

Common Council Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2016

Approved

Call to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Stanek

Roll call. All here.

Plus, Steward, Jefferson, Cosmus, Blank

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comment:

Rosemary Blank – should be getting back on the project in the next few weeks. Siding work is next, then cleaning of bathroom. Yard needs to be cleaned up. Two more weeks to fix up. Have building inspector call Davin Clay, builder, for inspection.

Communications:

Mayor – None

Council – Pfost – last council meeting. This Council compared to 5 years ago is orders of magnitude better than it was. It has been a pleasure and learning experience.

Lindemann – took some heat over snowplowing, Kimball Street, garage door left open.

Administrator – Steward – Presented Local Government 101 seminar in Madison or Eau Claire. Steward will provide brochure to Lindemann, Klipstein and Huber.

Discussion on Solar Conference in LaCrosse.

Garvin reported that it was good information.

Discussion on solar project and public informational meeting.

Garvin thanked AEP for presenting to the public. Pfost is concerned with noise of motors and interference from the electricity. Need to research this information in more detail. Garvin would like to talk to more people with systems and visit some sites before taking action. Nobody was opposed to the project at the meeting. If it makes economic sense we should proceed, but not ready right now.

Lindemann asked if there should be a joint meeting next week with the Utility Commission as both entities need to make a decision as it is the City's property and Utilities lines and rates. Need to go visit Vernon Electric. What are the noise levels and interferences? - Pfost

Jerry deBoer could not hear the noise beyond 10 feet. Have not had complaints about the interference.

Steward brought up the letter of intent and starting the feasibility study now to get questions answered.

Garvin suggests that the Utility Commission members go visit the local arrays before making a decision. Jerry will set up a meeting with a guy from Green Bay to help set up site visits.

Discussion and possible action on burn permit for John Weger.

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

Discussion and possible action on operator's licenses for Pilishek and Lunde

Lindemann/Garvin motion to approve operator's license. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on disallowance of claim for unlawful taxes for Mile Bluff Medical Center
Lindemann/Garvin motion to disallow claim for 2015. All Ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on appropriating money for TIF 6 Revenue Bond Anticipation Note.
Garvin/Lindemann motion to appropriate money to pay principal and interest. Roll call. All ayes.
Carried.

Discussion and possible action on construction agreement with Mid-America Pool Renovation.
Lindemann/Pfost motion to approve to not exceed \$9,000. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on Resolution 996
Steward reported on the two resolutions. Discussion on the budget.
Pfost/Lindemann motion to approve Resolution 996 – acquisition and demolition of structures in
the floodplain through Municipal Flood Control Grant. Roll call. 4-1(Klipstein). Carried.

Discussion and possible action on Resolution 997
Garvin reported on the study at the park and the need. Boundaries of survey need to be defined –
stop at pool.
Garvin/ motion to approve Resolution 997 to do a floodplain study at the park by using the
Municipal Flood Control Grant. Roll call. 4-1(Klipstein). Carried.

Discussion on Warner building
Garvin reviewed building. Time to send letter to owner to request proof of insurance, conduct a
fire inspection, replace sidewalk on Franklin Street side, repair windows, tuck point and or replace bricks
to prevent them falling. Garvin suggests that the City Attorney draft a letter with these issues and send to
Warner. Steward sent a letter to them in December of 2014. City Attorney will give a two week notice to
respond to the letter.

Discussion and possible action on raze order for 306 2nd Main.
Garvin reported on the property. Steward will contact the County Treasurer on the property to see
what action will be taken on this property.

Steward will write letter about site to 209 Academy – McCluskey about seeding and mulch.

Discussion and possible action on Personnel and Policy Manual updates.
Will wait for Pfost replacement.

Expenditures:
Garvin/Klipstein motion to approve bills. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Reports:
Administrator: Update on distressed houses – by Garvin. 103 S. Brooklyn will be inspected on
March 18. Steward and Clark met with Lenorud about removing the demolition debris. He will bring 7 –
15 yard dumpsters to help us clean the area up. Steward will take pictures and have them available for the
DNR. DNR coming in April. Audit results will come in April and we will do a joint meeting with the
Utility commission. Steward and Brown worked on the Commons trail passes and found out we made
about \$80. We didn't make 10% because of the issue with the Elroy-Sparta Trail and the agreed payment
to end the issue. A new program and process for trail passes will take place this year and Steward will be
involved.

Streets update:

Discussion on tires at park. Sidewalk repairs and replacement were discussed to start in April with letters. Grants on street and sewer and water work will come to the open in April. April 30 will be city clean-up day. Park clean up – steel on park bathroom and take down Rotary building in fall during bonfire.

Library Board update:

No update

Parks:

No meeting

During apple dumpling days, Klipstein will charge \$20 to vendors.

Fire and Ambulance:

Discussion on using first responders for coverage. They have one certified first responder.

Utility:

Talking about solar.

Next meeting April 12 and or 19th, 2016 at 7pm for Council at City Hall

Klipstein/Pfost motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator