
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 2009
CITY OF ELKHORN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 9 S. BROAD ST., ELKHORN, WI 53121

The Common Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, Gerald Norton, Howie Reynolds, Julie Taylor, Kim DeHaan

Others present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Attorney Ward Phillips, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Maureen Mayrand – Elkhorn Independent, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Doug Snyder – Baxter & Woodman, David Cole, Pedro Olivera - Janesville Gazette, residents Elkhorn West subdivision.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Reynolds/Norton) to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009 Common Council meetings, bartender operator's license for Nicole Papenfus,, James Kildahl, Phillip Schultz, Krystal Jennison and Jeff Reed and Temporary Class "B" License: Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Center for October 17, 2009. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion (Dunwiddie/Reynolds) to approve the City and Utility Bills (Checks #75586 through #76007) for \$2,456,771.88. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A number of residents from the Elkhorn West subdivision were present to express concerns regarding cutting of the wetland area in the development that was recently performed by the City and questioned whether the area is designated as a wetland by the State DNR. The following residents commented:

Bonnie Cowans	1157 Bluestem
Jim Taylor	42 E. Sedgemoor
Russ Roesler	1142 Bluestem
Betty Gortemoller	1168 Bluestem
Brian Thomas	1145 Bluestem
Shari Erdmann	1119 Bluestem

Mayor Giese asked Administrator Tapson to follow up on this issue with the DNR and assured the residents that the City will report back to them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Judicial Committee

Alderman Taylor stated that the Committee had reviewed proposals from the City's auditor to prepare a rate case for the water and electric utilities at a cost of \$13,000 and recommended to Council that the PSC Rate Case filings for the utilities be authorized, prepared and submitted by

Schenk and to amend the respective utility budget to accommodate the rate filing in 2009. Motion (Taylor/Norton) to authorize the rate case as recommended by Committee and to make the necessary budget amendment. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Taylor reported that the Committee reviewed a request for the purchase of used equipment for DPW. She stated that the Committee recommended approval of the purchase of the equipment and waiving of the bidding process. Motion (Taylor/DeHaan) to waive the bidding process and to authorize the purchase of equipment from Yale Equipment & Services, Inc. in the amount of \$99,692.50. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Taylor stated that bids had been received for tree and stump removal. The RFP had identified Section 1 as higher priority items and Section 2 as needed but lower priority. The low bid received on Section 1 was in the amount of \$6,030 with Section 2 bid at \$4,660. The budgeted funds for the project was \$10,000, however, the Committee made the recommendation to Council to award the bid for tree and stump removal to Arbor Images in the total amount of \$10,690 and to make the necessary budget adjustment. Motion (Taylor/Norton) to award the bid to Arbor Images for \$10,690 and to make the budget adjustment. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Taylor reported that the Fire Department had applied for and received a grant for an Emergency Power Backup Generator which will provide power for the Fire Station as well as City Hall in the event of an outage. Motion (Taylor/Reynolds) to accept the recommendation of the Committee to award the bid for the generator to Cummins NPower, LLC in the amount of \$34,195. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Municipal Services & Utility Committee

Alderman Reynolds reported that the Doug Snyder of Baxter & Woodman presented the Executive Summary of the Centralia Water Treatment Facility Replacement Planning Study at the last meeting. After review, it was the consensus that the schedule should be expanded to target a 2015 project completion date. The Committee agreed that it was necessary to start to move forward on this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Alpha Terra Site Assessment Grant Proposal

Administrator Tapson provided the Proposal for Completion of a Site Assessment Grant for the 201 W. Centralia Street property. Due to the timing of the grant application deadline, Administrator Tapson was seeking authorization for Alpha Terra to proceed with Task 1 in the amount of \$1,000 as listed in the proposal. Motion (Reynolds/Taylor) to authorize Alpha Terra to proceed with Task 1 in the amount of \$1,000.

Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

WORK SESSION

Centralia Water Treatment Plant Replacement

Doug Snyder of Baxter & Woodman presented the revised Executive Executive Summary of the Centralia Water Treatment Facility Replacement Planning Study. The estimated project cost associated with the new facility if \$9.2M which includes engineering and contingencies. It was

agreed that early phases of this project should be included in the 2010 Capital Improvement Program.

2010 – 2010 Capital Improvement Program

Administrator Tapson presented the revised 2010 – 2014 Capital Improvement Program for discussion. The project schedule was reviewed and it was pointed out that it included the Centralia Street Water Plant replacement on a 2015 timeline. Motion (McClory/Reynolds) to authorize Administrator Tapson to continue the budgeting process based on the 2010 Capital Improvement Plan as projected. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Dunwiddie/Reynolds) to adjourn into closed session per State Statute 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of 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; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned to closed session at 7:21 p.m.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk