

Common Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2015

Approved

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stanek

Roll Call.

Klipstein – here
Lindemann - here
Garvin – here
Huber – here
Pfof – not here, excused
Stanek – here

Also in attendance: Steward, Jefferson, Sarah Huggins and

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – Common Council April 21, 2015

Huber/Garvin motion to approve minutes. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment (5 minute limit, no action to be taken, items not on agenda)

Sarah Huggins – asking about budgeting as if nothing is going wrong that is affecting the library and maybe the other departments. Relying on best case scenario will only work for so long. Wants City Council to take care of its property like it is asking the general public.

Communications:

Mayor's Comments, Communications and Recommendations

Thanks everyone for being down at the park on May 2. A little more work is left to do which is painting.

Council's Communications:

Garvin has heard nothing but good comments from the public. It worked out well.

Administrator's Communications:

WEDC grant has been awarded to us and Bardo

S&S Concrete will start next week with sidewalk at Franklin and Lake then flume at covered bridge, then park bathrooms and pool sidewalk and a curb by Mark Pfof's house. In June I will give them the sidewalk list. Steward has talked to Ian Holloway and the Open Book will be November 3 from 9a to 5p and Board of Review for November 11 from 6p to 8p.

Consent Agenda:

Discussion and possible action on commercial and residential razes:

Steward updated on schedules for demolition. Lueck will start June 1 and have main structure done in 2 weeks, then will take another month to get the foundation out.

Steward and Jefferson will meet with Blank next Tuesday and go over her properties.

Discussion and possible action on DNR Recreational Grant items:

Garvin brought up this topic. In the packet is a list of possible projects related to the park, bicycling and canoeing. Need to pass a resolution to submit a grant to work with the County and submit to the DNR. They will fund passive recreation things.

Garvin/Huber motion to authorize the City Administrator to work with the County to incorporate the 10 items on our list into their Outdoor Recreation Plan. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on 7 Rivers Alliance Golden Shovel Ready Sites participation
Garvin updated. This was discussed at CDA last night. The area covers 20 counties in three states. They could potential help with economic and industrial development. We can list sites on their website for a price. Not ready to advertise at this time.

Discussion and possible action on Revolving Loan Fund status:

Garvin discussed the availability of funds in the housing and economic revolving loan funds.

Discussion and possible action on ordinance change to Title 5 Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances regarding sewer rates:

Steward explained the funds and recommends a 10% increase. Council asked that the Utility Commission make a recommendation to the Council. Utility will take it up next week and Council will take it up in June.

Discussion and possible action on ATV usage of City Streets – ordinance:

Huber said the Streets Committee took it up last night. Jefferson has been working on gathering information. Huber stated that some communities allow their residents to drive direct to the trail on any road, but it has to be direct. Another suggestion was to open all roads to the east of Hwy 80/82 to travel. Council wants everyone that is a resident to ride shortest and most direct route to the trail from their residence.

Set up so residents so they can get to the trail, then we can work on all the streets.
Jefferson will see what he can put together.

Discussion and possible action on June 6 Elroy-Sparta Trail 50th Anniversary Celebration:

Steward, Stanek and Jefferson reported on the schedule and need for bikers.

Discussion and possible action on establishing a Steering Committee for City Hall renovations:

Garvin brought this up and it is a recommendation of the report to establish a Steering Committee. Garvin and Steward want to get together with Grant and Loan people to discuss City options. Need to get the grant answer first before we push forward. Garvin asked how we should structure the committee. Huber suggested including people who work here. We will return with information in June.

Discussion and possible action on street projects for 2015:

Steward reported that MSA should have bids to us by the June 9th meeting or June 16 Utility Commission meeting.

Expenditures:

Garvin/Huber motion to approve expenditures as noted. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin asked about the radio charges. Steward explained that it is a grant through County Emergency Government and the state and feds.

Reports:

Updates from:

Utility Commission: Increase in sewer rates were discussed.

Fire and Ambulance: Has a meeting tomorrow. No update.

CDA: Talked about Bardo and razes and talked about downtown façade grants and there are four takers – CarQuest, Stott, Theater and Taskonis.

Library: Received a donation and will be doing landscaping. May bring someone in to clean the carpets and will have to close the library early. There will be a temporary replacement (Abby Pilot) to replace Sarah while she is on maternity leave. Steward brought up the Library roof and cost to repair on first bid is \$3870.

Police Commission: There will be a meeting on May 26 at 5pm.

Updates from

Streets – Huber discussed ATV ordinance. Mark, Joe and Todd will be interviewing people for the Street worker position. By next meeting we will have a new person. Steward showed pictures of the sink hole.

Finance & Personnel – no meeting. Garvin met with Steward at the beginning of the month.

Ordinance – no meeting

Parks – met earlier and talked about the park clean up and river clean up possibly in June. Few more projects to clean up then annual maintenance.

Long Range Planning – no meeting

Tourism Committees – no meeting

Administrator's report: Bardo schedule and WEDC grant; Update on violations; Update on Streets and Commons positions and hours of operation.

Steward gave update. – in the process of obtaining quotes for the Bardo project and hope to get that started late May early June. Jefferson and I are working with a few property owners on the clean up or raze of their buildings. Advertised for Streets and Commons positions, and conducting interviews on Friday. Commons will be open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 to 4, Friday and Saturday 9 to 5 and Sunday 10 to 4; so closed on Tuesday. There will be less staff and working on efficiencies.

Police and citation report – call log on table

Next meeting date – June 9, 2015

Huber/Garvin motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator