
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
August 7, 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, Scott McClory, Gary Payson, 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, Public Works Director Terry Weter, Electric Utility Director Art Schmitz

Others present: David Cole, Dave Wagner, Ehlers and Assoc.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Giese opened the Public Hearing for comments on the revised Impact Fee Ordinance at 7:04 p.m. With no one present to be heard, Mayor Giese closed the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Van Dyke/Dunwiddie) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the July 17, 2006, Common Council meeting; Bartender Operator's Licenses to expire June 30, 2007, for Heather L. Lange, Denise Robinette. Motion carried by the majority present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor

Mayor Giese said a neighborhood meeting was held to discuss the problems Elkhorn West residents were having concerning wetlands in the subdivision. He said that the City is helping to find a solution.

ACTION TAKEN

Resolution No. 06-19: Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$4,525,000 Waterworks and Electric System Mortgage Revenue Bonds

Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to adopt Resolution No. 06-19 authorizing the issuance and sale of \$4,525,000 Waterworks and Electric System Mortgage Revenue Bonds. In discussion, Ehlers Representative Dave Wagner told Council that the sale was competitive with 10 bids submitted. The Utilities' rating is A2 the same as the City. The bid was awarded to J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc., N.Y., N.Y. at a rate of 4.2366%. Wagner said there is a \$133,918.29 savings in the refinancing portion of the borrowing.

Roll Call Vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; Van Dyke, yes. Motion carried.

Change Order/Lions Den

Motion (Van Dyke/McClory) to approve a \$50 change order for the reconstruction of the Lions Den in Sunset Park. In discussion, to prevent vandalism and break-ins it was necessary to eliminate to service windows and go with one that is secured by aluminum curtain after hours. Motion carried by the majority present.

Equipment Auction & Purchase/Electric Dept.

Motion (Reynolds/Van Dyke) to authorize the Electric Utility Director Art Schmitz to bid up to \$20,000 on behalf of the City of Elkhorn for a 1992 Texoma Mini Digger Derrick. In discussion, Schmitz said the machine will allow the electric utility to work in back yards without causing damage to yards by heavy equipment, which required rolling out ruts and re-seeding. Roll Call Vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; Van Dyke, yes. Motion carried.

Sale of Zubrod Utility Construction (ZBD)

Motion (Van Dyke/Reynolds) to allow Hooper Construction, who recently purchased ZBD, to take over the present ZDB contract with the City of Elkhorn and authorize the Mayor to sign a Consent to Assignment as approve by the City Attorney. Motion carried by the majority present.

Banking Service

Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to accept the Chase Bank banking services for two years from the Council approval. Motion carried by the majority present.

Police Department Policy: Electronic Recording

Motion (McClory/Van Dyke) to amend the Police Policy at Electronic Recording of Custodial Interviewing to allow for an interruption in the recording or the refusal of a suspect to have the interview recorded. Motion carried by the majority present.

Class “B” Beer License/Class “C” Wine License Renewal Amendment

Motion (Taylor/Dunwiddie) to approve the Class “B” Beer/Class “Wine” Renewal License Amendments for Chad E. Steen, dba Fiddlesticks, 101 Evergreen Parkway, Unit #7, to allow for serving on the outdoor patio under the condition that it be fenced in. Motion carried by the majority present.

Bluestem Meadows Final Plat

Motion (Reynolds/McClory) to approve the final plat of Bluestem Meadows located in the Extraterritorial Platting jurisdiction of the Town of Sugar Creek. Motion carried by the majority present.

Public Hearing/Subdivision Ordinance

Motion (Reynolds/Payson) to set a public hearing to discuss the revised Subdivision Ordinance on August 21, 2006. Motion carried by the majority present.

Ordinance No. 06-17: Rezone 303 E. Fair Street

Motion (Reynolds/Van Dyke) to adopt Ordinance No. 06-17 rezoning 303 E. Fair Street, Tax Key No. YAB 00037, from RM-2 (Multiple Family Residence District) to P-1 (Park District). Motion carried by the majority present.

STAFF REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Capital Improvement Program

City Administrator Tapson presented the current project status to the Council. Tapson said that the City can not do both S. Wisconsin Street and Randall Place in 2007. Randall Place will be done in 2007 and S. Wisconsin at a later date. N. Wisconsin is expected to be done in 2009. N. Church needs the most attention of the arterials and should be done in 2008. He asked the Council which streets make the most sense of when they should be done.

The Centralia Street Water Plant will be replaced to meet with the Wisconsin DNR requirements. It will be relocated. Plans are to have the design phase in 2007-2008 and construction in 2009 to 2001.

Tapson asked Council if there are any other projects they would like incorporated in the CIP. They were asked to let Tapson know. The CIP will go to Finance and Judicial Committee and then back to Council in September.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present for comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Payson/Van Dyke) to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

Nancy B. Jacobson
City Clerk