
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
May 5, 2008
CITY OF ELKHORN
9 S. BROAD ST., ELKHORN, WI 53121

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor John Giese; Aldermen: Julie Taylor, Gary Payson, Chuck Van Dyke, and Ron Dunwiddie, Howie Reynolds

Also Present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, Public Works Director Terry Weter, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Police Chief Christensen, City Attorney Randall Leece, and City Deputy Clerk Shari McKinney

Others present: Maureen Mayrand and Elkhorn Independent

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Van Dyke/Dunwiddie) to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the April 21, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion carried by the majority present.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor read aloud a Proclamation declaring May 4 through May 10, 2008 Municipal Clerks Week.

City Administrator's Report

The City Administrator gave a brief update regarding the City continuing to work in order to be in compliance with the DNR, formal request to WalComet for approval of a direct connection to the WalCoMet force main coming from the Mann Lift Station to address sewer backup problems experienced by residents on Prescott/South Wisconsin Street, and the sewer service agreement for Ludwell Estates.

ACTION TAKEN

Cellular Phone Service Contract

Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to approve switching from Nextel to Verizon Wireless (acquired State Contract) for cellular phone service with a savings of \$400.00 to \$500.00 per month subject to an additional fee for purchase of holsters, etc. for an initial cost of \$2,411.65. Roll Call Vote: Dunwiddie-Yes; Van Dyke-Yes; Payson-Yes; Reynolds-Yes; and Taylor-Yes. Motion carried by the majority present.

Design Services Agreement/NE Detention Basin

Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to approve the Design Services Agreement for the Northeast Stormwater Detention Basin in the amount of \$29,900.00 with Symbiot. Roll Call Vote: Dunwiddie-Yes; Van Dyke-Yes; Payson-Yes; Reynolds-Yes; and Taylor-Yes. Motion carried by the majority present.

Electric Utility Reorganization Plan

Alderman Payson briefly reported on the proposed plan for the reorganization of the Electric Utility. He noted that the Memorandum of Agreement Between the City and IBEW Local Union 2150 and action on this item will take place under New Business.

Class “B” Beer/Class “B” Liquor License/Viviana Inc.

Motion (Taylor/Dunwiddie) regarding approving a Class “B” Beer and Liquor License for Viviana, Inc. dba Calabria Restaurant, 31 North Wisconsin Street with Raunel Torres as Agent (formerly Calabria Inc.) and license to expire June 30, 2008. Motion carried by the majority present.

Walworth County Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program

Motion (Payson/Dunwiddie) to approve the City’s participation in the Walworth County Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. Motion carried by the majority present.

Remote Dialer for Lift-Station

Motion (Payson/Dunwiddie) to approve the purchase of a remote dialer for the Nettlesheim Lift Station from Crane Engineering for \$3,147.00. Roll Call Vote: Dunwiddie-Yes; Van Dyke-Yes; Payson-Yes; Reynolds-Yes; and Taylor-Yes. Motion carried by the majority present.

Sidewalk Repair/Restoration Report

The Public Works Director reported that due to last fall’s weather that sidewalk repair had to be rolled over to this spring and the contractor expects to be done with 2007 projects by the end of this week.

Leaf Pick-Up

Alderman Payson briefly reported on Leaf Pick-up Policy concerning dates of pick-up and noticing residents that put out their leaves after the designated time. The City Administrator said that enforcement is an important part of the service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ORDINANCES

Ordinance No.08-08: Rezone Property/North Church and West Hidden Trail

Motion (Taylor/Reynolds) to approve the Ordinance No. 08-08, to rezone to lots consisting of 2.1 acres of property located on North Church Street and West Hidden Trail (Tax Key Nos. YA411500001 and YA411500002) from B-5 Highway Business District to B-2 Community Business District). Motion carried by the majority present.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Memorandum of Agreement/City of Elkhorn and IBEW Local Union 2150

Motion (Payson/Dunwiddie) to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Elkhorn and IBEW Local Union 2150 which is a supplemental to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Van Dyke/Payson) to adjourn into Closed Session at 7:26 p.m. per SS 19.85 (1) (e) “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.” Roll Call Vote: Dunwiddie-Yes; Van Dyke-Yes; Payson-Yes; Reynolds-Yes; and Taylor-Yes. Motion carried. Mayor Giese announced that Council would not reconvene into Open Session.