
**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF ELKHORN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 9 S. BROAD ST., ELKHORN, WI 53121**

January 7, 2013

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 (via video)

Others present: Administrator Tapson, City Attorney Ward Phillips, Deputy Clerk Theresa Sissons, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Lieutenant Jon Anzalone, Finance Director Mary Hinske, Electric Utility Director John Murphy, Recreation Director Wendy Ard, DPW Director Terry Weter, residents.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor introduced the new Recreation Director, Wendy Ard.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson stated that negotiations are continuing with IBEW. An agreement with AFSCME has been reached, as long as the Council agrees.

NEW BUSINESS

Agreement between the City of Elkhorn and AFSCME.

Motion (Payson/McClory) to accept the agreement with AFSCME. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 12-17: An Ordinance to Amend the Elkhorn Municipal Code at Chapter 2 Titled, "The Governing Body" (second reading) was added to the agenda by mistake. Therefore, this item was struck from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety / Police Department

The Elkhorn Police Department and the Public Safety Committee have been working toward a solution for the issues on N. Lincoln Street. The Police Department showed a PowerPoint presentation on the study they did of N. Lincoln Street. The study took place December 9 - 15. During this time period, there were 18 citations, 41 warnings, and 46 traffic stops. The Police Department is willing to allow citizens to check out a radar detector so they can check the speeds themselves; they are also willing to allow citizens to "ride along" with an officer to check speeds. A suggestion by the Safety Committee was to not allow left hand turns off of Highway 67 South. Motion (McClory/Anderson) to table discussion until the Safety Committee meets again to look at possible solutions for traffic flow.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Lehman - 217 N. Lincoln wanted to know why the stop signs were taken out; Angela Hastings - 303 N. Lincoln has requested that "bump outs" be utilized to slow traffic down; Ed Robers - 101 N. Lincoln has requested that "speed bumps" be placed periodically throughout N. Lincoln; Sue Flinn - 204 E. Court stated that "something" needs to be done to get people off N. Lincoln since it's not a state highway; Launa McKinnel - 505 N. Lincoln stated that the neighborhood children can't utilize the park because everyone is afraid to cross the street since people don't stop for pedestrians.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Payson/Anderson) to Adjourn to Closed Session per State Statute 19.85(1)(e) by roll call vote for "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: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:45 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Reconvene in open session at 6:50 p.m. Motion (Anderson/Olson) to purchase land in the business park. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion (Payson/Olson) to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Theresa Sissons
Deputy Clerk