
**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 3, 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 Howie Reynolds, Aldermen Ronald Dunwiddie, Scott McClory, Gerald Norton, Julie Taylor, Kim DeHaan

Others present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Attorney Ward Phillips, Police Chief Joel Christenson, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Finance Director Mary Hinske, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Maureen VanderSanden – Elkhorn Independent, Pedro Olivera – Janesville Gazette.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Dunwiddie/DeHaan) to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2010 Common Council meeting and to grant permission to American Legion Post 45 to offer poppies downtown May 20 – May 22, 2010. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Reynolds appointed Robert D. Sharp to the Police and Fire Commission. Motion (McClory/DeHaan) to confirm the appointment as made. Motion carried.

Mayor Reynolds directed the City Clerk to place an advertisement for the vacant Aldermanic District 1 seat. Interested parties will be asked to submit a letter of interest.

Mayor Reynolds made a proclamation recognizing April 30, 2010 as Arbor Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services and Utilities

Alderman Dunwiddie reported that the Committee had received an update on the East Geneva reconstruction and that Committee recommended to Council that Bonestroo be authorized to move forward with the bid process. A supplemental agreement for Bonestroo appears later in the agenda.

Alderman Dunwiddie stated that the City Engineer had provided findings and recommendations for the private alley behind the Fire Station. The Committee asked that Bonestroo prepare a plan with cost estimates for further review.

The Committee reviewed and recommended to Council the approval of the revised Snow/Ice Control Plan. Alderman McClory asked that it be verified that municipal parking lots are on the list of priorities. The plan will be considered at the next Council meeting after clarification.

The Committee had received information that Lift Station #2 needs repairs with an estimated cost of \$25,335. Further details from Walcomet will be discussed at a future meeting.

Alderman Dunwiddie stated that after discussion, the Committee asked staff to review the files related to the Green Acres/Oakwood Lane storm water drainage as issues have been raised.

Finance & Judicial Committee

Alderman Taylor reported that the revised Financial Management Performance Standards policy was recommended to Council for approval and a resolution to approve this policy appears later on the agenda.

Committee reviewed information presented by Administrator Tapson regarding the possible refunding of the Series 2003 General Obligation Notes which could produce an estimated debt service cost of \$360,000. Representatives from Ehlers will present information to Council at the next meeting.

Alderman Taylor stated that the Committee had recommended to Council that the bid for the dispatch console system for the Police Department from General Communications be accepted which includes the base bid of \$46,320 and the alternate bid for the fire control base in the amount of \$3,445. Motion (Taylor/Dunwiddie) to award the bid for the console system to General Communications in the amount of \$49,765. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Taylor stated that the Committee had recommended to Council that the bid for the Police Department phone system from TDS be accepted. Motion (Taylor/Norton) to award the bid for the Police Department phone system to TDS in the amount of \$13,519.55. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Officer Kirkpatrick had presented information regarding a Safety Patrol Pilot Program to be conducted at Westside Elementary School. Motion (Taylor/Dunwiddie) to authorize a budget adjustment to utilize the \$500 donation from Kwik Trip Convenience Store for community based programs to implement the Safety Patrol Pilot Program. Motion carried.

Options for implementation of a water rate increase were reviewed by Committee. It was recommended by Committee that the full 39% increase be implemented once rather than in two tiers. Motion (Taylor/DeHaan) to authorize the implementation of the water rate increase of 39%. Motion carried.

Public Safety Committee

Alderman McClory stated that the Public Safety Committee had met earlier in the evening. The revised Elkhorn Area Fire Protection Agreement was reviewed and recommended for Council approval. Motion (McClory/Norton) to approve the Elkhorn Area Fire Protection Agreement. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission

Alderman Taylor reported that the Committee had approved a Downtown Historic District Façade Grant for R. D. and Nancy Jacobson for 26 – 28 South Wisconsin Street. Motion (Taylor/Dunwiddie) to approve the grant eligible for up to \$7,500 in matching grant money. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 10-09: A Resolution To Adopt Financial Management Policies and Standards of Performance

Motion (Taylor/DeHaan) to approve Resolution No. 10-09. Motion carried.

East Geneva Street Reconstruction

A supplemental agreement for Bonestroo, Inc. for the East Geneva Street reconstruction project was presented which covers engineering costs through the bid process. It does not cover

engineering costs during the construction phase. Motion (Dunwiddie/Taylor) to approve the supplemental agreement in the amount of \$43,000 for the East Geneva Street Reconstruction Project. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments made.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Dunwiddie/Norton) to 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.”

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion (McClory/Dunwiddie) to reconvene in open session at 6:55 p.m. Mayor Reynolds stated that the Council had authorized staff to negotiate with the property owner for the acquisition of a storm sewer easement.

ADJOURN

Motion (McClory/Dunwiddie) to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk