
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
February 2, 2009

CITY OF ELKHORN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 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 Gary Payson Sr., Howie Reynolds, Julie Taylor, Charles Van Dyke

Absent: Ronald Dunwiddie, Scott McClory

Also present: City Administrator Sam Tapon, City Clerk Darlene Igl, City Attorney Randy Leece, Police Chief Joel Christensen

Others present: David Cole, Maureen Mayrand, Elkhorn Independent, interested citizens

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayoral Appointment

Motion (Van Dyke/Taylor) to approve the appointment of Beverly Kitzmiller and Tim Taylor as Election Inspectors. Motion carried by the majority present.

ACTION TAKEN

Consent Agenda

Motion (Van Dyke/Reynolds) to approve the January 19, 2009 minutes of the Common Council with one correction noted. Motion carried by the majority present.

Assessment Services Contract

Alderman Reynolds reported that it is the recommendation of the Finance & Judicial Committee to enter into a four year contract with Accurate Appraisals LLC for assessment services. Motion (Reynolds/Payson) to approve the agreement providing for the performance of assessment services with Accurate Appraisals LLC. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; Van Dyke, yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 09-01: To Amend the Elkhorn Municipal Code at Chapter 7 Titled Traffic Code – Electric Vehicles

Motion (Payson/Reynolds) to adopt Ordinance No. 09-01 to amend the Elkhorn Municipal Code Chapter 7 to allow for the use of Neighborhood Electric Vehicles. Motion carried by the majority present.

Ordinance No. 09-02: To Amend the Elkhorn Municipal Code at Chapter 7 Titled Penalties – Parking Fines

Motion (Reynolds/Payson) to adopt Ordinance No. 09-02 to increase parking fines from \$10.00 to \$20.00. Motion carried by the majority present.

Ordinance No. 09-03: Hotel-Motel Room Tax Increase

Motion (Taylor/Payson) to approve a 2% increase of the Hotel-Motel Room Tax. The tax increases from 4% to 6%. Motion carried by the majority present.

Ordinance No. 09-04: To Annex Territory to the City of Elkhorn

The first reading of Ordinance 09-04 to annex a parcel from the Town of Sugar Creek was held. The ordinance will go to second reading on February 16, 2009.

Police Sergeant Vacancy

Motion (Payson/Van Dyke) to authorize Police Chief Christensen to fill the Sergeant vacancy. Motion carried by the majority present.

STAFF REPORTS/DISCUSSION

A summary of the Police Department relocation project issues was provided and advantages/disadvantages of the courthouse location vs. new construction were reviewed. The cost differential of these options is estimated at \$1.2 million. It was stated that the Strang space study conducted in 2004 had concluded that the County space was not sufficient. With additional space that is now available at that location, it may be adequate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were heard from interested citizens regarding the Police Department relocation. After discussion, it was requested that this item be placed on the February 16, 2009 agenda for a vote by the Common Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Van Dyke/Payson) to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried by the majority present.

Darlene R. Igl
City Clerk