
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
April 5 2010
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, DPW Director Terry Weter, Police Chief Joel Christenson, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Maureen Vander Sanden – Elkhorn Independent, James Boardman, Sr., Electric Director Art Schmitz, City Engineer Gary Welsh.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (McClory/Taylor) to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2010 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giese commented on his term as Mayor thanking the Council and staff for their efforts.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson stated that he has initiated discussions with Ehlers regarding possibly restricting the City's outstanding debt. He also reported that Walworth State Bank had transferred ownership of the 201 W. Centralia property. Discussion related to this property appears as a closed session item later in the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services & Utilities Committee

Alderman Reynolds stated the Committee had received additional details related to sanitary sewer improvement projects for 2010. These projects had been approved by Council previously.

A proposal from Bonestroo was received for a water system and GIS electric base mapping project. The Committee recommended approval to Council for the project in the amount of \$21,550. Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to approve the water and electric mapping project in the amount of \$21,550 and to make the necessary budget amendment. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie – yes; McClory, yes; Norton – yes; Reynolds – yes; Taylor – yes; Kim DeHaan - yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Reynolds reported that new information regarding the East Geneva Street reconstruction had been received as it had been determined that the base course may not be sufficient to provide for an overlay approach for this project. The additional cost for the upgraded surface requirement could be as much as \$300,000. After review, the Committee had recommended to Council that the area of the reconstruction be limited by stopping at Market

Street. Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to end the reconstruction of East Geneva Street at Market Street. It was discussed that residents should be informed of this change.

The Committee had discussed the routing of the northwest storm sewer and had directed staff to enter into discussions with the appropriate property owners for the acquisition of easement.

It was reported that Bielinski expects to have a contract for the installation of the final lift of asphalt on all streets within the Harvest Pointe South development within the week.

The Committee had agreed that the yard waste drop off site should be opened earlier than planned. The site is to open on Wednesday, April 7th. The topic of whether identification to verify residency in the City should be required when using the site will be on the next Municipal Services agenda.

Finance & Judicial Committee

Alderman Taylor stated that the Committee had recommended the approval of a squad purchase from Tom Peck Ford as low bidder. It was noted that the bid from Tom Peck Ford had not specifically provided an estimated delivery date as requested in the bid specifications. Motion (Taylor/McClory) to approve the purchase of a squad from Tom Peck Ford in the amount of \$21,655.92. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie – yes; McClory – yes; Norton – no; Reynolds – no; Taylor – yes; DeHaan – no. Vote tied. Mayor Giese voted no. Motion failed. Motion (Reynolds/McClory) to approve the purchase of a squad from Elkhorn Motors in the amount of \$21,674.50 based on the delivery date provided in the specifications. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie – yes, McClory – yes; Norton – yes; Reynolds – yes; Taylor – yes; DeHaan – yes. Motion carried.

Based on Committee recommendation, motion (Taylor/Reynolds) to reject the two bids submitted for a police dispatch console system and to solicit proposals from the two bidders. Motion carried.

Alderman Taylor reported that the Police Department had been selected to receive a \$4,000 Bureau of Transportation Services equipment grant which the Committee recommended to Council for approval. Motion (Taylor/McClory) to approve participation in the BOTS grant and to make a budget adjustment in the amount of \$4,000. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie – yes, McClory – yes; Norton – yes; Reynolds – yes; Taylor – yes; DeHaan – yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Taylor stated that the Electric Department has salvage materials due to the conversion project. A related resolution follows later in the agenda.

Electric Director Schmitz had informed the Committee of a situation in which Alliant discovered that they had not billed the City for materials which had been related to a 2004 project. The balance was reduced by receiving a credit for returning unused materials leaving a balance of \$41,667.69. Motion (Taylor/DeHaan) to authorize payment to Alliant in the amount of \$41,667.69 and to amend the electric utility budget accordingly. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie – yes, McClory – yes; Norton – yes; Reynolds – yes; Taylor – yes; DeHaan – yes. Motion carried.

Legislative & Regulatory Committee

Alderman Taylor stated that the Committee had reviewed draft language related to discharge of dangerous weapons. This item will appear on the next Council agenda.

Draft language had been reviewed to allow for parking in front yard during the Walworth County Fair in the area of the fairgrounds and was recommended for Council approval. First reading of Ordinance No. 10-08 appears later on the agenda.

The revision of Chapter 5 Fire Protection was reviewed and recommended for Council approval. This item will appear on the next Council agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 10-08: An Ordinance To Amend The Elkhorn Municipal Code At Chapter 7 Entitled “Stopping Or Parking Prohibited In Certain Spoeific Places”.

First reading of Ordinance No. 10-08.

Ordinance No. 10-05: An Ordinance To Amend The City Of Elkhorn Municipal Code At Chapter 1 Titled “General Government”

This change allows the City Clerk to hire election officials to work less than a full day on election days. Motion (Dunwiddie/Reynolds) to approve Ordinance No. 10-05. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 10-06: An Ordinance To Rezone Certain Property Within The Boundaries Of The City Of Elkhorn Settlers Ridge – Hazel Ridge Road

Motion (Taylor/Reynolds) to approve Ordinance No. 10-06. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 10-07: An Ordinance To Amend The Elkhorn Municipal Code At Chapter 17 Titled “Zoning”

Motion (Taylor/Reynolds) to approve Ordinance No. 10-07. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 10-04: A Resolution To Adopt The City Of Elkhorn Operations Safety Manual

Motion (Reynolds/Dunwiddie) to approve Resolution No. 10-04. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 10-05: A Resolution Authorizing The Disposal Of Surplus Property

Motion (Reynolds/Norton) to approve Resolution No. 10-05. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Dunwiddie/Taylor) to adjourn into Closed Session per State Statutes 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; Kim DeHaan - yes. Motion carried. Adjourned into Closed Session at 7:22 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Meeting reconvened in open session at 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion (Reynolds/DeHaan) to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk