
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
October 18, 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, Eric Messerschmidt, Julie Taylor, Kim DeHaan

Others present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, City Attorney Ward Phillips, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Maureen Vander Sanden – Elkhorn Independent, Police Lt. John Anzalone, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Finance Director Mary Hinske, Library Director Lisa Selje, Fire Chief Rod Smith, DPW Director Terry Weter, Park & Rec Director Jeff Simons

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Taylor/Messerschmidt) to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2010 Common Council meeting Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion (Dunwiddie/McClory) to approve the City and Utility Bills in the amount of \$1,642,810.48 (check number 80515-80833). Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Messerschmidt, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Reynolds stated that the week of November 12-18 is "Elkhorn Fund Week" as designated by Proclamation.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson presented the 2011 proposed budget. He stated that the proposed budget represents an aggregate tax levy increase of 2.77% which will result in a \$6.37 per thousand tax rate for the City. The 2011 proposed budget includes a sewer rate adjustment of 11% and funding of nearly \$6 million in capital projects. The budget assumes the closure of TID 2 in 2011, a 1% wage adjustment, a 0% increase for seasonal/limited term employees and a freeze in merit increases in 2011. The public budget hearing is scheduled for November 15th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Judicial Committee

Alderman Taylor stated that the Committee had recommended Council approval to amend an existing agreement with Alpha Terra to include an additional \$1,000 to include services related to submittal of a second set of grant applications for the 201 Centralia property. A change order is listed later in the agenda. The Committee had also reviewed sewer utility operating cost and rate analysis information.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

Plan Commission

Alderman Taylor stated that the Plan Commission had recommended for approval a CSM to adjust the lot line between 10 W. Deere Rd. and 811 S. Nathan Lane. Motion (Taylor/DeHaan) to approve the CSM as recommended. Motion carried.

Alderman Taylor stated that the Plan Commission had recommended a conditional use permit for to allow an outdoor sales display of recreational products and trailers for the existing A+ Power Sports facility located at 618 E Court Street. Motion (Taylor/Dunwiddie) to approve Conditional Use Permit 10-05. Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

Historic Preservation- no report

Fire Advisory Board- no report

Library Board – no report

Chamber – no report

Elkhorn Downtown Partnership – planning flower show

Police & Fire Commission – no report

Recreation Advisory Board – no report

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 10-22: A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Brownfield Site Assessment Grant Application for the Former Oak Industry Property

Motion (Dunwiddie/Messerschmidt) to approve Resolution No. 10-22. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Messerschmidt, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 10-23: A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Wisconsin Plant Recovery Initiative Assessment Montes Grant Application for the Former Oak Industry Property

Motion (Taylor/Dunwiddie) to approve Resolution No. 10-23. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Messerschmidt, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Alpha Terra Change Order

Motion (Dunwiddie/Taylor) to approve a change order in the amount of \$1,000 for Alpha Terra to provide services related to submittal of a second set of grant applications for the 201 Centralia property. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Messerschmidt, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Police Lt. Jon Anzalone and Park and Rec Director Jeff Simons presented an update on the staff Safety Committee. It was stated that the model policy provided by CVMIC had been customized by the Committee for the City. Roles and responsibilities were outlined and summaries were compiled for employee reference. This program is an effort to reduce the risk of employee injury. It was also stated that facilities will be inspected twice a year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Kylee DeHaan raised concerns about safety at the intersection of Church and Walworth. She stated that it is difficult to see oncoming traffic when cars are parked near the intersection. She also stated that she would like the City to consider the installation of additional street lights on Devendorf near Sunset Park as it appears to be dimly lit.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (DeHaan/Messerschmidt) to adjourn into Closed Session per State Statute 19.85 (1) (g) by roll call vote to “confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.” Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Messerschmidt, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned into closed session at 6:35 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened in open session at 6:50 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion (Taylor/DeHaan) to adjourn at 6:51p.m. Motion carried.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk