

Common Council Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2012

Approved

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call. Krueger, Garvin, Mendum, Myhre, Knuth. Helgersen absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from Committee of the Whole meeting January 31, 2012.

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

Discussion on Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy – Tony Green:

Green present on the Citizen's Academy with Juneau County. You get to learn about what Sheriff's deputies do. Green wanted to bring it to the attention of the Council. First program is March 20 through end of May. The group meets on Tuesdays and some weekend days.

Update on Bids:

City Cemetery:

City Park:

Tractor: Steward to speak with other communities to see what they use and what their lease is. What about buying our own? What about using one from highway department? What about renting as needed? Steward will look into these questions.

Discussion and possible action on the appointment of Mark Steward to the Regional Center Municipal Court, and Sandy Myhre as the alternate.

Garvin/Mendum to approve. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on the appointment of an Emergency Management Director to begin service on April 1, 2012.

Knuth is stepping down as Mayor, and wants to advertise this position in the paper. They need to get all six trainings. It is a volunteer position.

Discussion and possible action on Sportsman's Poker Run event August 3 – 5, 2012.

Discussion on track and use for mud bog: Discussion on Swimming pool to be closed or open that day for use by the public:

Garvin explained the event. Garvin met on site with the event organizers, City and Fair Board on Monday February 20, 2012 at the fairgrounds. Garvin provided a map and write-up, and then discussed. The time for the event will be 4pm to 8pm. Have swimmers use the south gate and they will not get wrist bands as only paying observers of the mud bog will get wrist bands. The Fair Board is okay with this event not being run on the tractor pull track.

Steward is concerned with use of City staff without a fee being charged to move bleachers, and that no written proposal has been provided by the requesting party. An agreement needs to be made spelling out the details. The Poker Run organizers need to provide something in writing to Bill Jefferson and Jefferson will create the agreement.

Swimming pool hours are of concern. Garvin suggests adjusting the pool hours for that day. Open in the morning but close by 3:30pm on Saturday August 4, 2012. The Council agreed to that by consensus.

Does the city need to put a meter on the fire hydrant for usage? A fire truck will need to be on site for water. Steward needs to let the Ladwig know about the water use and possible tanker truck.

Krueger asked about security. They will have their own security.

Decision of the Council will come after the agreement is drafted by Jefferson and will be on an upcoming Council meeting.

Discussion and possible action on when the City Park will open for walkers and when the power and water will be turned on.

Knuth would like the Park open soon, but no lights on. The power and water will be turned on either on or before April 28, 2012. Council would like the gates open for walkers on April 15. Steward needs to check with the High School to see if they need the park open for baseball. We will need to accommodate the School's schedule, otherwise if they don't use it, and then open on April 15 with power.

Discussion on photo identification for senior citizens

Krueger talked to Bob Brown and Brown Bus Service will donate a bus and Krueger will donate his driving to senior citizens to take them to Mauston to get their photo identifications. Steward to run a public announcement in the paper, with contact of City Hall to get a listing. Pick up will be at Grace Lutheran Church, Georgetown Apartments, and North Limits. The first Thursday of the month of March, which will be March 8.

Public comment about parking in front of museum. Need 2 hour parking signs put up on Main Street. Steward and Ladwig will work with the DOT about parking signs.

Convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.85 (1)(f), considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Communication and discussion on Mayor and Council properly running meetings, obtaining information for decision making for Mayor and Council, disciplinary action to employees who disregard instruction by Mayor and Council, who are subordinate in response, who constantly challenge obtaining information for decision making, failure to carry out direct orders by Council and Mayor, failure to carry out the Council's decisions, failure to handle employee issues and concerns and any other personnel issues and concerns by the Council and Mayor.

Myhre/Garvin. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

Reconvene into open session immediately following closed session.

Krueger/Myhre to go back into open session. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on closed session matters, if so needed. None.

Krueger/Garvin to adjourn. All ayes. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Steward
City Administrator