
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 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.

Others present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, Attorney Ward Phillips, 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, Reporter Kellen Olshefski, Chris Clapper.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Payson/Rehberg) to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2014 Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Olson introduced James Duquette, chair of the Economic Ad Hoc Committee. He is working with WEEDA on the future of the committee. Consideration of its organizational structure will go to the Finance and Judicial Committee. The Mayor also provided information on the proposed reorganization to the Council for their information. He thanked the EDC Committee for all of the wonderful work they have done for the City.

City Administrator's Report

None.

Finance Director

Finance Director Heilman provided quarterly reports to the Council and informed them he would expand upon it next quarter. Alderman D'Alessandro asked if he provides the budget numbers to the Finance Committee for review; Finance Director Heilman informed him that the City Administrator prepares the City Budget and provides it to the committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services

Alderman Payson stated that the Committee discussed library façade repairs needed. The repairs needed are a safety hazard to the community and the committee agreed the repairs were needed. The committee unanimously agreed to share the repair costs of approximately \$50,000 with the library. Motion (Payson/McClory) for the City to pay 50% of the library façade repair costs, not to exceed \$25,000. Alderman D'Alessandro asked where the money for the repairs was coming from. Administrator Tapson said funds would come from the contingent reserve account and that there is money available in this account and that there are also funds in the long term reserve account. After discussion regarding duties of the Municipal Services and Finance & Judicial Committees, Mayor Olson called for the vote. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; D'Alessandro, no. Motion carries.

Utility Director Murphy informed the Council that Well No. 7 has been losing yield and is currently off-line. He recommends that the well be pulled, televised to determine the issue and repaired. Based on the findings the well may be chemically treated or air burst to remove any blockage and could take up to three months to

complete. Cost to repair ranges from \$66,000-87,000. The committee unanimously recommended the repairs. Motion (Payson/Rehberg) to repair Well No. 7 at a cost not to exceed \$87,000. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; D'Alessandro, yes. Motion carried.

Finance & Judicial

Alderman McClory informed the Council that the committee unanimously agreed to replace two nonoperational snow trucks with the purchase of a new one. The two old trucks will be sold at auction. Motion (McClory/Payson) to purchase a new snow plow truck not to exceed \$165,000 and sell at auction the two old trucks. Alderman D'Alessandro asked where money for the new truck was coming from. DPW Manager said there are funds in the Vehicle Replacement Fund for 2015 and this vehicle wouldn't be ready and invoiced until January, 2015. Administrator Tapson said if the vehicle should be invoiced sooner, a budget adjustment for 2014 would be made. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; D'Alessandro, yes. Motion carried.

Alderman McClory told the Council that Finance Director Heilman recommended that CVMIC continue to hold the aggregate total of the City dividends and invest it, as it has in the past and that the committee supported this decision. The current total is \$34,574. Motion (McClory/Rehberg) that CVMIC hold all dividends until directed by the City to release. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; D'Alessandro, yes. Motion carried.

Legislative & Regulatory

Alderman Rehberg informed Council that the committee recommended approval of a Class "C" Wine License for Forever Friends dba Friends on the Square. Motion (Rehberg/Huss) to approve the Class "C" Wine License for Forever Friends, dba Friends on the Square, Kelly Odling, Agent, 41 N. Wisconsin St. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; D'Alessandro, yes. Motion carried.

Alderman Rehberg informed Council that Cali's Ventures II had a Successor to Agent, Judith M. Mann. Motion (Rehberg/Huss) to approve Judith M. Mann as Successor of Agent for Cali's Ventures II, dba Mojo's Stone Fire Grill. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; D'Alessandro, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Wagner of Ehlers, Inc. presented the Council with the bids received for the \$6,000,000 borrowing. The City received 11 bids, which he said reflected the excellent financial standing of the City. The City has up to three years to spend the money on the new pool and other capital projects. The lowest bidder was UMB Bank out of Kansas City, Missouri. Motion (Payson/Huss) to adopt Resolution No. 14-11 authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$6,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2014A. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

Motion (Payson/Rehberg) to adjourn at 6:04 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk

Approved 08/18/14