
**CITY OF ELKHORN COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 9 S. BROAD ST., ELKHORN, WI 53121**

The Common Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Olson 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: Attorney Ward Phillips, Finance Director James Heilman, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Utility Director John Murphy, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Library Director Lisa Selje, Recreation Director Wendy Meyer, City Engineer Paul VanHenkelum, Howie Reynolds, Derek D'Auria, Reporter Kellen Olshefski, other interested persons.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (McClory/Rehberg) to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2016 Common Council and February 22, 2016 Committee of the Whole meetings. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Olson acknowledged and read into record the resignation from Martin Nuss.

Derek D'Auria gave the EEDA's quarterly update. He stressed the importance for elected officials and department managers to attend Project Elkhorn, which takes place the following evening. Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch will be a guest speaker.

Mayor Olson said there may be a MSU meeting during the week and he will send an email to look into dates.

Finance Director

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial and Judicial

Ehlers Financial Advisory Services for 2016 Utility System Improvements

Alderman McClory said Ehlers and Quarles & Brady were recommended as the City has a 20+ year relationship with them- and this is specific for the water treatment project. Also, the City will discuss with Ehlers the possibility of refinancing water utility debt, which will save over \$600,000 in 10 years. **Motion**

(McClory/Kluck) to approve Ehlers for Financial Advisory Services and Quarles & Brady for Bond Counsel Engagement for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Alderman Rehberg asked what will be done with the

\$600,000 saved. Finance Director Heilman said it will help with utility rates. This will be discussed in more detail next week. **Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Lechner, yes; Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Myrin, yes.**

Motion carried.

Purchase of Plants and Soil for Downtown Beautification Project

Alderman McClory said a quote was presented to the City to install flowers for downtown pots the City purchased last year. It was recommended to get quotes from other vendors for similar plants, due Monday at 3:00 p.m. He said the committee discussed that last year it was decided the City would no longer be involved, but it will buy the plants this year and in the future split the costs and eventually not be involved. Alderman Rehberg said it should be budgeted going forward. Alderman McClory said in the future the City will not be involved. **Motion (McClory/Rehberg) for the City to get quotes for installing plants and soil into City provided pots, due Monday at 3:00 p.m. Voice vote; motion carried.**

Tree Damage by Advanced Disposal: Insurance Settlement Costs

Advanced Disposal struck a tree and it had to be removed. It was on a list to be removed in the future.

Motion to approve the settlement with Advanced Disposal to pay half the costs to remove the tree they damaged. Alderman Rehberg said whether it would be removed or not, they hit it. Utility Director said it was already dead and to be removed this year. **Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Lechner, yes; Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 16-05 An Ordinance to Amend the Elkhorn Municipal Code at Chapter 12, Titled “Licenses and Permits” Regarding Beekeeping (First Reading)

Motion (Rehberg/Lechner) to waive the first reading. Voice vote; motion carried. Motion (Rehberg/Lechner) to approve Ordinance No. 16-05. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Lechner, yes; Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.

Conditional Award of Contract to Miron Co. Inc. for the NE Water Treatment Plant Construction

Utility Director Murphy said this is contingent on filings with the Public Service Commission. The Mayor thanked everyone for their work on the project the last two years. **Motion (McClory/Rehberg) to approve the conditional award of contract to Miron Co. for the NE Water Treatment Plant construction. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Lechner, yes; Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

Kapur & Associates E. Market Street Task Order for Engineering Services

Mayor Olson said the City needed to do this for the E. Market Street Project. **Motion (Rehberg/Huss) to approve the E. Market Street Task Order for Engineering Services with Kapur & Associates. Roll call vote: Huss, yes; McClory, yes; Lechner, yes; Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Kluck/Lechner) to adjourn to closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility” regarding the City Administrator’s Review Pay Increase and 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” regarding Consideration of Development Proposal. The Mayor excused Finance Director Heilman and City Clerk Virrueta. Adjourned to closed session at 5:53 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Reconvened in open session at 6:35 p.m.

ADJOURN

The Common Council adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk

Approved 3/21/2016