
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
February 17, 2014
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: Jim Boardman, Jim D'Alessandro, Scott McClory, Hoss Rehberg, Gary Payson, Sr.
Others present: Administrator Tapson, Attorney Ward Phillips, City Clerk Darlene Igl, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Finance Director Mary Hinske, Electric Utility Director John Murphy, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Rec Director Wendy Ard, Library Director Lisa Selje, Kellen Olshefski, Chris Clapper

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Payson/Boardman) to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 Common Council meeting and a temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailers License for the Victorian Fashion Show at Matheson Memorial Library. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion (McClory/Boardman) to approve the City and Utility Bills in the amount of \$4,875,646,51 (Check number 93501-93801). 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

No report.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson provided an update on the settlement with Stantec Consulting Services which appears later on the agenda.

Administrator Tapson stated that there is an employee out on an extended FMLA leave. It was requested that staff be authorized to contact a staffing agency to fill the position temporarily. Motion (McClory/Boardman) to authorize filling the position with a temp. Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

Historic Preservation – no report

Fire Advisory Board – Alderman Payson stated that the Board had established charge-back rates at meeting

Library Board – Alderman McClory provided a brief update on Library fundraiser

Chamber – Alderman Boardman reported on Chamber website enhancements

Economic Development Ad Hoc – no report

Police & Fire Commission – Alderman Rehberg stated that Officer Ketchpaw presented her Neighborhood Portfolio Exercise and the Commission moved her status from probationary to permanent.

Recreation Advisory Board – mass registration held; no meeting this month

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services

Alderman Payson stated that the committee had discussed and recommended approval of the City committing to the extension of the pedestrian/bike path under the bridge on the County NN project. It was stated that the rehab of E. Geneva Street including the path would be a 2015 project. Motion (Payson/Boardman) that the City participate in the extension of the bicycle/pedestrian path. Motion carried.

Legislative & Regulatory

Alderman D'Alessandro stated that the Committee had requested that draft language to make changes to the code relating to “officers” and sections that reference the DPW Director or Director of Public Works. The Committee also recommended preparing draft language removing references to the City Health Officer. Motion (D'Alessandro/Payson) to revise the municipal code regarding officers including the elimination of the Health Officer. Motion carried. Motion (D'Alessandro/Boardman) to prepare language to update sections of the code that reference DPW Director or Director of Public Works. Motion carried.

Finance & Judicial

Alderman McClory stated that the Committee had discussed restructure of the balance of the debt for the library expansion. Library Director Selje was asked to provide additional information for Committee review at an upcoming meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Stantec Consulting Services Settlement

Administrator Tapson stated that Stantec has provided a settlement agreement which provides for a reimbursement to the City of 75% of the costs incurred for damages that occurred at 102 E. Court Street. Motion (Boardman/McClory) to authorize the City Administrator to execute the agreement. Roll call vote: Olson, yes; Boardman, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, no; Rehberg, no; Payson, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 14-01: Resolution for Abandonment of a Public Right-of-Way Identified as Immega Lane

Motion (Boardman/McClory) to adopt Resolution no. 14-01. Motion carried.

Sunset Pool: Proposal for Geotechnical Services

A proposal from CGC, Inc. for geotechnical services related to the replacement of Sunset Pool was recommended. Additionally, the Municipal Services Committee met and discussed proposed improvements to parks. It was discussed by the Committee whether the area of the sledding hills at Sunset Park be investigated by conducting borings at the same time as the borings are done related to the pool. Motion (D'Alessandro/Boardman) to approve the contract with CGC, Inc. at an estimated cost of \$4,495 for geotechnical services related to the pool replacement and to inquire whether borings may be done in the area of the sledding hills. Roll

call vote: Olson, yes; Boardman, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Boardman/Payson) to adjourn to closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(g) for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Roll call vote: Olson, yes; Boardman, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned to closed session at 5:54 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Reconvened in open session at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion (Payson/Olson) to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk