
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
March 21, 2011
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, Police Chief Joel Christensen, City Engineer Gary Welsh, DPW Director Terry Weter, Utility Director Art Schmitz, Finance Director Mary Hinske, Jerry Anderson, Maureen VanderSanden – Elkhorn Independent

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Dunwiddie/Messerschmidt) to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2011 Common Council meeting and bartender operator's licenses for Colleen Keyes. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion (Norton/Dunwiddie) to approve the City and Utility Bills in the amount of \$1,727,308.70 (check number 82571-82798). 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 newsletter which will be sent to residents on March 23rd will include information on the delivery of the new wheeled carts for the garbage/recycling service.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson stated that the cuts proposed in the State budget are likely more substantial than initially believed. It is estimated that the reductions in state aids will total just over \$200,000. He stated that the City is in the position to absorb the reductions in revenues in the 2012 budget, the "tools" offered to municipalities will fall short as employee retirement contributions from non-union employee will total less than \$60,000. He stated that the budget repair bill is on hold pending court action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services and Utilities

Alderman Dunwiddie stated that the Committee had discussed the municipal pool and agreed that the pool would open in 2011 but that repairs over a \$5,000 threshold would require Council consideration.

Alderman Dunwiddie also stated that the Committee had reviewed a proposal regarding electric utility meter testing and recommended approval of a hybrid approach including a contract for \$13,920. The contract will be considered by Council at a future meeting.

Finance & Judicial

Alderman Taylor stated that the Committee had made the recommendation to Council to proceed with the closing of TID 2 and that the use of post-closure surplus be deferred. A resolution to close TID 2 is later on the agenda.

Alderman Taylor stated that the planned reconstruction of N. Washington was discussed. The project would require debt financing of approximately \$2.25 million and it was recommended by Committee that the Council move forward with the planned reconstruction including a resolution to authorize the borrowing at the April 4th meeting.

A proposal for the purchase of a copier was reviewed and the committee recommended the purchase of a Sharp copier. Consideration of the purchase appears later on the agenda.

LIAISON REPORTS

Historic Preservation- Alderman Taylor stated that a meeting is scheduled for March 22 to consider a façade grant

Fire Advisory Board- no report

Library Board – no report

Chamber – Alderman DeHaan stated that the State will be working in Walworth County in 2012 to assist in promoting tourism

Elkhorn Downtown Partnership –no report

Police & Fire Commission – no report

Recreation Advisory Board – no report

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 11-04: A Resolution Terminating TIF District No. 2 and Authorizing City Treasurer to Distribute Increment to Overlying Taxing Districts

Motion (Dunwiddie/Norton) to approve Resolution No. 11-04. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 11-05: A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Award Application for the Former Oak Industries and the Subsequent Appropriation of the City of Elkhorn Funds for WAM Contractor Services

Motion (Messerschmidt/DeHaan) to approve Resolution No. 11-05. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 11-01: An Ordinance to Rezone a Property Located Within the Extra Territorial Zoning Boundaries: N5839 Cobb Road

Motion (McClory/Dunwiddie) to approve Ordinance No. 11-01.

Consider Copier Purchase

Motion (Taylor/DeHaan) to authorize the purchase of a copier in the amount of \$6,086 and to make the necessary budget adjustment. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Messerschmidt, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment heard.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Dunwiddie/Messerschmidt) to adjourn into Closed Session per State Statute 19.85 (1)(g) by roll call vote “Conferring 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.

- a. Brummel Condemnation: Proposed Settlement Agreement

Roll call vote – Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Messerschmidt, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned into Closed Session at 6:26 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Reconvened in open session at 6:50 p.m. Motion (Dunwiddie/Taylor) to authorize the City Attorney to file the stipulation with the court. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Messerschmidt, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion (Dunwiddie/McClory) to adjourn at 6:51p.m. Motion carried.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk