
**CITY OF ELKHORN COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 9 S. BROAD ST., ELKHORN, WI 53121**

The Common Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Reynolds at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Howie Reynolds, Aldermen Michael Kluck, Hoss Rehberg, Bruce Lechner, Cathy Bensaid, Scott McClory, Tom Myrin.

Others present: Attorney Kelly Nickel, Finance Director James Heilman, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Fire Chief Rod Smith, Library Director Lisa Selje, Utility Director John Murphy, DPW Manager Neal Kolb, Reporter Kellen Olshefski, other interested persons.

CANCELLED: Public Hearing Regarding Zoning Changes to Chapter 17.8 Titled Signs

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Rehberg/Kluck) to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 Common Council meeting. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS

Mayor's Report

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial and Judicial

Recommendation to Approve Ash Tree Removal Services with Gifford Tree Service

Motion (Myrin/Rehberg) to approve Gifford Tree Service for City wide Ash Tree and Stump removal in an amount not to exceed \$9,280.00. Roll call vote: Bensaid, yes; McClory, yes; Lechner, yes; Rehberg, yes; Kluck, yes; Myrin, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion Regarding Relationship Between City and Library

The committee discussed the sharing of costs and maintenance of the library and decided an agreement needed to be made to delineate them. The Mayor, Council President, Library Director, Library Board President and Finance Director will work on the agreement. Alderman McClory asked if the costs would be split 70/30; Alderman Rehberg said it would be reviewed taking into consideration usage and square footage also. Alderman McClory said any changes could affect the library's budget for next year and that needed to be taken into consideration. Mayor Reynolds said the Rec Director needs to be contacted regarding the library taking over rental of the Community Center; Alderman Rehberg felt it made sense to have the library do it since they are in the same building.

2017 Budget Discussion

The committee decided to fund the EEDA with \$10,000 and a maximum of \$20,000 with anything over \$10,000 coming to the City for approval. The Walworth County Historical Society sent a letter requesting funds however it didn't say what it was for or how much they were requesting, so the committee didn't consider it. The budget will be provided to the Council the second Council meeting in October.

Legislative & Regulatory

Recommendation to Approve Provisional "Class B" Alcohol/Class "B" Beer Application for Time Bomb LLC, dba Hi-Fidelity, 11 E. Walworth St., Justin Ehrhardt Agent

Alderman Rehberg said this tavern will be next to the Elkhorn Saloon and it is a provisional approval; the applicant has 180 days to finish and open the business. Ehrhardt was waiting to begin until he received the license. **Motion (Lechner/Bensaid) to approve the provisional Class B Combination License for Hi-Fidelity, 11 E. Walworth St. with the following conditions: no sales of alcohol allowed until a regular license is obtained; the business obtaining an Occupancy Permit; successful inspections by the Police and Fire Departments; and the license will be valid for no longer than 180 days with the applicant returning for approval of the regular license. Voice vote; all approved; motion carried.**

Alderman Myrin asked if this adds another bar downtown; yes it does. He asked what type of establishment it would be; Alderman Rehberg said it is an upscale, artsy type lounge for those to go to after work.

PLAN COMMISSION

Recommendation to Approve Conditional Use Permit No. 16-06 for Centralia St. Property Group – 801 E. Centralia St.

Mayor Reynolds said the business wants to put up roofs with poles to store campers and put storage in the back, the Plan Commission recommended approval. **Motion (Myrin/Bensaid) to approve CUP No. 16-06 for Centralia St. Property Group. Voice vote; all approved; motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Reimbursement Resolution for Koopman Lane Facility

Mayor Reynolds said this resolution is so that the City can reimburse itself if it pays for something prior to the project being funded. Finance Director Heilman said the City should hear about the status of the SAFE Drinking Water Loan this spring but it is questionable due to the State now favoring lead pipes. **Motion (McClory/Myrin) to approve the Koopman Lane Reimbursement Resolution. Voice vote; all approved; motion carried.**

ADJOURN

Motion (Bensaid/Rehberg) to adjourn at 5:46 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk

Approved 10/17/16