

Council Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2012

Approved

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stanek

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call. All here, Aldermanic District 5 still vacant at the opening of the meeting.

Mark Stanek wishes to appoint Mark Pfost to fill the vacant position

Garvin/Helgerson motion to approve Mark Pfost as the appointed council member for aldermanic district 5, ward 7. Roll call vote. 3 – 1 (Krueger). Carried.

Garvin/Helgerson motion to elect Larry Krueger as the Council President. Motion carried at a 3 – 1 (Mendum). Carried.

Garvin/Krueger to approve the minutes. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

Ed Mendum – would like to see the Fair Board disbanded. Wants to know why the City lowered the liquor license to \$400 and should have not lowered it, and also if they have 3 or more visits by an officer that they receive a penalty on their annual fee.

Stanek – the fees are in line with other communities.

Bob Retzlaff would like the minutes from the last meeting on the web page as draft.

Communications:

Discussion on an appointment to the Regional Court. Mendum volunteered for the position.

Krueger/Garvin to approve Mendum to the Regional Court. All ayes. Carried.

The appointments to the Police Commission and the Utility Commission are not ready yet, so the Mayor hopes to have these appointed at the January meeting.

Garvin brought up the newsletter. Garvin asked if there was interest in the signage and with the burn site for organization to lease the land for youth and/or handicap hunting. Only interest came from private land owners. We will leave the public meeting to discuss the administrative staffing and residency on January 8 from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Library. Garvin asked if the Council would consider a Housing Committee as a part of another already established committee, possibly the Ordinance Committee. Consensus of the Council was to put that under the heading of Ordinance Committee.

Mendum brought up the case of the City Administrator. She referenced Bangor. They just appointed a Village Administrator and their population is under 600.

Public Hearing:

Rezoning of property on 2nd Main Street from Residential (R-2) to Industrial for Nalani Bever.

Ms. Bever presented on the request to rezone. She owns vacant land north of NTM, but south of Erickson, and 2nd Main borders the east side of the property. She has an opportunity to sell it. A portion of the property is in the floodplain and the prospective buyer is aware of it and has been in talks with FEMA about the potential uses.

One comment in opposition was a letter from the Trepes'. Other comments included not wanting their own property rezoned.

Mendum feels the Council should discuss this further and have the property surveyed. Garvin doesn't think the survey is necessary and Mr. Ormson knows what he is getting into.

Ms. Bever is willing to sell the property to the City and let the City deal with it. Her best option is to sell it to NTM and it makes sense to continue the business and district in that area.

Garvin feels this is a continuation of an existing business.

Garvin/Helgerson motion to approve the rezoning from R-2 to I-1. Roll call vote. Garvin – yes, Mendum – no, Helgerson – yes, Krueger – no, Pfost – no. vote 2 -3, motion fails. Rezoning denied.

Discussion on the fee schedule – Resolution #935. The center of the discussion is the fee increase for the mobile home park. Garvin's reason for the increase is the amount of money the City spends on enforcing the ordinance on the mobile home park. Garvin would rather see Retzlaff spend the additional money on the clean-up of the property.

Retzlaff spoke about the clean-up of the mobile home park. He has been working with 3 different Administrators. Retzlaff pays \$100/month property tax and pays parking fees. Retzlaff is frustrated with the process and the Council not believing the Building Inspector. He has been making improvements to several of the units.

Stanek halted discussion to focus discussion on the fee.

Garvin doesn't see any hope in the park improving. He proposed the fee increase to recoup the costs the City has incurred over the years.

Krueger said he put this on the agenda after discussing with Retzlaff, but would like to see newer models replacing the older ones.

Jefferson stated that any mobile home brought on the property needs to be inspected first before it is permitted to be on the property.

Garvin/Krueger motion to reinstate the fee to \$100 for the Mobile Home Park annual permit fee and to approve Resolution #935. Roll call. Passes 4 - 1 (Mendum).

Garvin/Helgerson motion to approve the 2013 fee adjustment for General Engineering. Garvin explained them. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Helgerson motion to approve writing off delinquent property taxes. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on the Municipal Flood Control Grant and use on the Steffen House property at 1007 Academy. Steward gave an update on the project and the purchase of the Olson House. Garvin spoke with Kwik Trip and would like to have a meeting with them in January to discuss the property. No action will be taken tonight.

Jefferson gave an update on purchase of the other two houses.

Discussion on resolution or letter to ATC regarding the Badger-Coulee transmission line project by ATC.

Mayor Stanek updated the Council on a meeting held by Senator Dale Schultz. Garvin would like to direct Steward to write a letter to the PSC stating that the Elroy City Council does not support this as we do not have the necessary information to make a decision.

Discussion on kennel ordinance.

Garvin/Krueger motion to approve ordinance number 396 reducing the number of kennel licenses from 7 to 5. Roll call vote. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on public nuisance ordinance.

Garvin/Helgerson motion to approve revised public nuisance ordinance number 397. Garvin and Jefferson explained the changes. Krueger is unsure because he is a hobbyist and likes to work on cars outside. Roll call vote. 4 - 1 (Krueger)

**On the next agenda will be the storage of automobiles and their restrictions.

Garvin/Krueger to support the resolution on tax exempt financing. Garvin and Jefferson explained it. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on the CDA rules of procedure.

Garvin explained, but no copies handed out at this time. Copies will be in the mailboxes soon and will be up for discussion at the January meeting.

Discussion on 2013 Council Goals.

Garvin presented the 2 pages of goals and tasks. He encouraged the members to get comments to Steward with their ideas. It will be on the January 8 council agenda.

Expenditures.

Action was taken at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting last week. Garvin is asking the Council to ratify the actions of the Committee.

Mendum/Krueger to approve the expenditures. All ayes. Carried.

Reports:

Steward updated the Council on the Utility Commission reports.

Mayor Stanek attended a press conference at the State Capitol to honor/recognition of the utility workers who went out east to help with hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Mayor heard good words about Craig and his work out east.

Update from Finance and Personnel

Garvin reported that the focus is a five year financial plan.

Update from the Streets Committee

Did not meet last week due to illness. Jefferson ordered title insurance on the Strelow property to give deed to the City to put in an alley for access to the old Pine Crest.

Steward reported on the police citations.

Garvin/Krueger motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, investment of public funds or conducting other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. To discuss the satisfaction of a mortgage on a house with a CDBG Housing loan. Roll call vote. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Krueger motion to reconvene into open session. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on the CDBG housing mortgage satisfaction.

Garvin/Krueger motion to release the mortgages of Cornelier and Pollack as part of the CDBG Housing revolving loan fund. All ayes. Carried.

Next meeting will be January 8, 2013.

Mendum wants to know why the Council doesn't stand up for the ordinances and fees, specifically with the Mobile Home Park.

Garvin/Krueger motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator