
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
August 15, 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, Julie Taylor, Gary Payson, Sr., Kim DeHaan, Scott McClory, Jerry Anderson

Others present: Administrator Tapson, Attorney Ward Phillips, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Police Chief Joel Christensen, DPW Director Terry Weter, Electric Utility Director Art Shcmitz, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Maureen VanderSanden – Elkhorn Independent, Attorney Brad Lochowicz, Gurdeep Singh, Neal Dzabiroski, interested citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Dunwiddie/Payson) to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2011 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: “Friends of Elkhorn Sunset Pool” Request

As a number of residents were present to discuss Sunset Pool, Mayor Reynolds moved the item up on the agenda.

Resident Rob Slauson stated that the goal of the group was to keep Sunset Pool open for as long as feasible and to begin planning for a replacement. The group indicated that they are interested in fundraising efforts. It was discussed that options should be considered and that a referendum could be held. Administrator Tapson suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee be created to investigate options.

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion (Payson/Taylor) to approve the City and Utility Bills in the amount of \$1,728,322.68 (check number 838890-84271). Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; Taylor, yes; Payson yes; DeHaan, yes; McClory, yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Reynolds stated that he is seeking one additional member for the Plan Commission.

Administrator’s Report

Administrator Tapson stated that he met with representatives from Veolia to discuss the City’s dissatisfaction with the delay in receiving requested smaller carts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services & Utilities

Alderman Dunwiddie stated that the Committee had received an update on the N Washington Street Reconstruction project.

The process used to monitor unusually high water consumption and the testing procedure in place to attempt to identify a potential cause was discussed. It was agreed that if it is determined that the City's equipment is at fault, the Committee would recommend an adjustment to the consumer's account. If the City's equipment is not determined to be the cause, no adjustment would be recommended and the consumer would be informed that they would need to appeal to the PSC.

The preliminary 2012-2015 Capital Improvement Program was reviewed. It was discussed that replacement of the Public Works facility should be considered in the next 3 to 4 years.

Finance & Judicial

Alderman Taylor stated that the Committee recommended to Council that the 2010 CVMIC Liability Insurance Dividend in the amount of \$3,180 remain on account with CVMIC.

Options for a two year renewal of the Comprehensive General Liability Insurance were reviewed. Committee recommended that the City accept the proposal dated July 15 at the current SIR of \$25,000.

The Committee reviewed preliminary 2012 budget information and will discuss further at the August 22 meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

Historic Preservation – Alderman Taylor reported that the WI Historic Preservation Review Board will be considering the nomination of the Band Shell and City Hall to the Register of Historic Places

Fire Advisory Board – reviewed 2012 Budget

Library Board – no report

Chamber – will be meeting 8/16

Elkhorn Downtown Partnership – planning for floral show; Sue Wallem resignation

Police & Fire Commission – interviews being conducted

Recreation Advisory Board – discussed pool options

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 11-20: Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation Community Development Bonds

Motion (Payson/Taylor) to approve Resolution 11-20. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; Taylor, yes; Payson yes; DeHaan, yes; McClory, yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 11-08: An Ordinance to Amend the City of Elkhorn Municipal Code at Chapter 17 Titled "Zoning"

First reading of Ordinance No. 11-08.

Conditional Use Permit: Neal Dzabiroski, 31 N. Wisconsin Street

Mayor Reynolds stated that the Plan Commission adopted findings of fact to deny the request for a conditional use for a "Class A" license on this property. Motion (Payson/Anderson) to deny the request the request for a conditional use for a "Class A" license for this property per the recommendation of the Plan Commission. Motion carried.

Two Seasons Bowl Event

Council was informed that Two Seasons Bowl plans to allow camping in the area behind the facility during an upcoming concert event. Staff met with the owner to discuss concerns related

to public safety. It was stated that more formal provisions to regulate this activity be considered prior to next year.

Liability Insurance Dividend

Motion (McClory/Anderson) to approve the 2010 Dividend in the amount of \$3,180 remain on account per the recommendation. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; Taylor, yes; Payson yes; DeHaan, yes; McClory, yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried.

Liability Insurance Two-Year Renewal

Motion (Taylor/Payson) that the City of Elkhorn accepts the Liability Proposal dated July 15, 2011 from CVMIC with no change to the SIR and agrees to continue its membership in CVMIC for policy years 2013 and 2014 based on the premium guaranteed by CVMIC for said policy years. Roll call vote: Dunwiddie, yes; Taylor, yes; Payson yes; DeHaan, yes; McClory, yes; Anderson, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clarence Cammers stated his frustration with Charter services and costs and asked who to contact regarding his concerns. He was advised that he may wish to contact the Dept. of Justice's Office of Consumer Protection or the Department of Revenue.

ADJOURN

Motion (Anderson/Dunwiddie) to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk