meeting for action. The addition of Finance and Judicial Committee approval for non-emergency change orders if it meets before Council was omitted in the Resolution presented to Council. The corrected Resolution will be brought back.

Vehicle Maintenance Contract

Council directed staff to bring the contract with Alliant for vehicle maintenance to the January 3, 2006, Common Council meeting for action. Council wanted to review the contract further and the comparisons with the only other proposal submitted by Elkhorn Automotive. Alliant was 50% less.

Outsourcing Locate Services

Council took no action concerning the outsourcing of locate services. Discussion took place concerning the locate service fee and when it should be imposed upon the development – during platting or permitting. City Administrator suggested paying for two locates when the project begins and any others at the time permits are pulled. The outsourcing will be brought back to Council for action.

Design Engineering Services Agreement: S. Church Reconstruction

Motion (Reynolds/Hoffmann) to approve the Design Engineering Services of Gary Welsh for the reconstruction of S. Church Stree from W. Walworth to Centralia Streets for \$64,440.00. Roll call vote: Karcher, yes; Hoffmann, yes; McClory yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; Van Dyke, yes. Motion carried.

Generator Purchase

Motion (Reynolds/McClory) to approve the purchase of a gen-set (back-up generator) from Miller Power Systems LLC for \$72,450.00. Roll call vote: Karcher, yes; Hoffmann, yes; McClory yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; Van Dyke, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 05-38: Delinquent Utility Bills

Motion (Reynolds/Hoffmann) to adopt Resolution No. 05-38 opposing Senate Bill 170 concerning the ability of a municipal electric utility to place unpaid electric bills on the landlord's property tax bill. Motion carried by the majority present. Mayor Roberts said that he is in favor of the Resolution. He said that the landlord's check on the credit worthiness of the rentors and set up protections from loss of rent and other bills. The City has no ability to check credit worthiness, but the landlords want the City to be responsible.

Resolution No. 05-39: Establishing Wages/Salaries for part Time/Seasonal Employees

Motion (Karcher/Reynolds) to adopt Resolution No. 05-39 establishing the 2006 wages and salaries for part time and seasonal employees. Roll call vote: Karcher, yes; Hoffmann, yes; McClory yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; Van Dyke, yes. Motion carried.

City and Utility Bills

Motion (Karcher/Reynolds) to approve the City and Utility Bills for \$2,168,972.97 (Check # 56084 through 56480). Roll call vote: Karcher, yes; Hoffmann, yes; McClory yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; Van Dyke, yes. Motion carried.

IBEW/City Memorandum

Motion (McClory/Reynolds) to approve the memorandum agreement between IBEW and the City. Motion carried by the majority present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Van Dyke/Hoffmann) to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

Nancy B. Jacobson
City Clerk