

Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2013
Approved

Common Council Meeting:

Call to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Stanek

Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes:

Garvin/Krueger to approve minutes of Aug 13 and Aug 21. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

Bob Retzlaff, agenda was on the internet, but July minutes were not on the internet. Is there any update to the rental inspection ordinance.

Communications:

Mayor has none – Letter to Editor in the local township and we need to be non-biased and treat everyone equally.

Council – Garvin attending LWM on Oct 17 and 18.

Administrator – Upcoming Local Government Programs .

PUBLIC HEARING:

Second Public Participation meeting to inform the public on the progress of the water system improvement project as part of the CDBG-PF program goals for the Well project.

Chuck Sulik from MSA in attendance to present on the CDBG-PF for the Well project. The project is 97% complete.

Any comments on the program? Garvin asked if this grant needs to be closed out before a new one can be applied for? Sulik said we have a 2 year window, so we are okay.

Consideration of the City of Elroy's application for a Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities Program funds for sewer, water and street projects throughout Elroy.

Chuck Sulik from MSA in attendance to present on the new program run thru the Dept of Administration, Division of Housing formerly through Dept of Commerce then Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. Now a once a year competition with applications due Friday, September 13, 2013. Awards will be announced by the end of October.

Proposed projects include: (Water) Division and W. Elroy; Franklin St.; Merrill; Western Ave (south end); Alley behind City Hall; loop off of the new well.

(Sewer) Northern Western Ave to Wisconsin; Franklin St.; Under Brunner Wire Products in high ground water.

(Streets) Correspond with the Water and Sewer projects.

Total grant to apply for is \$1 million with the grant award of \$500,000, but projects listed included will equal \$1.5 million. City should consider applying at the \$1 million dollar level. Documentation is very good from the City to make application to justify the projects.

Contract is with DOA, 2 years to complete and begin in the Spring of 2014. Grant award end of October.

Garvin/Mendum motion to authorize the Resolution #948 for the submission of the Community Development Block Grant Application. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Mendum motion to authorize the Resolution #949 for the adoption of a Citizen Participation Plan. All ayes. Carried.

Joint Meeting for the discussion of the 2013/2014 Library Budget.

Waarvik and Steward presented the budget in brief. Garvin asked about the County Library Reimbursement and why it is going down? The calculation is based on the last 2 years. Garvin asked about the capital project. Project costs come out of LGIP 7 first. City Council is looking at a 4% reduction. Steward suggested going with the system the City of Hillsboro is using where the City gives quarterly payments to the Library and the Library handles their own expenditures. The Library is working on maintaining their expenditures.

Council not making a decision at this time.

Consent Agenda:

Discussion and possible action on operator's license for Jamie Ladwig.

Garvin/Klipstein motion to approve Jamie Ladwig for operator's license for Apple Dumpling Days. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on resolution for raze order for 119 Main Street. Assessed value is \$38,000 and cost to rebuild is \$107,000. It is prime for razing due to its condition as outlined by the inspection report from General Engineering. Garvin would like to see a contractors estimate before acting. Also, see if the Fire Department or the Streets Department could raze it.

Mendum/Garvin motion to start the order to raze and authorize the resolution #950 for the raze of 119 Main Street. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on resolution for raze order for unit 7 of mobile home park. Jefferson presented on unit 7 of mobile home park. Bob Retzlaff in attendance and owner of the park. He is evicting the owner of this unit, who lives in unit #10. He is asking for an extension to go through the courts with the unit owner.

The City will delay this decision until Retzlaff speaks with Steward after court.

No discussion on wheel loader bid as the bidders have not responded yet and Steward and Ladwig are working with them.

Discussion and possible action on selling 35 acres next to the cemetery.

There is a desire to sell the land by the cemetery for profit and to use the money for the CDA. Recreational property will go for more money and Steward would like to sell the property with the option for bow hunting. City wants to sell the property and develop a bid for publication in the newspaper. Steward suggested making it a requirement to build a house within a certain number of years. Pfof doesn't think it should be contingent on the Sheriff's opinion that he may or may not issue a hunting permit. Krueger does not feel allowing hunting is a good idea.

Garvin/Klipstein motion to advertise to sell the 35 acres by the cemetery and responsible bidder must build within 2 years of purchase and allowing for bowhunting on that property unless the ordinance specifically prohibits it and with a minimum bid of \$40,000. Roll call vote. 3-2 vote in favor with Krueger and Mendum opposed. Carried.

Discussion on Expenditures.

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

Discussion on extending premises for American Legion for October 12, 2013.

Klipstein/Mendum motion to approve the American Legion to extend the premises for an outdoor beer garden and bean bag tournament for October 12, 2013. They will be putting up a fence around the area. 4 – 1 (Krueger). Carried.

Reports:

CDA – main street plan still going forward. October 9 meeting at school.

Ordinance – discussed status of property inspections and building permits.

Parks – Discussed fees, drainage and grading, and pool maintenance and closing. Close park after Haunted house, water will be shut off before the 15th of October.

Streets – no wheel loader bids yet. City Hall façade was acid washed and it didn't do anything. Alleys will be graveled in September/October. Pot hole repairs in October.

Garbage/Recycling bids will be due in October.

Closed session:

Garvin/Pfof motion to go into closed session pursuant to State Statutes 19.85 for discussion on developers agreement, creating a new TID, and staffing, wages, and insurance.

Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Krueger motion to reconvene into open session.

No action will be taken at this time from the closed session discussion.

Pfof/Garvin motion to adjourn at 10:15 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator