
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 2007

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 Sr., 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, Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Simons

Others present: David Cole, Maureen Mayrand, Elkhorn Independent, Dawn Gunderson and Jim Mann, Ehlers and Assoc.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Van Dyke/Dunwiddie) to approve the following item on the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the September 4, 2007, Common Council meeting. Motion carried by the majority present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giese commended staff for their efforts in solving the drainage issue at Elkhorn West Subdivision.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Tapson reported that he is waiting to hear from the AFSME Union concerning the updated contract. He has received notice from IBEW and Police.

ACTION TAKEN

City and Utility Bills

Motion (Van Dyke/Reynolds) to approve the City and Utility bills (Checks #65765 through #65991) for \$1,478,562.75. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Reynolds, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

Playground Equipment/Broad Street Park

Motion (Reynolds/McClory) to award the contract to Miller & Associates, for Design 2 at a cost of \$24,910. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Reynolds, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

Sidewalk Replacement Project

Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to award the contract for the 2007 sidewalk replacement to Venske Concrete and Construction, LLC., for \$158,103.05. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Reynolds, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 07-19: Three-Year Contract Extension Solid Waste

Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to adopt Resolution No.07-19 allowing for a three-year extension of the Solid Waste Contract with Veolia Environmental Services Midwest. Roll call

vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Reynolds, yes; Van Dyke, abstain; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 07-20: To Abandon and Terminate Storm Sewer Easement

Motion (Reynolds/Payson) to adopt Resolution No. 07-20 to abandon and terminate the storm sewer easement over lands located in Fair Meadows Subdivision. Motion carried by the majority present.

EDRL Loan: RRJ, LLC and Pete's Tire Elkhorn, LLC

Motion (Van Dyke/Reynolds) to approve a loan of \$120,000 from the City of Elkhorn Economic Development Revolving Loan (EDRL) Fund to RRJ, LLC and Pete's Tire Elkhorn, LLC, to be amortized over a 20-year period at 4% interest with a balloon payment due at the end of 8 years and not used to repay existing debt. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Reynolds, yes; Van Dyke, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

WORKSHOP: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Ehlers and Associates representatives Dawn Gunderson and Jim Mann presented the second workshop concerning financial management. Gunderson and Mann reported that the City exceeds average as compared to same size municipalities in average income and equalized value per capita. It is lower than comparable communities in tax levy and tax rates, State shared revenues, and spending. The next scheduled workshop is October 15 at 6 p.m.. Before the workshop, Gunderson and Mann will seek comparables for street maintenance, parks and buildings. Alderman Reynolds asked for more information on when TIDs can be closed.

City Administrator Tapson told Gunderson and Mann that a portion of the library debt is paid through building fund endowments. At the present, he said it should be included in the calculations.

Mann said that the Council needs to take a look at borrowing patterns. State Assembly and its levy limits will have an effect on the borrowing. He said that the State may include the debt in the levy limits and anything above the levy limit would have to be approved by referendum.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Van Dyke/Payson) to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

Nancy B. Jacobson
City Clerk