

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6, 2009
CITY OF ELKHORN
CITY OF ELKHORN ELECTRIC UTILITY FACILITY,
400 KOOPMAN DRIVE, ELKHORN, WI 53121

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor John Giese, Aldermen Ronald Dunwiddie, Scott McClory, Gerald Norton, Howie Reynolds, Kim DeHaan.

Absent: Julie Taylor.

Others present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Attorney Ward Phillips, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Police Captain Slattery, David Cole, Maureen Mayrand – Elkhorn Independent, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Fire Captain Steve Flasch, resident John Sattler.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor Giese stated that a Special Common Council meeting would be held Wednesday, July 8, at 5:00 p.m.

Administrator Tapson stated that DPW Director Weter informed him that projects submitted for potential stimulus funding were turned down. He also stated that Park & Rec Director Simons would be meeting with a technician at the pool in the morning and that the pool may be ready in a week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Judicial Committee

Administrator Tapson stated that the Finance & Judicial Committee had recommended approval of an amendment to the Harvest Pointe Commercial Development Agreement which would allow sidewalk installation to be delayed until no later than December 31, 2010. Motion (DeHaan/Norton) to approve the Harvest Pointe Commercial Development Agreement Amendment. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, no; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Administrator Tapson stated that the Committee had reviewed a fee schedule for services related to the relocation of the Police Department presented by Zimmerman Architectural Studio. The proposal was in the amount of \$129,000 with an additional \$9,000 requested for work performed outside the original project scope. It was agreed that this item would be added to the agenda for the July 8th special meeting as the AIA document had not yet been thoroughly reviewed.

The Finance & Judicial Committee had recommended approval of a squad replacement. Motion (McClory/Reynolds) to approve the purchase of a squad from Ewald in the amount of \$22,263.00. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

The Committee had also recommended approval of an ambulance purchase. Motion (McClory/DeHaan) to approve the purchase of an ambulance from Jefferson Fire in the amount of \$146,136.00. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Sattler, a resident in the Kennedy subdivision, voiced concerns about issues in his neighborhood. He stated that he felt there had been an increase in vandalism, theft and other potential criminal activity in his neighborhood and had contacted the Police Department to pursue starting a neighborhood watch program. He stated that he had been discouraged to do so by Police Department staff. Mayor Giese asked Captain Slattery to gather information from Mr. Sattler and to report back to the Council at a future meeting.

Municipal Services Committee

Alderman Dunwiddie stated that the committee had reviewed the leaf collection plan which included increased communication between Veolia and the City. In addition, street design standards were discussed and staff will be preparing draft language.

City Engineer Welsh stated that issues identified during the Wisconsin Street project had been discussed with the committee. It was reported that the I & I Study is near completion. The committee had agreed that it would be beneficial to have the building inspector inspect the connections in question to assist in identifying cross connections. It was estimated that the cost would be approximately \$50 per household. Administrator Tapson stated that this raises a policy question regarding lateral replacements that will need to be addresses by Council. Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to authorize the Building Inspector to conduct inspections on those properties identified at a cost of up to \$2,000. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Legislative & Regulatory Committee

Motion (Dunwiddie/Reynolds) to approve the following renewal licenses contingent upon Building Inspector's Report:

Class "B" Beer

Wildflower Café Elkhorn LLC dba Wildflower Café, Margaret Kewaleski, Agent,
18 S. Wis.

Class "C" Wine .

Wildflower Café Elkhorn LLC dba Wildflower Café, Margaret Kewaleski, Agent,
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BOARDS AND COMMISSION

Plan Commission

Administrator Tapson stated that the Plan Commission has been reviewing a plan created by Teska that addresses downtown properties with zoning other than residential. The plan includes B1 zoning with a historic overlay and a transitional (mixed use) area. The plan will be moving forward and will be presented at a public hearing. Administrator Tapson was asked to send the plan by email to the Council members.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 09-18: Resolution Authorizing The Disposal Of Surplus Property

Motion (Reynolds/McClory) to approve Resolution No. 09-18. Motion carried.

Discussion of Common Council Meeting Time

Alderman McClory proposed a change to the Council meeting time. After discussion, it was agreed that meetings be scheduled as special meetings on a trial basis at 6:00 p.m.

Group Health Insurance Renewal

Administrator Tapson presented information on the group health insurance renewal which will provide potential savings. Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to authorize Administrator Tapson to execute the necessary documents for the insurance renewal. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Dunwiddie/Norton) to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk