
**CITY OF ELKHORN COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2015
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, Library Director Lisa Selje, DPW Operations Manager Martin Nuss, City Engineer Ryan Cardinal, Dave Wagner, Chris Clapper, Kellen Olshefski, other interested persons.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Payson/Huss) to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 Common Council meeting and Bartender Operator's Licenses for Theresa Geizler and Kimberely Reiley. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE

Motion (McClory/Payson) to approve the City and Utility Bills in the amount of \$1,649,303.70, (Check numbers 96728-96949). 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

No report.

City Administrator's Report

No report.

Finance Director's Report

The FMP Manual will have the suggested changes made to it and will be done by the end of the week. Information was received regarding switching to the state health insurance and it will go to the HR Committee in March.

LIAISON REPORTS

Historic Preservation – no report

Fire Advisory Board – the next meeting is in April

Library Board – the final movie showing is Friday; Antique Road Show is March 7; the Library hired an additional part-time staff and added 12 hours to desk staff; the security gates have been installed and half of the items in the library have been tagged; a best-selling author will be at the library on March 11
Chamber – the community guide is being revamped and will be out April 15; the chamber will be assisting with a Demolition Derby at the Fairgrounds in May; John Schroeder is being honored and a scholarship made in his name

Recreation Advisory Board – the father/daughter dance was a big success; open family swim began; 71 people attended the Grand Ballroom Dance; mass registration started for baseball; the Snowball Shindig was cancelled due to weather

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services & Utilities

Alderman Payson said the committee unanimously recommended installing emergency vehicle pre-emption (EVP) devices at the signal lights the WI DOT will be installing at HWY 43/67 this summer. This appears under New Business.

The Recreation Department will be selling space for businesses to hang signage on ballpark fields fencing, but not at Sunset Park as area residents did not want them there. **Motion (Payson/Rehberg) for the Recreation Department to start a signage program at Harris Park, Varsity Field and Colt Field. None opposed, motion carried.**

Alderman Payson said the DOT is expanding the right-of-way at the Hwy 12/CTH NN overpass and this is to clean up the title. The City has a right to put utilities in the right-of-way. **Motion (Huss/Rehberg) to approve the Easements of Rights Release to the WI DOT at the Hwy 12/CTH NN Overpass. None opposed, motion carried.**

The committee discussed installing wayfinder signage in the City and will be discussing it more at the next meeting.

Finance & Judicial

Alderman McClory said discussion on formation of a tourism committee/commission continues. The committee discussed and reviewed the City's FMP manual and staff will be bringing the manual back for review with the suggested changes at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Olson said Quarles & Brady has an engagement letter regarding the General Obligation Refunding Bonds for council approval. **Motion (Payson/McClory) to approve the Quarles & Brady Scope of Engagement Letter regarding the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, no; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

Dave Wagner informed the council that the final interest for the GO Refunding bonds will be sent on Wednesday. **Motion (Payson/Rehberg) to approve Resolution No. 15-02, A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015A. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, no; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

Motion (Payson/Huss) to approve the Certified Survey Map for Jean Amos Trust, W5416 Amos Road, Town of Sugar Creek. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.

Motion (Payson/McClory) to approve Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption System Agreements with the WI DOT for installation on new traffic control signals at HWY 43 & STH 67. Alderman McClory raised concerns regarding conflicts on the use of the system with other departments. Police Chief Christensen said that an option can be added to the light that shows the transmitter signal was received, but it brings the cost to approximately \$12,000. **Motion amended (Payson/McClory) to include adding the white signal light for a total cost of approximately \$12,000.00.** Alderman Rehberg asked the Chief if the white light is necessary; the Chief responded it is an added level of security. Alderman Huss said it can also alert drivers to approaching emergency vehicles. **Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

First readings for Ordinance No. 15-01 An Ordinance to Amend the Elkhorn Municipal Code at Chapters 7, 8 and 12; and Ordinance No. 15-02 An Ordinance to Amend the Elkhorn Municipal Code at Chapter 1.

Motion (Payson/McClory) to approve Resolution No. 15-01 a Resolution to Amend Police Department Policy. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.

Motion (Payson/Huss) to approve Resolution No. 15-03 a Resolution Authorizing the Combining of Wards for Voting Purposes. Roll call vote: Payson, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Rehberg/McClory) to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" for continued review of long term wholesale power contract, development agreement with The Pines Subdivision and economic development proposal. Motion carried. Adjourn to closed session at 5:59 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Reconvened in open session at 6:50 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion (McClory/Rehberg) to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk

Approved 03/02/2015