

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
July 7, 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 Hoss Rehberg, Gary Payson, Sr., James D'Alessandro, Scott McClory, Tom Myrin, Gregory Huss.

Others present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, Attorney John Murphy, City 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, Dave Wagner, Reporter Kellen Olshefski, Chris Clapper.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Payson/Rehberg) to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 Common Council meeting, Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for St. Patrick's Church Summer Celebration on July 19 and Bartender Operator's License for David Cain. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

None.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson provided council members with the 2013 audit report and in-house report dealing with finance indicators. He asked members to take a look at them. They will be discussed at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services

Alderman Payson informed council that three bids were received for Wisconsin St. improvement; JB Johnson Brothers LLC was the lowest bidder. Bielinski and Keefe have agreed to pay their portions of the improvement. Motion (Payson/D'Alessandro) to award N. Wisconsin St. Sidewalk Improvement Contract to JB Johnson, Brothers, LLC at the maximum amount of \$164,476. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carries.

Municipal Services considered proposals for the Sunset Park ADA play equipment construction and unanimously agreed on Option One from Gerber Leisure Products, LLC. An existing older wood structure will be removed for the new ADA equipment. Money for the project comes from the Park Fund. Motion (Payson/Rehberg) to award the Sunset Park ADA Play Equipment Contract to Gerber Leisure Products, LLC, Option One, for \$98,366. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carries.

Bids for the asphalt overlay of a section of W. Court St were considered by Municipal Services. Three contractors were approached for bids, however, only two responded. Work is for 1.5" of overlay. Asphalt Contractors, Inc. had the lowest cost. Motion (Rehberg/Huss) to award Asphalt

Contractors, Inc. for mill and overlay of approximately 3,440 sq. ft. of W. Court St. for \$5,450. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carries.

Alderman McClory asked about the dog park being considered at Tasch Park. McClory would like the committee to consider if it is the best location due to parking constraints and if there are other location options.

Finance & Judicial

Alderman McClory informed council that the City's group health insurance expired July 1. Renewal proposals were solicited from several insurers; the three best quotes were considered. The committee unanimously agreed that Eastern, which on the basis of fixed cost and "lasers", was the best. Motion (McClory/Myrin) to renew group health insurance with Eastern. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carries.

The City did not receive any quotes for the property insurance renewal as the current policy is the most economical. F&J unanimously agreed to renew with the current insurer. Motion (McClory/Myrin) to renew with Local Government Insurance Property Fund. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carries.

A contractual agreement for the City to assume the Library's debt was prepared by the City's attorney and reviewed by the committee. Part of the agreement restricts the library from levy increases for 2015, 2016 and 2017. Motion (McClory/D'Alessandro) for the City to assume the Library's debt as outlined in the Satisfaction Agreement, of approximately \$180,000. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carries.

Bielinski Properties asked the City to be allowed to pay their portion of the N. Wisconsin St. sidewalk installation in installments over three years. Alderman McClory stated that the committee agreed to the request and asked Administrator Tapson to draft an agreement for Bielinski Properties. Motion (McClory/D'Alessandro) to enter into a three year agreement with Bielinski Properties for their portion of the N. Wisconsin St. sidewalk installation at a predetermined percentage rate. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carries.

Human Resources

Alderman D'Alessandro informed council that the committee unanimously agreed to provide Todd Hanson with a wage rate increase due to his promotion to DPW Supervisor. He has been performing in the position on a provisional basis for the past six months and has performed exceptionally. Motion (D'Alessandro/Myrin) to increase DPW Supervisor Todd Hanson's hourly wage to \$27.31, the entry rate for this position. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NE Water Treatment Facility

Administrator Tapson informed council that a decision needs to be made on whether Baxter & Woodman should proceed with the redesign on the water treatment facility project. If council members felt that it was a project that would be completed by the City, then he recommended that Baxter & Woodman be directed to proceed. Motion (McClory/Payson) to proceed with redesign with the anticipation of completing the NE Water Treatment Facility. Members discussed

chances of the Centralia facility failing. Utility Director Murphy said the chances of failure are good and water restrictions would be put in place after failure. The construction of a new facility will take 18-24 months. The Lakeland facility would be able to support the current water use in the duration. The NE facility construction would cause a rate increase of 25-35%. Alderman McClory called the question. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes; D'Alessandro, no; McClory, yes; Myrin, no; Huss, no. Mayor voted to break tie, no. Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

Sunset Park Ball Field Redevelopment: Stantec Task Order

An agreement is to develop a conceptual plan for the redevelopment of three existing baseball fields located in Sunset Park was presented. The plan will orient the two west fields and the Sunset West field to allow for consistent playing fields. The redevelopment will also consider the impact on existing berms; pedestrian access between the fields and other amenities; and additional parking. Motion (D'Alessandro/Myrin) to contract Stantec for Sunset Park Ball Field Redevelopment for a total cost of \$6,000. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, no; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carries.

Resolution 14-08: Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes

Motion (Rehberg/D'Alessandro) to adopt Resolution 14-08. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, no; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carries.

Duramax/GLC LLC Development

Administrator Tapson informed council that Attorney Leece reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and WI DNR and approved the language. The City will reimburse the DNR for continuing remediation. If the Duramax agreement fails, then it goes back to the DNR and the City has no obligation. Motion (Payson/Rehberg) to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with the DNR as presented. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Payson, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, no; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

Motion (D'Alessandro/Payson) to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk

Approved 07/21/14