
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
April 4, 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, Finance Director Mary Hinske, Maureen VanderSanden – Elkhorn Independent, Jason Sturino and Mike Lange of Veolia.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Taylor/Dunwiddie) to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2011 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Residents expressed concern about the size of the refuse/recycling collection containers and asked questions about the change in service. Administrator Tapson stated that a public informational meeting had been held. Residents interested in exchanging their 95 gallon bin for the smaller 65 gallon bin due to health concerns, etc. may contact Veolia directly for that request. It was discussed that accommodations for unique circumstances will be handled by Veolia.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson stated that a meeting will be held with residents that will be affected by the N. Washington Street project on April 11th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services and Utilities

The Committee reviewed and denied a request for a reduction in sewer charges for John Duggan.

Alderman Dunwiddie stated the Committee had discussed whether a drainage issue existed and possible cost sharing of the project. The Committee made the recommendation to Council that the City pay 50% of the project costs provided 51% of the property owners are willing to participate in cost sharing. A meeting will be scheduled with the affected property owners.

Alderman Dunwiddie stated that there was discussion on requiring residents to replace laterals. It was discussed that the laterals be televised at the time of a street construction project and that residents would be required to replace the laterals that were found to be damaged. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Finance & Judicial

Administrator Tapson provide an overview of funds that directly impact the tax levy for discussion. Reductions to shared revenues and transportation aid will likely total approximately \$190,000.

Finance Director Hinske provided information to the Committee for an option of emailing utility bills to customers. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Legislative & Regulatory

Alderman Taylor stated that the Committee had discussed creation of a snow emergency ordinance and potential revisions to the sidewalk clearing ordinance. This issues will be discussed further at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 11-06: A Resolution to Adopt the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (C.O.R.P.)

Motion (Messerschmidt/Taylor) to approve Resolution No. 11-06. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 11-07: A Resolution to Adjust Residential Solid Waste Collection Service Fees

Motion (Norton/Dunwiddie) to approve Resolution No. 11-07. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Messerschmidt, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Asbestos Survey Scope of Services: Bonestroo

A revised cost estimate for completion of an asbestos survey and limited testing of asbestos containing building materials was received. Motion (DeHaan/Taylor) to approve the scope of services for the asbestos survey in the amount of \$3,000 and to authorize the appropriate budget adjustment. Roll call vote – Dunwiddie, yes; McClory, yes; Norton, yes; Messerschmidt, yes; Taylor, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

N. Washington Street Reconstruction

City Engineer Welsh stated that it had been recommended by Park & Recreation staff that 12 of the trees in the terrace located within the N. Washington Street reconstruction area be removed. Alderman Taylor stated that she would recommend that the City hire an arborist to review and make a recommendation to Committee. Motion (Dunwiddie/DeHaan) to request quotes for arborist service for this project. Motion carried.

Police Chief Christensen requested consideration of the addition of sidewalks on cross streets from Wisconsin to Lincoln. It was estimated that the additional cost would be approximately \$48,000. It was stated that this could be bid as an alternate on the project.

It was estimated that the project cost would be approximately \$1.9 million.

Bid opening is tentatively planned for May 6 with Council review on May 16. The start date for the project would be approximately June 6 with a substantial completion by Labor Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment heard.

ADJOURN

Motion (Dunwiddie/McClory) to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk