
CITY OF ELKHORN SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 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, Bruce Lechner, Gregory Huss, 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, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Library Director Lisa Selje, Utility Director John Murphy, Reporter Kellen Olshefski, other interested persons.

Temporary Class B Wine/Fermented Malt Beverage License for Lauderdale Aqua Skiers LAS Alumni Show & Picnic at Babe Mann Park on Saturday, September 5

LAS also reserved the pavilion, will erect a tent, and the picnic is open to the public; 200 people are anticipated at the event which does not require a police officer to be present. The P.D. will make an appearance at the event. **Motion (Huss/Rehberg) to approve the Temporary Class B license for Lauderdale Aqua Skiers for September 5. Voice vote; motion carried.**

Library Façade: Consideration of Change Order

Administrator Tapson said the information about a change order for the library came through on Friday. Cullen is contracted to repair concrete above doors at the library and wanted to know what should be done with a piece from the old library portion that has the name etched on it. The change order cost to save the piece would be \$14,000. Library Director Selje said Cullen emailed that the piece wasn't in the original estimate, they were nearing completion of the job and needed to know what to do ASAP and if they don't know what to do it with it prior to completing the job, they won't do anything with it. The council wanted additional options of what could be done with the piece. **Motion (Rehberg/McClory) to advise staff to tell Cullen to preserve the sign; the council will wait two weeks for additional information and options before they make a decision. Voice vote; motion carried.**

ADJOURN TO A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Motion (Rehberg/Kluck) to adjourn to a Committee of the Whole meeting. Council adjourned at 5:43 p.m. City Attorney Phillips left.

Capital Improvement Projects: Discussion and Consideration of Future CIPs

Administrator Tapson said funds from the 2014/2015 CIP projects of \$238,000 are unspent. And after E. Geneva St. improvements, approximately \$750,000 remains in the Capital Fund. A portion of this will go towards software upgrades, leaving approximately \$500,000. The council discussed projects for the funds. Improvements at Babe Mann and Tasch parks were discussed. Kapur estimated improvements at both for baseball fields to be close to one million dollars. Mayor Olson said the plans could be scaled back; two fields could be put at Babe Mann and the plan for Tasch scaled back, as it included playground equipment. The DPW garage would eventually come down and more work at Tasch could be done at that time. Alderman McClory felt one field should go at Babe Mann and funds spent on improving the road there and would like to see the plans with ala carte pricing. Council was in agreement to looking at options for Tasch Park. The Mayor wants to keep soccer and basketball equipment and move the playground equipment and add t-ball fields. He suggested keeping \$150,000 in the reserve fund and spending \$600,000.

Finance Director Heilman discussed future CIP projects and financing. He said with the closing of TID 3 in 2017 the City will have an opportunity to increase available operating and capital funding revenue. Three options, with different funding levels were provided. After the construction of the new well, the Centralia Street well will operate one more year and then be dismantled. Alderman McClory wanted a firm

commitment to getting City Hall relocated as the present building is falling apart and has health issues for employees; the Mayor agreed. Administrator Tapson agreed and E. Market should also be considered a priority. Mayor Olson asked about the fire staffing proposal and using reserves for it. Finance Director Heilman didn't recommend it as the operating revenue was not sufficient to sustain the staffing. Administrator Tapson said the council needed to think about a financial management plan; to look at CIPs, staffing for Fire and also DPW as new facilities that are being added needed support. If the budget moves too much the City can lose state funding. The discussion will continue at the Finance & Judicial Committee meetings.

ADJOURN

Motion (Lechner/Huss) to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk

Approved 09/08/15