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

June 17, 2013

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 Scott McClory, Gary Payson, Sr., Hoss Rehberg, Jim D'Alessandro, Jim Boardman

Others present: Administrator Tapson, City Attorney Ward Phillips, Police Chief Joel Christensen, DPW Director Terry Weter, Finance Director Mary Hinske, Electric Utility Director John Murphy, Fire Chief Rod Smith

Visitors: Tony Balestrieri-Greater Whitewater Committee (GWC), Chris Clapper-Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce, Mike Van Den Bosch-Walworth County Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA), and Bob Peryea-Elkhorn Independent Representative

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Boardman/Payson) to approve the Common Council meeting minutes of June 3, 2013 and the annual renewal of the Bartender Operator's Licenses as listed. Motion carried with Alderman Payson abstaining.

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion (McClory/Boardman) to approve the City and Utility Bills in the amount of \$1,582,571.26 (Check Nos. 90850-91126). Brief discussion with clarification on several payments. Roll Call Vote: Payson-Yes; McClory-Yes; Rehberg-Yes; D'Alessandro-Yes; Boardman-Yes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that there are currently two vacancies on the Library Board to be filled and requested that Michelle Schopf and Mary Anne Cline be appointed. Motion (Payson/McClory) to approve the appointments of Michelle Schopf and Mary Anne Cline to the Library Board. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported that it is proposed to form a new AdHoc Development Committee with Alderman Rehberg to serve as Chairman to facilitate economic development efforts in place of the Elkhorn Development Company (EDC) which was dissolved in 2011. The Mayor presented the Community Development Planning proposal requesting the City Council to allocate \$10,000.00 from the existing Community Development Fund to be used during the planning and evaluation process and goals of community development. It was noted that at the end of the initial planning/evaluation process that any unspent funds would be used to implement the development of the organization. Discussion regarding articles of incorporation and providing a formal business statement. Motion (McClory/Boardman) to accept the Community Development Planning proposal as written. Motion carried.

City Administrator’s Report

No report at this time.

LIAISON REPORTS

Historic Preservation – None

Fire Advisory Board – None

Library Board – Appointment of two new board members as mentioned in Mayor’s Report Chamber – July 4th Fireworks Celebration and activities scheduled for Friday, July 5th

Elkhorn Business Alliance – None

Police & Fire Commission – None

Recreation Advisory Board – None

Sunset Pool AdHoc - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Wage and Salary Plan

Alderman Payson reported that the City is currently reviewing a revised compensation plan which will begin with the Electric Department by comparing wages/benefits to the private sector as well as comparable municipalities. No action taken.

Fire Chief Pay Rate Consideration

Alderman Payson noted that the Human Resource Committee had forwarded their recommendation to the City Council for a pay adjustment of \$10,000.00 to be considered for the Fire Chief position. After some discussion, the Council requested additional information regarding how and when this pay adjustment would occur and funding. Also requested was a copy of the Fire Chief’s current job description for this position to discuss any necessary revisions. Consensus to refer this agenda item back to Committee level (Human Resource and Finance Committees) to obtain the necessary additional information. No action taken.

FINANCE/JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

US Highway 12 Extension

Motion (McClory/Payson) to approve the request for financial assistance in the amount of \$6,000.00 to sustain the effort to move the US Highway 12 Extension project forward as requested by the Greater Whitewater Committee. Roll Call Vote. Payson-Yes; McClory-No; Rehberg-No; D’Alessandro-No; Boardman-Yes. Motion failed on a 3 to 2 vote.

Motion (McClory/Payson) to approve the Council’s letter of support to the State of Wisconsin Legislature to sustain the effort to move the US Highway 12 Extension project forward as requested by the Greater Whitewater Committee. Roll Call Vote. Payson-Yes; McClory-No; Rehberg-No; D’Alessandro-No; Boardman-Yes. Motion failed on a 3 to 2 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 13-06: Designating Certain Highways as Through Highways

Motion (D’Alessandro/Payson) to approve Resolution No. 13-06 regarding the City Council designating certain highways as through highways as listed, in the interest of public safety, and repealing any previous resolutions. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 13-07: WDNR NR208 – Compliance Maintenance

Motion (McClory/Rehberg) to approve Resolution No. 13-07 regarding the City Council addressing or correcting problems/deficiencies of the City's wastewater collection system as identified in the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) submitted by the WDNR. Motion carried.

Soil Excavation Contract: 201 Centralia Street Environmental Remediation

Motion (Payson/D'Alessandro) to approve the soil excavation contract with Jeff Foust Excavating, Inc. for remedial, excavation, hauling, backfill, and grading located at 201 West Centralia Street (former Oak Industries property) in the amount of \$40,261.00. Roll Call Vote. Payson-Yes; McClory-Yes; Rehberg-Yes; D'Alessandro-Yes; Boardman-Yes. Motion carried.

Review Annual Audit Report & Financial Performance Standards Report

City Administrator Tapson briefly noted an overall positive review of the City's Annual Audit Report and Financial Performance Standard Report. No action taken.

ADJOURN

Motion (D'Alessandro/Payson) to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Shari McKinney
Confidential Secretary