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**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 16, 2012**  
**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 Gary Payson, Sr., Scott McClory, Brian Olson, Jerry Anderson, Jim D'Alessandro, Kim DeHaan

Others present: Administrator Tapson, Attorney Ward Phillips, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Finance Director Mary Hinske, DPW Director Terry Weter, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Electric Operations Manager Tim Leach, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Library Director Lisa Selje, Maureen VanderSanden – Elkhorn Independent, Mike DeMoss and Ken Horner – CVMIC.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion (Payson/Anderson) to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2012 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

**BILLS PAYABLE**

Motion (McClory/Payson) to approve the City and Utility Bills in the amount of \$977,964.87 (Check number 87458-87729). Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D'Alessandro; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

*City Administrator's Report*

Administrator Tapson stated that the increase for health insurance is marginal. The transition to the PTO program for non-union employees was effective July 1 which will result in a reduction in post-employment benefits of approximately \$125,000.

Mike DeMoss and Ken Horner of CVMIC presented product and service information on the program and answered questions of the Council.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Historic Preservation – no report

Fire Advisory Board – meeting scheduled for July 26

Library Board – craft fair scheduled for November; book sale this week

Chamber – no report

Elkhorn Downtown Partnership – no report

Police & Fire Commission – meeting in July

Recreation Advisory Board – no report

Sunset Pool Ad Hoc – looking for direction

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***Human Resources***

Alderman DeHaan stated that the Committee had discussed additional issues related to the Act10/32 implementation and moving toward an integrated pay schedule.

Interviews for the Electric Utility Director are scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Municipal Services & Utilities***

Alderman Payson stated that the Committee had reviewed a request to replace “flashing hand” indicators at three intersections with “countdown timers. It was also requested that the signal heads at two of those locations be replace with LED lights. The cost of approximately \$21,000 could come from the Electric Conservation Fund. The Committee recommended approval of the replacements with funding from the Electric Conservation Fund.

There was further discussion at the Committee meeting regarding the Emeral Ash Borer. A formal policy is being developed and will be presented to Council at a future meeting.

### ***Finance & Judicial***

Alderman McClory reported that the Committee had recommended that the City pay one-third of the estimated cost not to exceed \$5,000 for repairs to the parking lot at 400 Koopman Lane.

The Committee reviewed the status of the NE water treatment plant project and recommended that Baxter & Woodman be authorized to file for PSC approval to construct the well.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***2012 Signal Replacement***

Motion (Payson/Anderson) to authorize the replacement of “flashing hand” indicators at the intersections of Court & Wisconsin, Walworth & Wisconsin and Geneva & Lincoln and to replace the signall heads at Court & Wisconsin and Walworth & Wisconsin with LED lights with funding of approximately \$21,000 from the Electric Conservation Fund. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D’Alessandro; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried. Alderman McClory stated that he felt that there is a timing issues at some downtown intersections in which pedestrians are given the signal to walk at a time when a green turn arrow is present for traffic. He asked that this be reviewed by staff.

### ***Parking Lot Repairs***

Motion (McClory/Payson) to authorize repairs to the parking lot at 400 Koopman Lane not to exceed \$5,000. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; D’Alessandro; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

### ***NE Water Treatment Plant***

Motion (McClory/DeHaan) to authorize Baxter & Woodman to file for PSC approval to construct the well included in the project. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

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. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried. The closed session was to review a proposed settlement agreement for Mann Bros. delinquent personal property taxes. Adjourned into closed session at 6:50 p.m.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Motion (Olson/Payson) to reconvene in open session at 7:05 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Motion (McClory/Payson) to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Darlene Igl  
City Clerk