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**CITY OF ELKHORN COMMON COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 8, 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, Bruce Lechner, Gregory Huss, Scott McClory, Tom Myrin; Alderman Rehberg was absent.

Others present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, Attorney Ward Phillips, Finance Director James Heilman, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Police Chief Joel Christensen, DPW Operations Manager Martin Nuss, Recreation Director Wendy Meyer, City Engineer Paul VanHenkelum, Reporter Kellen Olshefski, other interested persons.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion (Lechner/Rehberg) to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2015 Common Council meeting and bartender operator licenses for Laurie Gianopoulos and Jody A. Nelson. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Olson welcomed everyone back after the holiday and said the committees and council would be going to back to the regular schedule.

**City Administrator's Report**

None.

**Finance Director's Report**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Babe Mann Park Improvements**

The council discussed athletic field additions to Babe Mann and Tasch parks and improvements to Proctor Drive. City Administrator Tapson said funds were available but not to complete all projects, but there were items at Babe Mann that could be removed to reduce the cost. The Mayor wants the costs and agreed to do Proctor Drive. Engineer VanHenkelum said Proctor Drive would be reduced to 30 feet with a multiuse trail on it and that pulverizing would work better than mill and overlay. Alderman McClory agreed to do Tasch and Proctor Drive, with Babe Mann in the future, and asked about the status regarding the DNR designation of Elkhorn Lake as an Urban Pond. DPW Manager Nuss said he would contact the DNR to ascertain the status. Discussion regarding baseball fields at Babe Mann ensued, with E. Market being a potential future location. Aldermen Myrin and Lechner didn't feel baseball fields at Babe Mann were a good location; Mayor Olson felt it was. Engineer VanHenkelum will revise the Task Order and bring back to the Municipal Services meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion (Myrin/Lechner) to approve Resolution No. 15-10 to Amend the City of Elkhorn Wage and Salary Plan Covering All General Employees.** City Administrator Tapson said this was regarding FLSA rules discussed at the HR Committee. **Roll call vote: Kluck, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; Lechner, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

***Approve Walworth County Permit Application for Holiday Display***

Walworth County will only approve the permit if the City moves the crèche display to a private property location. After the City moved the crèche back to the corner, the Freedom for Religion organization also applied to the county to put a display on the same corner. After the City meet with the county and the organization, it was agreed that their application would be removed if the City moved the crèche to a private property. St. Patrick's Church has agreed to display the crèche on their property. City Attorney Phillips said the City would lose litigation if they City choose to put the crèche on the corner. Mayor Olson felt this was the right choice. **Motion (McClory/Kluck) to approve the Walworth County permit application and to send a letter of thanks to St. Patrick's Church. Roll call vote: Kluck, yes; Rehberg, yes; Huss, yes; Lechner, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Motion (Lechner/Kluck) to adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta  
City Clerk

**Approved 9/21/15**