
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
December 2, 2013
CITY OF ELKHORN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 9 S. BROAD ST., ELKHORN, WI 53121

The Common Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Howie Reynolds, Aldermen Brian Olson, Jim Boardman, Scott McClory, Hoss Rehberg, Gary Payson, Sr.

Others present: Administrator Tapson, Attorney Randy Leece, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Finance Director Mary Hinske, Electric Utility Director John Murphy, Fire Chief Rod Smith, DPW Director Terry Weter, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Library Director Lisa Selje, Tyler Lamb.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Olson//Payson) to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Reynolds recommended appointment of election inspectors as listed provided by the City Clerk. Motion (Olson/Payson) to appoint the election inspectors as listed for the 2014-2015 election cycle. Motion carried.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson stated that requests for proposals for Sunset Pool had been circulated to six consultants with responses due December 20. It was stated that a committee will be formed after the consultant is in place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services & Utilities

Alderman Payson stated that the Committee had discussed issues with the leaf collection program with a representative of Advanced Disposal. It was agreed that the program will be reviewed after January 1.

A request for connection to the City water/sewer lines for a property at N5502 Voss Road had been received. The Committee agreed to recommend that the request be denied. Motion (Payson/Boardman) to deny the request and to inform the property owner that water/sewer would only be available to his property if it was annexed to the City. Motion carried.

A request for the installation of a street light at the end of Nathan Lane was received. Staff was asked to provide the requestor with an explanation of why the previous light had been removed

and to offer the option of renting a street light for that location at their expense. Motion (Payson/Olson) to deny the request for installation of a street light as requested. Motion carried.

Finance & Judicial

Alderman McClory stated that the Committee had recommended renewing the contract with Westenn for 2014. Motion (McClory/Boardman) to renew the contract as recommended. Roll call vote: Olson, no; Boardman, yes; McClory, yes; Rehberg, no; Payson, yes. Staff was directed to open the process for bids for this contract in 2014. Motion carried.

A sewer rate adjustment was discussed and it was recommended that the city increase rates. The ordinance to increase rates appeared as a first reading later in the agenda.

The Committee had discussed the revised wage and salary plan. A resolution to amend the plan and salary schedule appeared later in the agenda.

The Committee had received a request for the purchase and installation of four wireless modems for the police department to provide connectivity to the marked squads for access to records management software and had recommended approval at a cost of \$4,936. Motion (McClory/Olson) to authorize the purchase and installation of four wireless modems for the police department with a budget adjustment of \$4,936. Roll call vote: Olson, yes; Boardman, yes; McClory, yes; Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 13-16: A Resolution Requested by a Petition for Direct Legislation

It was stated that a petition for direct legislation had been received, signatures were verified and it was determined that the resolution proposed was in proper form. The Council members agreed that they were not in favor of signing the resolution but favored placing the resolution on the ballot. Motion (Olson/Payson) to place the resolution proposed on the ballot for the spring election. Roll call vote: Olson, yes; Boardman, no; McClory, no; Rehberg, no; Payson, yes. Motion carried. It was explained that the statutes require that either the resolution be adopted as presented or placed on the ballot. This item will be added to the December 16 Council agenda.

Resolution 13-17: A Resolution to Amend for City of Elkhorn Wage and Salary Plan and the Wage and Salary Schedule Covering all General Employees

This item was held pending further review/discussion by the Human Resource and Finance and Judicial Committees.

Ordinance No. 13-11: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 13 of the Elkhorn Municipal Code Entitled Sewer Service Subchapter

First reading of Ordinance No. 13-11.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Boardman/Payson) to adjourn to closed session per §19.85(1)(e) “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.” Roll call vote: Olson, yes; Boardman, yes; McClory, yes; Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned to closed session at 6:02 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Reconvened in open session at 6:24 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion (Olson/Payson) to adjourn at 6:24 p.m.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk