
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2015
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, Finance Director James Heilman, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Utility Director John Murphy, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Rec Director Wendy Meyer, Library Director Lisa Selje, DPW Operations Manager Martin Nuss, Reporter Kellen Olshefski, Dave Wagner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Payson/Huss) to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 Common Council meeting and a Bartender Operators License for James Wolf. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Olson welcomed everyone back from the holiday break.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Tapson said that the Springsted study was returned and he had reviewed it. He is looking for some changes to it and will have it back soon. The City hasn't heard back from the underwriters regarding the insurance yet.

Finance Director's Report

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Judicial

Alderman McClory informed the Council that the contract with NAI/MLG for business park land sales will expire the end of February, 2015. The committee discussed going in a different direction and directed the City Administrator to identify companies for the marketing agent position and the committee will then interview them.

The committee discussed forming a tourism council, but needed further exploration. The City's ordinance says that 70% of room tax goes to the Chamber so if the City went in a different direction, the ordinance would need to be rewritten. Administrator Tapson said that he secured information for the cities of Delavan and Portage, whom have tourism councils and will share it at the next committee meeting.

Alderman McClory said that last year the contract with Westenn for HVAC services was renewed at the last minute and he was disappointed that it was the case again this year. The committee recommended renewing this year but wants to do an RFP. Rates remained the same from last year's contract. The City Clerk has created a system to alert the Administrator when a contract will be expiring in 90 days.

Alderman D'Alessandro wants a full report from Westenn for DPW Manager Nuss to review. **Motion (McClory/D'Alessandro) to send the contract with Westenn for City HVAC services with an RFP for**

August 1 and a deadline of November 30. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.

The committee, on a split vote, decided to recommend refunding the 2005 General Obligation Bond. Dave Wagner from Ehler's spoke and said that by refunding all but one maturity, the City will start saving approximately \$45,000 a year for the 2016 Budget Year. By refunding all the debt, the City will save an additional \$10,000 per year, approximately, but give up about \$650,000 in levy capacity in the future. He said that interest rates improved a bit and that wasn't factored into the numbers. **Motion (McClory/Payson) to go with the partial debt refunding.** Alderman D'Alessandro argued for refunding the full debt and he was concerned that proposed changes in the future levy laws could affect the outcome adversely and felt it was a gamble. Wagner pointed out that new borrowing is irrelevant to this. **Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, no; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.** Wagner said that resolution will be ready for the Council on February 16th for the refunding for closing in March.

Motion (Payson/McClory) to approved Ordinance No. 14-08 An Ordinance to Amend the Elkhorn Municipal Code at Chapter 7 regarding Implementation Weight and Length Limits for IoH and AG CMVs. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Motion (Payson/McClory) to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk

Approved 01/19/15