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**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 6, 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, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Finance Director James Heilman, Police Captain Jon Anzalone, Utility Director John Murphy, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Library Director Lisa Selje, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Reporter Kellen Olshefski, interested residents.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Olson informed attendees that there would be a Question and Answer Session regarding the Sex Offender Residency Restrictions later in the meeting. No public comment followed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion (Payson/Rehberg) to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2014 Common Council meeting, a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailers License for VIP Tailgate Party on November 16, 2014, and Temporary Bartender Operator's License for Linda Cheney. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

***Mayor's Report***

Mayor Olson reminded everyone to attend the Lights and Ladders Event on October 11 from 9 a.m. to noon.

***City Administrator's Report***

Administrator Tapson presented 2015 Budget binders to the Council along with a Letter of Transmittal. Discussion on the budget will begin next week. It was decided to hold the discussion sessions during Finance and Judicial Committee Meetings on October 13, 27 and November 3. The target date for the Public Hearing is November 10. He will send out a schedule and supporting documents electronically. Administrator Tapson pointed out that the \$6,000,000 loan has a tremendous effect on the tax levy and the entire increase in the budget is attributable to it.

The RFP's for Engineering Services have been sent and three of the six qualified engineering firms have been met with. Alderman D'Alessandro asked what his impressions were so far. Administrator Tapson said all were good so far. The Council will have the chance to meet them in a Committee of the Whole meeting.

***Finance Director's Report***

Finance Director Heilman said that the application to the Public Service Commission has been submitted and a decision is expected in the next two weeks. It will go into effect December 1.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Finance & Judicial***

Alderman McClory stated that the Committee unanimously agreed to approve the addition of a part-time employee for City Administration to begin December 1, not to exceed 28 hours a week. Motion (McClory/D'Alessandro) to hire a part-time employee for City Hall, hours not exceeding 28 per week. Motion carries. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance No 14-07 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**

Mayor Olson let attendees know they could speak, but please limit their times to 5-7 minutes. He pointed out that the ordinance has been in discussion for two years, including at Common Council meetings. He said that the number of Sex Offenders placed in the City was an issue. The cities of Franklin and Milwaukee have passed similar ordinances. If the ordinance passes, he wanted everyone to understand it didn't mean that everyone was safe and that education and promoting awareness of the issue continues. He said he respected everyone's views.

Alderman D'Alessandro read a prepared statement. He asked the City Attorney if he could read names aloud he obtained from CCAP. Attorney Ward said as that information is public record he could. He proceeded to list names and addresses of offenders. He said 34 of out 60 he counted committed crimes against children and that there may be more; 50 of the 60 are from out of state. He was concerned that the City will have difficulty attracting people with so many sex offenders in the City.

Alderman Rehberg asked if the ordinance would affect current sex offenders in the City. Mayor Olson said the immediate effect is with transient offenders.

Alderman Myrin would like to listen to what newer ideas have been brought forward to deal with the sex offender issues. He would like to meet with the Department of Corrections and Police Chief Christensen to discuss their suggestions. He said that Alderman McClory made a good speech at the previous meeting. Mayor Olson said that if anyone had anything new to share, he would like to meet with them. Alderman Payson said he would like to listen to the ideas; Alderman Huss agreed. Mayor Olson asked Penny Vogt of the D.O.C. if she was available to meet the next Monday, she said she was.

Mayor Olson opened the floor for public comments. Resident Ed Scaro of 525 W. Court Street said he read about the ordinance in the paper and asked the Council to get the freshest ideas as everyone wants a safer community and to do it right the first time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURN**

The Common Council adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta  
City Clerk