
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
July 15, 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, Jim D'Alessandro, Scott McClory, Hoss Rehberg, Gary Payson, Sr.

Others present: Administrator Tapson, City Attorney Ward Phillips, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Finance Director Mary Hinske, Electric Utility Director John Murphy, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Recreation Director Wendy Ard, Library Director Lisa Selje, City Engineer Gary Welsh, DPW Director Terry Weter, Bob Peryea – Elkhorn Independent, a large group of interested citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Immega thanked the Council for the additional funding provided to the Holton Band for the season.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Boardman/Olson) to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2013 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion (McClory/Olson) to approve the City and Utility Bills in the amount of \$1,669,178.77 (Check number 91127-91415). Roll call vote: Olson, yes; Boardman, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Motion (Payson/Boardman) to appoint Ken Meinel to the Plan Commission. Motion carried.

Alderman Olson read a prepared statement regarding the Sunset Pool referendum. Interested residents were allowed the opportunity to provide comments on this issue.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson stated that the land sale for the Aurora Clinic has been finalized.

LIAISON REPORTS

Historic Preservation – none

Fire Advisory Board – none

Library Board – none

Chamber – none

Elkhorn Business Alliance – meeting next week

Police & Fire Commission – none

Recreation Advisory Board – meeting August 7
Sunset Pool Ad Hoc – none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services & Utilities

Alderman Payson reported that the Committee had reviewed plans for the extension of sidewalks along Market Street. It was stated that the project will be funded with TID3 funds as a public benefit with the exception of three properties which will be special assessed.

Finance & Judicial

Alderman McClory stated that the Committee had received presentations from two vendors for phone system upgrades and data communications. The Committee recommended that the City enter into a contract with TDS for these services. Motion (McClory/Olson) to enter into a 5 year contract with TDS for phones/data communications. Roll call vote: Olson, yes; Boardman, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes. Motion carried.

Human Resources

Alderman Olson stated that the Committee had previously recommended approval of a salary increase for the Fire Chief. Letters had been sent to the affected towns. Motion (Olson/Rehberg) to increase the Fire Chief salary by \$10,000 effective August 1. Roll call vote: Olson, yes; Boardman, no; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes. Motion carried.

The Committee had reviewed a proposal for a reorganization of the City Hall office staff to create a dual purpose position combining the existing positions of Accounting Technician and Deputy Clerk to be filed internally and to hire for an entry level clerk to absorb routine clerical duties. Motion (Olson/Boardman) to endorse the City Hall office staffing plan to include hiring a full-time entry level clerk with position descriptions to be presented for review. Motion carried.

The Committee had reviewed the current MEUW wage/benefit study. Man hour information and job descriptions for the Department of Public Works will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Committee agreed that an amendment to the PTO program which had been approved at the previous meeting was not necessary. Motion (Olson/Payson) to rescind the previous motion and second to implement the amendment to the PTO program. Motion carried.

Legislative & Regulatory

Alderman D'Alessandro stated that a hearing had been conducted on a complaint filed by the Elkhorn Police Department against The Reddroom. The Committee had assigned 600 demerit points to The Reddroom and recommended revocation of the liquor license to Council. Alderman D'Alessandro stated that he had a conflict of interest and would not be voting on this matter.

Attorney Timothy Swatek had filed correspondence stating an objection to Council considering revocation at the meeting. Representatives of the Tavern League spoke against consideration of revocation.

After discussion, motion (Payson/Olson) to receive written arguments in this case at a future meeting. D'Alessandro abstained. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 13-06: An Ordinance to Amend the Elkhorn Municipal Code at Chapter 3, titled "Finance & Budgeting"

Motion (Olson/Boardman) to waive the second reading of Ordinance 13-06. Motion carried.
Motion (Olson/Boardman) to adopt Ordinance No. 13-06. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 13-07: An Ordinance Creating Chapter 21, Sections 1-9 of the General Ordinances of the City of Elkhorn, Walworth County, Wisconsin Relating to Sexual Offender Residency Restrictions

Representatives from the Department of Corrections presented their objections to sex offender residency restrictions. It was stated that the draft ordinance does not include a penalty for landlords and does not include bus stops in the child safety zones. After discussion by Council, it was requested that Ordinance No. 13-07 be presented along with maps identifying the child safety zones for consideration at the August 5 Common Council meeting. Motion (Olson/D'Alessandro) to defer to August 5. Motion carried.

EDRL Loan Renewal: Elkhorn Chemical & Packaging

The Committee recommended the renewal of the Elkhorn Chemical & Packaging EDRL loan in the amount of approximately \$75,000. Motion (Olson/Payson) to approve. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion (Boardman/Olson) to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk