
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
March 18, 2013
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, City Attorney Randy Leece, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Finance Director Mary Hinske, Electric Utility Director John Murphy, DPW Director Terry Weter, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Recreation Director Wendy Ard, group representing Jazzercise, Gateway Technical College Representative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

PRESENTATION: GATEWAY REFERENDUM

A representative from Gateway Technical College provided a presentation on the referendum which will appear on the April 2 ballot.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Anderson/Olson) to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion (Payson/Anderson) to approve the City and Utility Bills in the amount of \$5,238,515.27 (Check number 90189-90359). Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; Kim DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Reynolds recommended that the Council consider holding a referendum for the replacement of Sunset Pool. Motion (Olson/Anderson) to authorize a binding referendum in fall not to exceed \$3.5 million for the replacement of Sunset Pool. Motion carried.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson stated that a meeting with SEWRPC was held to discuss the proposed street study. He stated that the next step will be to meet with N. Lincoln residents.

LIAISON REPORTS

Historic Preservation – meeting in mid-April
Fire Advisory Board – meeting in April

Library Board – staff replacement upcoming
Chamber – no report
Elkhorn Downtown Partnership – no report
Police & Fire Commission – no report
Recreation Advisory Board – a statement was made by Andrea VanDyke regarding Jazzercise
Sunset Pool Ad Hoc – meeting March 20

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services & Utilities

Representatives from Wachtel Tree Science provided a presentation regarding services that their firm has to offer. The Committee will discuss measures related to Urban Forestry Maintenance and the Emerald Ash Borer Plan at a future meeting.

Finance & Judicial

Alderman McClory stated that the committee had reviewed a request to charge back a portion of uncollected personal property taxes for a taxpayer which would reduce the City's revenue loss by \$36,224.31. Motion (McClory/Olson) to pursue the charge back process. D'Alessandro abstained. Motion carried.

The Committee recommended approval of the purchase of a replacement squad for the Police Department. Motion (McClory/Payson) to authorize the purchase of a 2013 Chevrolet Impala from the low bidder Ewald Chevrolet in the amount of \$20,680.50. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

The Committee had reviewed a request for the purchase of surveillance equipment for the Police Department and recommended approval. Motion (D'Alessandro/Anderson) to authorize a budget adjustment of \$1,773.83 to purchase the surveillance equipment as requested. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Public Safety

Alderman McClory stated that the committee had reviewed an agreement with the school district that would allow officers to carry a firearm whether on or off-duty in or on the school property and recommended to Council that the contract be approved. Motion (McClory/Payson) to enter into the EASD Firearms Agreement as recommended. Motion carried.

Chief Christensen stated that the school district had asked if there was interest on behalf of the City to add another school liaison officer for the middle school, utilizing the same funding agreement that is currently in place. In addition, it was asked whether the City would be interested in providing armed officers for the district's elementary schools that the school would reimburse all associated costs. Motion (McClory/Olson) to approve the concept based on funding as outlined. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried.

Legislative & Regulatory

Language to regulate the placement of sex offenders will be sent to the City Attorney and a draft of an ordinance will be reviewed at a future meeting.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Anderson/Olson) 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: Payson, yes; McClory, yes; Olson, yes; Anderson, yes; D’Alessandro, yes; DeHaan, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:46 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion (McClory/Olson) to reconvene in open session at 7:25 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion (DeHaan/D’Alessandro) to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk