
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 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, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Police Chief Joel Christenson, Maureen Mayrand – Elkhorn Independent

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Reynolds/Norton) to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2009 Common Council meeting, the October 26, 2009 Special Common Council meeting, bartender's licenses for Michael Koehnke, Kathleen Jensen, and Kathleen Leonard and a taxicab license for Jeremiah Montague. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Administrator Tapson reported that the Police Department relocation project has been advertised for bids. To date, fifteen contractors had taken out plans/specifications. Bids are due on November 19th and it is anticipated that the bids will be presented to Council on December 7th.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Per State Statute 19.85(1)(e) by roll call vote "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. Adjourned into Closed Session at 6:09 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Common Council reconvened in open session at 6:27 p.m. Mayor Giese stated that a motion had been made and carried during the Closed Session to initiate condemnation proceedings for 201 W. Centralia.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Judicial Committee

Alderman Taylor reported that the Committee had reviewed language regarding delinquent utility accounts and recommended that the code be reestablished as an amendment to Chapter 3 as proposed.

Public Safety Committee

Alderman McClory stated that after review, the Committee recommends to Council that parking be prohibited on the east side of South Church Street for a distance of 64 feet north of the intersection of West Centralia Street. Motion (McClory/Norton) to adopt the parking restriction as recommended by Committee. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 09-24: A Resolution Authorizing The Submittal Of A brownfield Site Assessment Grant Application For The Former Oak Industry Property

Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to adopt Resolution No. 09-24 as presented. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 09-25: A Resolution Authorizing The Submittal Of A Brownfield Site Assessment Grant Application For Certain City Owned Property

Motion (Reynolds/McClory) to adopt Resolution No. 09-25 as presented. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 09-17: An Ordinance To Amend The Elkhorn Municipal Code At Chapter 3 Titled "Finance and Budgeting"

First reading of Ordinance No. 09-17.

Change Order: Lakeland Water Treatment Facility Expansion

Motion (Reynolds/McClory) to approve a change order for the Lakeland Water Treatment Facility Expansion for an increase of \$28,526.00 to Gilbank Construction. Roll call vote - Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Final Payment: Willow Run

Motion (Dunwiddie/Reynolds) to approve the final payment request for the Willow Run project in the amount of \$6,869.38 to Odling Construction, Inc. Roll call vote - Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Final Payment: Lakeland Water Treatment Facility Expansion

Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to approve the final payment request for the Lakeland Water Treatment Facility Expansion in the amount of \$143,948.12 to Gilbank Construction, Inc. Roll call vote - Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Reynolds, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

2010 Budget

City Administrator Tapson presented an overview of the 2010 proposed budget. Tapson stated that there were several key factors that contributed to an improved budget environment. These factors included decreased health care costs based on lower claims processed in 2009, unanticipated increased expenditure restraint and general transportation aids from the State and a favorable municipal cost index. He further stated that it is anticipated that all three utilities will increase rates in 2010. Administrator Tapson stated that the proposed General fund levy is \$2,225,245 which is an increase of 3.55% over 2009. The 2010 Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for November 16th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Darlene Igl, City Clerk