
CITY OF ELKHORN COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 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 Michael Kluck, Hoss Rehberg, Gregory Huss, James 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, DPW Manager Martin Nuss, Recreation Director Wendy Ard, Fire Chief Rod Smith, City Engineer Paul VanHenkelum, Kellen Olshefski, Chris Clapper, Ed Robers, other interested persons.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Ed Robers Concerns Regarding Traffic on N. Lincoln Street

Ed Robers said he was concerned with speeding and overweight traffic on N. Lincoln Street. The City installed three different traffic signs and he felt they haven't done any good. He asked why nothing is done about it. Alderman D'Alessandro asked how many accidents took place on N. Lincoln last year; Police Chief Christensen said that information is available at the P.D. Mayor Olson was sympathetic to Robers concerns and he said that Lincoln Street is an arterial street which can expect high traffic counts. He said as an arterial the speed limit can be raised. Robers felt the signs didn't address the overweight traffic and felt enforcement was lacking. Police Chief Christensen said the P.D. will reevaluate to see when most incidents occur as speed/citations aren't the only way to judge; he also stated the average speed on the street is 32 miles per hour. Mayor Olson said studies pointed to raising the speed limit to 30 miles per hour and he asked the Chief to bring back reports on the street for a Public Safety Committee meeting. Alderman Rehberg would like information before and after installation of the signs.

No additional public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (D'Alessandro/Kluck) to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 Common Council meeting and Bartender Operator's Licenses for Daniel T. Moran and Sarah Leiter. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Olson said there will be a tour of the pool for the council members prior to the next council meeting on May 18th.

Robert Slauson resigned from the Rec Board and he recommended Rachel Person to join the board. Alderman McClory was concerned with nonresidents on City committees. Rec Director Meyer said Person has been very involved with Rec events and she would be a beneficial addition to the board. **Motion (Huss/D'Alessandro) to approve Rachel Person to the Recreation Advisory Board. Voice vote; motion carried.**

City Administrator's Report

No report.

Finance Director's Report

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Municipal Services and Utilities

Water Fluoridation at Centralia Plant

Alderman Huss said fluoridation will be included at the new water treatment plant, but will not be installed at the Centralia plant.

Engineer Project Updates

City Engineer VanHenkelum said construction on the pool parking lots will start tomorrow with a projected finish date of June 5. Work at the pool will take place Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Lakeland Elevated Water Tower – Project Management/Inspection Services

This is a budgeted item. **Motion (McClory/Kluck) to recommend the Kapur Task Order for the Lakeland Elevated Water Tower as presented, for \$24,822. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Kluck, yes; Rehberg, yes; D’Alessandro, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

Electric Utility – Surplus Property

The electric utility has surplus transformers it would like to sell; this is not a budgeted item. This requires a resolution and the resolution will be provided at the next meeting.

Fire Department Purchase – Storm Warning Siren Batteries

This is a budgeted item but has a budget adjustment of \$1,124. **Motion to approve the purchase of storm warning siren batteries for \$2,570. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Kluck, yes; Rehberg, yes; D’Alessandro, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

Fire Department Purchase – Command Vehicle

This budgeted item is in the Vehicle Replacement Fund. The cost to outfit the vehicle will be determined later. **Motion (McClory/Huss) to award the bid to Elkhorn Motors for the new Fire Department Command vehicle for \$27,204.08. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Kluck, yes; Rehberg, yes; D’Alessandro, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

Economic Development Market Assessment – Consulting Services Contract

This is a budgeted item but requires an adjustment of \$10,100 as \$25,000 was allocated from the Community Development Fund. The contractor, Redevelopment Resources, was approved previously. **Motion (McClory/Myrin) to approve the budget adjustment of \$10,100 for a total of \$35,100 from the Community Development Fund for the economic development market assessment contract. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Kluck, yes; Rehberg, yes; D’Alessandro, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

GPS Mapping Services – UWW/Pangea Studios

A proposal to continue to use UWW/Pangea Studios for GPS mapping services was presented. This is the third year doing this; 3 weeks will be used for utility with the remainder for sewer. **Motion (McClory/Myrin) to approve the proposal with UWW/Pangea Studios for \$15,900 for GPS mapping services. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Kluck, yes; Rehberg, yes; D’Alessandro, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

Human Resources

Compensation Plan – Implementation Issues Remaining

Alderman Myrin said the committee discussed issues remaining for the compensation plan, including changing to a 4 tier classification model, to eliminate the fixed rate step system, to change the performance adjustment percentage and follow best practice by maintaining the pay ranges through compensation studies. Administrator Tapson will have the compensation plan and resolution to adopt for the next meeting.

Legislative & Regulatory

Alderman Rehberg said the items are under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

First reading for Ordinance No. 15-07 An Ordinance to Amend Municipal Code at Chapter 3 Regarding the Contingency Account.

First Reading for Ordinance No. 15-08 An Ordinance to Amend Municipal Code at Chapter 8 Titled “Public Works”.

Mayor Olson asked the council to consider waiving the first reading for Ordinance 15-09 regarding Elkhorn Lake powerboat permitting after read. **Motion to waive first reading and approval Ordinance No. 15-09 An Ordinance to Amend Municipal Code at Chapter 19 Titled "Parks and Recreation". Roll call vote: Kluck, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

LGPIF Property Insurance Renewal

Finance Director Heilman said the renewal for property insurance from LGPIF will increase by 131%, with a difference of about \$31,000 which is more in keeping with the private market rate. This state fund has been around a long time and has provided extremely low rates, but due to recent excessively high claims there has been a drastic increase. The fund will cease in 2018 and CVMIC is looking into adding property insurance. The renewal is due July 1 and LGPIF is asking for a Notice of Intent to accept the quote to be returned in 10 days. The acceptance is not a commitment to renewing and there isn't a penalty if the insurance is canceled early. Alderman McClory suggested staying with the current insurance and also getting other prices on property insurance. **Motion (D'Alessandro/Huss) to approve contingent upon administration not finding anything detrimental. Roll call vote: Kluck, yes; Rehberg, no; Huss, yes; D'Alessandro, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

Motion (Rehberg/Kluck) to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk

Approved 5/18/15