

## Common Council Special Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2015

*Approved*

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stanek

Roll Call.

Klipstein – here  
Lindemann - here  
Garvin – here  
Huber – here  
Pfof – here  
Stanek – here

Also in attendance: Steward, Jefferson, Anderson, Solovy, Nofsinger,

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – Common Council July 14, 2015

Garvin/Pfof motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Carried.

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

Michael Solovy in attendance. He is the district attorney and wanted to come by and give an update on what they are doing and how they are doing. Looking at opening 650 criminal cases this year, over 1,000 pre-trial conferences per year.

Barb Nofsinger – inquiring on the home below her being demolished. No work was done today. Truck has been parked there for 12 years. What is the City doing about the truck, will it go?

Yes, the truck is part of the clean-up.

Communications:

Mayor's Comments, Communications and Recommendations

None

Council's Communications

None. Pfof complained about some businesses not returning phone calls and this doesn't help the City.

Administrator's Communications:

Asked who can attend the Small Town Downtown Forums? So far Steward, Joe Huber and Todd Lindemann.

Consent Agenda:

Discussion and possible action on temporary class B retailers license for Elroy Fair

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

Discussion and possible action on temporary class B retailers license for Elroy Fire Department

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

Discussion and possible action on operator's licenses for Jess Bashirian, Marie Preuss and Barb Schotten

Gavin/Lindemann motion to approve all the operator's licenses. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on fire/burn permit for Tony Baggs at 104 S. Main Street

Steward suggested that we deny the permit because it doesn't meet the ordinance and make a deal to pick up

Pfost/Garvin motion to deny permit and allow Baggs to load construction debris into our truck, we haul away and we get access to 110 S. Main through his lot and we will redo sit if needed. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on Park Exclusive Use Permit for the Elroy Lions Club for Saturday, September 12, 2015

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

Discussion and possible action on Property Insurance

Steward reported that the Local Government Property Insurance Fund has passed the state budget and has been retained. Steward received a quote of approximately \$39,000 and that is up from \$21,000 for this year. Steward will be looking at options with the newly created Municipal Property Insurance Company and with EMC which is through Westland Insurance of Tomah.

Discussion and possible action on Environmental Improvement Fund project acceptance certification

This is Badger's work from last year

Garvin/Pfost motion to approve Badger Environmental's work and the project acceptance certificate. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on seeking a one-year waiver from new mandate from Wisconsin Act 55, requiring additional information to be on the property tax bill

Being on the waiver gives us one more year to prepare

Lindemann/Garvin motion to approve seeking a one year waiver. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on building inspection for 103 S. Brooklyn

Garvin reported on the status of this property in District 4 that is in bad shape. Building inspection is in order to see what comes up and if further action is required.

Garvin/Huber motion to have a building inspection completed for 103 S. Brooklyn. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on raze order for 306 Second Main Street

Garvin reported that this property is on the list of problem house. Has been vacant for a while and City inspected it in the winter. Fix up far exceeds the value so it is a target for raze.

Garvin/ motion to authorize City Attorney to draft a raze order and bring it back at the September meeting. Motion dies for a lack of a second. City Attorney will draft the raze and Council will wait until winter to issue raze and then raze it in the spring. Jefferson will send a letter to 306 Second Main to put them on notice that a raze order is pending.

Discussion and possible action on weight limits for residential streets

Steward brought up the topic because of complaints in the City up by the school. Council suggested the person ask for a variance. Steward will contact.

Discussion and possible action on key budget issues for 2016

Steward reported on budget topics

Expenditures

Klipstein/Garvin motion to approve expenditures. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Reports:

Updates from: Utility Commission – One application for electric superintendent. Position will remain open until filled. Changed description to attract more people. Approved pre-treatment plant study

Fire and Ambulance – entered into a partnership with Camp Douglas and it ups the revenue considerable with the advanced life support service. Looking at agreement where Camp covers Elroy during the day for better coverage. Meeting tomorrow night to discuss this further.

CDA – No meeting last night

Library – gentleman requested the library stay open an extra hour on Saturday nights and this request was turned down. Mary plans on retiring the end of January. Would the Council be ok with paying Mary to train the new librarian in January? Water leaking behind gutter was handled by a contractor Mary hired – D&G Countryside. Talked to Library Board about the Little Libraries and they were okay with it.

Police Commission – will meet in August

Updates from Streets – department is working really well. Gave department authorization to get a new truck. Talked about finishing up the Hawkhunter building, and started the Strelow alley. The list is done and they are moving on to the next things.

Finance & Personnel – Steward and Garvin met. Steward reported during budget earlier

Ordinance – plugging away looking at the ordinances

Parks – river clean-up is cleared from Thompson Park to Schultz Park and will be cleared to W in a week or so. Commons hours may be extended into September. Cooler from Rotary building has been moved to the fire stand. Maybe take down the Rotary Building this fall.

Long Range Planning – None.

Tourism – Met last Friday. Commons budget is doing well. Looking into better signage. Look at them after Cedar Street is done. Possibly looking at winterizing the Commons to be open for snowmobilers.

Administrator's report:

Steward reported on the Cedar Street project getting started and an aggressive timeframe to be done in the next 2 weeks. Paving of Bardo's site will happen along with paving the street. No police report. Demolitions are moving forward. Steward found someone to demo the Murry house on Main Street. No update on DNR recreation grant. Little Library being installed in two locations – Commons and Central (Dorothea Campbell) Park; Taylor's next to the airport would like to buy land from the City and fueling system should be installed soon.

Next meeting date – September 8, 2015

Garvin/Pfost motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward  
City Administrator