
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 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: City Administrator Sam Tapson, Attorney Ward Phillips, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Finance Director Mary Hinske, Electric Utility Director John Murphy, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Elkhorn Independent, Ed Robers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Robers commented that weight limit signs have been installed on N. Lincoln and asked how the limit will be enforced.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Payson/McClory) to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2012 Common Council meeting and a bartender operator's license for Lazime Dzabiroski. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion (Olson/Anderson) to approve the City and Utility Bills in the amount of \$2,086,547.66 (Check number 88658-88977). Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Reynolds stated that the tree lighting was scheduled for November 30th.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson stated that the proposed 2013 tax levy is down \$180,000 from last year. He reported that the credit card purchasing program has yielded at least \$30,000 since inception. Interviews for the Recreation Director position were scheduled for November 27 and 28. Administrator Tapson stated that letters regarding collective bargaining have been sent. It was also stated that the former Oak Industries site is closed out with \$52,000 recovered from Walworth State Bank.

LIAISON REPORTS

Historic Preservation – no report

Fire Advisory Board – next meeting in January 2013

Library Board – craft fair was successful

Chamber – Oktoberfest was successful; preparations underway for Christmas parade

Elkhorn Downtown Partnership – no report
Police & Fire Commission – no report
Recreation Advisory Board – no report
Sunset Pool Ad Hoc – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services & Utilities

The Committee discussed mutual aid emergency response for the electric utility. Director Murphy was asked to prepare a draft local policy for review by the Committee.

Finance & Judicial

The Committee reviewed 2013 proposed budgets for the Electric Utility, Library and DPW with the Department Heads present to answer questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 12-17: A Resolution to Adopt the 2013 Budget and Tax Levy

Motion (McClory/Payson) to adopt Resolution 12-17 which sets the 2013 tax levy at \$4,029,688. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

2012 Mill & Overlay: Final Pay Request

Motion (Payson/Anderson) to authorize the final payment for the 2012 Mill and Overlay project in the amount of \$18,046.16. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

2012 S. Broad Street Reconstruction: Change Order 1

Motion (McClory/Payson) to approve Change Order 1 on the 2012 S. Broad Street Reconstruction project in the amount of \$15,608.45. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Bartolotta Fireworks Contract: 2013

Motion (Payson/Anderson) to contract with Bartolotta Fireworks for 2013 and to submit a 50% deposit. Aldermen Olson and McClory agreed to seek monetary donations for the 2013 fireworks.

Safe Drinking Water Loan: Intent to Apply

Administrator Tapon stated that the City has the opportunity to access State funding and filing the intent to apply only puts the City in line for consideration in 2013. The Council will further discuss whether the City wants to apply for the loan. Motion (Payson/Anderson) to authorize the City Administrator to file the intent to apply for the safe drinking water loan. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion (Olson/Anderson) to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk