
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 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: Mayor Brian Olson, Aldermen Gary Payson, Sr., Hoss Rehberg, Gregory Huss, Jim D'Alessandro, Scott McClory, Tom Myrin.

Others present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, Attorney Ward Phillips, Deputy Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Utility Director John Murphy, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Rec Director Wendy Ard, Library Director Lisa Selje, DPW Operations Manager Martin Nuss, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Reporter Kellen Olshefski, Patrolman Grady Worland, Carter Arndt, Chris Clapper.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Payson/Rehberg) to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 Common Council meeting and a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for the Elkhorn Fire Department's Firefighters Street Dance June 14-15, 2014. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion (Myrin/Huss) to approve the City and Utility Bills in the amount of \$1,703,612.96 (Check number 94338-94510). Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Police Chief Joel Christiansen introduced Grady Worland, the City of Elkhorn's newest Patrolman. Grady Worland was chosen from a list of 163 applicants. He has served the City as a Community Service Officer for the past three years. An Oath of Honor Ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 21st at 6 p.m. at the Government Center for Worland and other officers. Mayor Olson thanked Worland for his past service and congratulated him on his new position.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson informed council that Lincoln Street is in the mail.

Carter Arndt, MSA Professional Services, presented the design being developed for the pool replacement project. The plan shows the pool will face the park and band shell and incorporates a concession stand that will also serve non-aquatic functions. The pool includes a zero depth entry, six swimming lanes, 2 diving boards, slides and kiddy geysers. Green space surrounds the pool area. An area for a future splash pad, sand volleyball and additional parking are included in the plan. The current tennis courts, which are currently in poor condition, will be removed in order to allow use of concessions/pavilion for other functions at the park. Asbestos and lead paint reports came back negative and will be included in the demolition bid.

Council concerns regarding the plan:

- The plan did not include lockers for securing of attendees possessions;

- the construction schedule as presented allowed for 30 days for funding coordination, however 60 days is required;
- Operating utility costs need refining due to a large discrepancy.

Next Pool Committee meeting is June 9th, committee president will present updated plan to Common Council.

Motion (D'Alessandro/Huss) to remove tennis courts according to proposed plan. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, no; Rehberg, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; Myrin, no; Olson, yes. Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

Historic Preservation – no report

Fire Advisory Board – no report

Library Board – no report

Chamber – \$500 scholarship will be awarded on June 4; Chamber will be sharing an intern with United Way; new Community Guides are available; Network Scramble is on June 8th

Economic Development Ad Hoc – meeting Thursday, May 22, 7:30 pm

Recreation Advisory Board – 32 teams starting t-ball, softball and baseball; summer registration is open; new movie series in the park starts June 21; next meeting is May 21, 5:30 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services

Alderman Payson stated that the Committee met to discuss the pumping of the large wetland located in Elkhorn West Subdivision. In 2008, action was taken to pump the wetland and has continued to be pumped when property owners call to have it pumped. The committee determined that the wetland will only be pumped if flooding or water drainage failure causes water levels to exceed the 1,041.8' benchmark. Motion (Payson/Myrin) for DPW to install a marker indicating the 1,041.8' level. Motion carries.

PLAN COMMISSION

CSM, GLC LLC

Great Lakes Components seeks conditional approval to combine five parcels into three parcels on Centralia Street of which two will be leased back to the City. GLC plans to build a new production facility with an attached office along with a lumber storage building and truck maintenance building on one parcel. Motion (McClory/Payson) to grant conditional approval of the replotting of the 5 lots into 3 lots. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, no; Rehberg, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; Myrin, no; Olson, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CSM, Mound Road Farms, LLC

Motion (Payson/McClory) to approve an agreement with Stantec in the amount of \$6,500 for the Market Street Sidewalk project. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 14-04: An Ordinance to Amend the Elkhorn Municipal Code at Chapter 13, Titled "Utilities"

Motion (Payson/Rehberg) to adopt Ordinance 14-04. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Payson/Huss) to adjourn to closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility.” Roll call vote: Olson, yes; Boardman, yes; D’Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes. Motion carried. Adjourn to closed session at 6:45 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Reconvened in open session at 7:05 p.m. Motion (McClory/Payson) for the City to spend up to \$1,000.00 to bring a Finance Director candidate from California to Elkhorn for an interview. Roll call vote: Olson, yes; Boardman, yes; D’Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion (Payson/McClory) to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
Deputy Clerk

Approved 06/02/2014