
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
May 15, 2006

CITY OF ELKHORN
9 S. BROAD ST., ELKHORN, WI 53121

Mayor John Giese called the Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor John Giese; Aldermen Ronald Dunwiddie, John Karcher, Scott McClory, Charles Van Dyke, Julie Taylor

Absent: Alderman Howie Reynolds

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

Others present: Lucas Lauderback, Elkhorn Independent; David Cole; David and Linda Richardson

ACTION TAKEN

Consent Agenda

Motion (Karcher/McClory) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the May 1, 2006, Common Council Meeting; License Renewal for Land O'Lakes Mobile Home Park to expire April 30, 2007; Bartender Operator's License for Burt Greenstein and Natasha R. Payson to expire June 30, 2007. Motion carried by the majority present.

City and Utility Bills

Motion (Van Dyke/Dunwiddie) to approve the City and Utility Bills for \$1,437,915.82 (Checks #58417 to #58648). Roll Call Vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Karcher, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

Historic Preservation Appointment

Motion (Van Dyke/Taylor) to approve the Mayor re-appointment of Kathy Wales and Jill Richardson to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carried by the majority present.

Temporary Staffing Agreement

Motion (Karcher/Taylor) to approve temporary staffing while an office employee is on FMLA leave and a 2006 Budget Adjustment of \$3,000 to fund the staffing. Roll Call Vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Karcher, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

CSM/Commerce Court in Elkhorn Business Park

Motion (Van Dyke/Dunwiddie) to approve the Certified Survey Map to create three lots on Commerce Court as submitted by the City of Elkhorn. Motion carried by the majority present.

Ordinance No. 06-13: To Rezone a Property Located within the City of Elkhorn

Extraterritorial Zoning Boundaries

The First Reading was held for Ordinance No. 06-13 rezoning property located at W4731 Remer Road, Tax Key No. JG1800002A, from A-1 Prime Agricultural Land District to R-5 Planned Residential Development District located in the Extraterritorial Zoning Boundaries of the Town of Geneva.. Ordinance No. 06-13 moved for second reading at the June 5, 2006, Common Council meeting.

Resolution No. 06-12: Authorizing Ehlers and Associates, Inc. to solicit competitive bids for not to exceed \$4,785,000 Waterworks and Electric System Mortgage Revenue Bonds of the City of Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Motion (McClory/Van Dyke) to adopt Resolution No. 06-12 authorizing Ehlers and Associates, Inc. to solicit competitive bids for not to exceed \$4,785,000 Waterworks and Electric System Mortgage Revenue Bonds of the City of Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Roll Call Vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Karcher, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried. In discussion, City Administrator Tapson said the the borrowing covers refinancing, new money needed to finish Well No. 8, and additional money to renovate Randal Place.

Resolution No. 06-13: ETZ/Conditional Use Permit to construct two detached single family dwelling units at W4731 Remer Road

Motion (McClory/Van Dyke) to adopt Resolution No. 06-13: ETZ/Conditional Use Permit to construct two detached single family dwelling units at W4731 Remer Road: Richardson Revocable Living Trust. Motion carried by the majority present.

Wisconsin DOT Contract Amendment with Ayres Associates: N. Wisconsin Street

Motion (Dunwiddie/Karcher) to approve the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Contract Amendment with Ayres Associates concerning N. Wisconsin Street from Court Street to Lincoln Street. Roll Call Vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Karcher, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried. In discussion, Alderman Taylor asked about the width of N. Wisconsin and it affect on the trees. City Administrator Tapson said he understood that the street would not be widened, but would verify it that was the case.

Stormwater Facility Maintenance Agreement: Lakeland Builders Associates

Motion (McClory/Van Dyke) to approve the Stormwater Facility Maintenance Agreement with Lakeland Builders Association. Motion carried by the majority present.

WORK SESSION

Police Department Relocation: County Site Redevelopment Concept Plans

Council reviewed designs presented by Walworth County concerning the relocation of the Police Department to the downtown County site. The designs involved demolition of the west wing and building a new PD and City Hall.

Council discussed the present agreement with the County. City Administrator Tapson said the size of the west wing first floor would be a 10 year fix at best.

Council should also consider how long to maintain the present City Hall. He suggested that a small committee work with the County on the matter. A new City Hall and PD consisting of 33,000 square feet would be good for another 25 years.

Alderman Taylor expressed concerns over the lost of the park setting. She suggested that the PD should be built on the same footprint.

Alderman Karcher said the Council should consider the designs including the one that suggested City Hall/PD on the northeast side with downtown retail south of it. He does not advocate a through street.

Karcher asked if there was any reason that the PD and City Hall be tied to the Courthouse Square. Administrator Tapson said that the City does not want to buy property elsewhere.

Police Chief Christensen said that the Sheriff's Dept., where the PD would move to in the present agreement, occupied more than the west wing. Communications were in the basement. The space needs study for the PD indicated that 9900 square feet was needed. The current space in the west wing is 9500 square feet. The building is inadequate and the City does not own it. He does like the idea of being centrally located.

Alderman McClory said that he doesn't want to move the PD again and was in favor of a shared building with City Hall.

Tapson asked Council to reconsider the mission through a new committee focusing on the following: 1) Do you want to use the Park? 2) Do you want to bring the City and PD together? 3) Review the present proposed exit time for the County.

Aldermen Van Dyke and Dunwiddie were in favor of building the PD where the west wing is located.

Tapson suggested looking at one of the designs that included a City Hall/PD located in the northeast corner of the park. This design was the least invasive as far as the park setting.

A Committee was established consisting of Mayor Giese, Aldermen Taylor and Dunwiddie, and City Administrator Tapson.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Van Dyke/Karcher) to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

Nancy B. Jacobson
City Clerk