
**CITY OF ELKHORN COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 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, Utility Director John Murphy, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Recreation Director Wendy Meyer, City Engineer Paul VanHenkelum, Reporter Kellen Olshefski

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Rehberg/Lechner) to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 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." Adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Reconvened in Open Session at 5:51 p.m.

ADJOURN TO A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Budget Work Session

City Administrator Tapson said wages for the 2016 budget are down in terms of percentages. The ERP received an unexpected \$40,000 increase; the City can't go above a certain threshold or it could lose approximately \$120,000 each year. The P.D. contract will keep the City below the threshold. The water treatment plant will impact the water utility. Fire/EMS staffing is a must in the next year or two. DPW and Rec are short staffed. Administrator Tapson said he is a strong believer of sustainability of the budget. He would like to create two planning sessions, approximately 90 minutes in length. He asked that everyone give thought to the most important items for the community for the next five years to be discussed at the sessions. He would engage an outside source to facilitate the discussion, such as someone from Ehler's. The sessions will decide the items most important, cost them out and then come up with a financial plan to accomplish them. Even if elections cause changes, it gives new council a plan to work with. Mayor Olson suggested forming a committee and staff to do it without spending money. Committee chairs from MSU, F&J and HR, and also staff could participate. Mayor Olson said page 36 of the budget needs updating to remove the ATV purchased in 2015. The hours for employees on that page are for manning the drop-off station. Administrator Tapson will ask DPW Manager Nuss to review his numbers for solid waste.

ADJOURN

Motion (Kluck/McClory) to adjourn at 6:17 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk

Approved 10/19/15