
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
November 5, 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 Randy Leece, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Finance Director Mary Hinske, Electric Utility Director John Murphy, Electric Operations Manager Tim Leach, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Ken Truckey, David Wagner – Ehlers, Maureen VanderSanden – Elkhorn Independent, Ed Robers.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2013 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

The Public Hearing was declared closed at 6:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Robers spoke regarding his concerns about speeding and truck/bus traffic on N. Lincoln Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Payson/McClory) to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2012 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

No report.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson stated collective bargaining continued to be in a state of flux and stated that an advisor has been asked to meet with the Council to discuss options on Monday, Nov. 12.

Administrator Tapson stated that 35 applications for the Recreation Director position had been received. The application materials will be reviewed by a staff review team and interviews will be scheduled for the top six candidates.

Administrator Tapson stated that Electric Utility Director Murphy had requested authorization to send a two man crew for emergency response in the future as needed. After discussion, it was agreed that this item would be referred to Committee for further discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services & Utilities

Alderman Payson stated that the Committee had discussed Sunset Park field conditions and agreed that field conditions would be monitored frequently and remediation of problem areas would be addressed as identified.

Finance & Judicial

Alderman McClory stated that the Committee had recommended to Council to proceed with the 2012 General Obligation Bonds financed over 8 years.

The committee had reviewed information on bids received for the purchase of a fire pumper engine and recommended to Council the purchase of a 2014 fire pumper engine replacement at a cost of \$690,282 of which the City is responsible for \$101,299 in addition to the \$449,094 in the existing vehicle replacement fund.

Department Heads will be attending upcoming budget related meetings to answer questions.

Legislative & Regulatory

Alderman Payson stated that the Committee had assessed demerit points to those establishments sited for serving underage patrons.

A Class “B” Beer/Class C Wine license for Garana Restaurant was recommended contingent on the building inspector’s approval after inspection.

Public Safety

Alderman McClory stated that the Committee had discussed speeding and citizen safety on N. Lincoln Street. The Police Department agreed to conduct another study of volume and speeds in the area.

Alderman McClory stated that residents from East Town Manor had expressed an interest in discussing parking concerns, however, they did not appear at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 12-16: A Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,825,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2012A

Motion (Payson/McClory) to adopt Resolution No. 12-16. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D’Alessandro, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

2011 Mill & Overlay: Final Payment

Motion (Payson/Anderson) to authorize the final payment of \$3,000 on the 2011 Mill & Overlay project. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D’Alessandro, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

2013 BUDGET: DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

It was agreed to hold this discussion at the Monday, November 12 meeting.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Payson/Anderson) to Adjourn to Closed Session per State Statute 19.85(1)(e) by roll call vote “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session” to discuss and consider Business Park land sale and Collective Bargaining LAW Reopener Mediation. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D’Alessandro, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:42 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion (Payson/Anderson) to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk