
**CITY OF ELKHORN SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 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: 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, Recreation Director Wendy Meyer, City Engineer Paul VanHenkelum, Howie Reynolds, Dave Wagner, Reporter Kellen Olshefski, other interested persons.

Discussion with Dave Wagner from Ehlers Regarding Refinancing of Water Utility Bonds

Dave Wagner said the bonds will be sold with a combined revenue pledge which allows for a better rate. The refinancing of the water utility bonds provides a future next savings of approximately \$600,000 with some of the savings being on the front end; the refinancing is for the original term but with a lower interest rate. Dave also mentioned that the interest on the SAFE Drinking Water Loan decreased recently. A resolution will be sent for council meeting on March 21st which specifies the minimum savings and gives two people the ability to sign off on it, the City Administrator and Finance Director were used last time.

Motion (McClory/Huss) to approve the parameters of the resolution for the refinancing of water utility bonds and present it at the next council meeting for consideration of approval. Voice vote; motion carried.

Consider Quotes for Downtown Beautification Project

The City received one quote from BK Property Management LLC for installing plants and soil into the downtown pots for \$7,425.00. **Motion (Kluck/Myrin) to accept the quote for \$3,225.00 from Little Miss Sweet Peas for the downtown beautification project.** Alderman Rehberg said he looked at previous minutes regarding this project and they said this was spearheaded by the Chamber and EEDA and they needed to step up and take on the project and for the City to pass it on. Mayor Olson and Alderman McClory agreed. **Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Lechner, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carried.**

Purchase of New Chairs for Council Chambers

Different types of chairs to consider were presented in the packet. **Motion (Rehberg/Lechner) to approve the purchase of the Hercules chair at \$219.99 for the Council Chambers.** Discussion on how to proceed if the price of the chair changed and the two year warranty. **Motion amended (Rehberg/Lechner) to approve the purchase of the Hercules chair at \$219.99 with a budget adjustment with funds coming from the general contingency account. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Lechner, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carried.**

2016 Fees for Sunset Pool

Alderman McClory asked if when the pool opened were fees decided for the future; no they were not. Rec Director Meyer said residents remember what they paid last year, which was lower due to the late opening, and wanted to increase gradually. Alderman Rehberg asked if operating costs were looked at when determining rates. Rec Director Meyer said it was hard to determine costs and revenue in 2016. City Administrator said last year the pool broke even, but operating costs were higher than expected and it could take 3 or 4 years to get an idea of the revenue and cost. Alderman McClory noted that for \$10 more people will get 30 more days of pool use. **Motion (Kluck/Huss) to approve the fees for 2016 for Sunset**

Pool. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Lechner, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carried.

Sunset Pool Payment Request

City Engineer VanHenkelum pointed out that this was for the Sunset Pool Parking lot work. This is the last payment for adjusted quantities, mostly for over excavation for soft spots. There is still a retainer and when the weather improves the contractor will be able to finish. **Motion (Kluck/Rehberg) to approve the payment of \$12,730.51 to Payne & Dolan for the Sunset Pool Parking Lot project. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Lechner, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carried.**

Resolution for Fire/EMS

Mayor Olson said this was from an intergovernmental meeting with other communities and Walworth county for the county to pursue a study for county wide Fire and EMS services and include it in their budget for 2017. Statutes don't currently allow a county Fire/EMS district at this time; this resolution is to encourage it. **Motion (Rehberg/Myrin) to approve the Resolution for a study for County wide Fire/EMS. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Lechner, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carried.**

Adjourn

Motion (Rehberg/Lechner) to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk

Approved 3/21/16