

Common Council Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2015

Approved

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stanek

Roll Call.

Klipstein – here
Lindemann - here
Garvin – here
Huber – here
Pfof – not here, excused
Stanek – here

Also in attendance: Steward, Dianna Anderson, David Cameron, Melanie Lendosky and others.

Pledge of Allegiance

Election results

Steward updated on the election results. 4 way tie in District 1 determined by picking a color.

Swearing in of newly elected members of Districts 1, 2 and 3

Members were sworn in.

Approval of Minutes – Common Council March 10, 2015

Garvin/Huber motion to approve minutes. Klipstein did an update on the library, please add. All ayes. Carried.

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

Becky Greeley - Wants to replace roof on building and building inspector required her to get a permit. Have called him 7 times and have been getting no response. 119 Royall Avenue. 608-462-8353.
Steward will contact building inspector.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Mayor announces that this is the published date and time to hear public comment on:

Consideration of allowing ATV and UTV to use City Streets to allow connectivity to rural trails and to access businesses.

- Wanda Dawgs – business in Elroy. Thinks it is a great thing and will create a lot of good for the city and businesses. It is the up and coming thing. Time to get on board.
- Roger Bean – president of the Juneau County ATV Council. Brought up the potential routes. CTH O is open by the county from Brown Road to Main Street. He is proposing going east on Franklin to Brooklyn, then north on Brooklyn to Von Haden. He would like to have access to businesses such as Kwik Trip. Proposes using 2nd Main to Erickson to Academy. The ATV Council will post route signs as prescribed. The ATV Council will patrol themselves, but also game wardens, sheriff's department and City police can issue citations. There are trail ambassadors who ride around and check on things. County and

City have to pass ordinance to allow riders to use Academy Street to cross bridge and go from North Street to Erickson Street.

- Dick Steffen – ATV Councils have been established in other counties. Time to get on the bandwagon and it is good for the businesses in the community. Union Center has it, Village of Wonewoc has it. Has not heard of very many complaints. Most are pretty responsible riders. The County Sheriff has a recreational officer assigned to the complaints related to ATV's, etc. Can only use state road to cross or to cross bridge that is less than 1,000 feet long. More roads open will lessen the traffic
- Tyler Brown, officer, can enforce similar to enforcing vehicular traffic. Would like to see all roads open to ATV/UTV use.
- Greeley – cautions the Council in allowing the use on every road. Keep it to where the business are.
- Council:
 - Klipstein would like to see all the roads open
 - Huber would like to see all the roads open

Discussion and possible action on ATV Ordinance:

Garvin/Klipstein motion to authorize the City Administrator and City Attorney to prepare an ordinance allowing ATV usage in the City of Elroy including a map showing the approved routes. Jefferson will right the ordinance so that is it quickly amended to allow other roads. All ayes. Carried.

Public Hearing closed.

Communications:

Mayor's Comments, Communications and Recommendations

Appointment to Common Council Committees: No changes

Appointments to Library Board (3 year term): Doreen Kammin, John Weger, Joyce

Erickson and Tessa Klipstein:

Appointments to Board of Appeals (3 year term): 2 positions

Appointments to Police Commission (5 year term): Pam Paulsen, James Sartori, Mark Pfof

Appointments to Community Development Authority (5 year term): Rich Brown, James Garvin

Appointment of the Weed Commissioner (1 year term) – Elliott Clark

Garvin/Huber motion to approve appointments as noted. All ayes. Carried.

Designation of the official newspaper

Klipstein/Garvin motion to designate the Juneau County Messenger as the official newspaper. All ayes. Carried.

Mayor's proclamation that April is Fair Housing Month

Mayor proclaimed that April is Fair Housing Month.

Council's Communications:

Garvin: DNR has a variety of grant programs that can count for 50%. We need a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan – the County has one that we can ask the County to amend. At the next meeting we will adopt a resolution identifying the projects we want to work on.

Klipstein: received an email from Carissa Sites – concerned about her kids being able to things in the community. Would like to see a Boys and Girls Club and would like to be involved in setting one up or something similar.

Lindemann has looked into it and they will send a mentor and they will look to get private funding. Encourages others to research it themselves.

Garvin – small towns look to the school for activities like this.

Jefferson – maybe should look at the school district to lead this.

Administrator's Communications:

Steward updated on Juneau County Board Resolutions and on Local Government Property Insurance Fund.

Consent Agenda:

Discussion and possible action on City Hall remodel/architects report – Dave Cameron presenting
Dave Cameron here to present on City Hall remodel. Condition reports and space needs assessment were distributed.

Garvin – The Council needs to digest this and take it up at the June meeting and figure out the next steps. Do a round table discussion to sort things out. Steward and I will get together with the funding people and see what we can qualify for and will try to pin that down for the June meeting.

Lindemann asked if we would get any public input.

Klipstein asked if we should get public input first.

Garvin wants to do research first and come up with an open discussion and identify the best ideas then get public input.

Cameron – buildings outlive their life so need to make educated decisions.

Lendosky – better perceived by the public if we can give them why we need it and the funding mechanism we intend to use.

Discussion and possible action on Audit – audit presentation by Melanie Lendosky, Johnson Block

Currently in draft form but will be finalized soon.

Comments will be in the letter which will be finalized soon.

Discussion and possible action on 7 Rivers Alliance Golden Shovel Ready Sites participation
Steward brought up this organization.

Garvin would like to bring it up with the CDA in May and then bring it back to the Council in May.

Discussion and possible action on Park Exclusive Use permit for TailorMade Products for August 15, 2015

Garvin/Huber motion to approve permit for Tailor Made. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on ordinance change to Title 5 Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances regarding sewer rates

Steward suggests coming back after further research in May or June to finalize a decision.

Discussion and possible action on Temporary Class "B" Retailers License for Royall Booster Club

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

Discussion and possible action on Operator's license for Joe Vitcenda.

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

Discussion and possible action on Small Group Health Insurance Plan put on by Western Wisconsin Municipal Partners

Steward explained the spreadsheet and gave the Council options.

Garvin asked that this be saved by the Council and brought up in August / September.

Lindemann asked Steward to look into HSA

Stanek asked Steward to see if there is staff that take meticulous notes and compare to the costs outlined with the WWMP program.

Discussion and possible action on requirements for building on City owned lots that are advertised for sale

Steward brought up the topic as we have to renew a contract with Gary Rose.

Garvin agrees with the changes as long as we have final say on the plans.

Jefferson will put together something to give to Gary and will run it by Steward.

Discussion and possible action on street projects for 2015

Royall – no dollar amounts yet

Academy – no dollar amounts yet

Cedar – preliminary dollar amounts from last year and this is part of the Bardo project.

Expenditures:

Garvin/Huber motion to approve expenditures as noted. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Reports:

Updates from:

Utility Commission; discussed 3% increase, each department working on projects, Kendall is considering sending their wastewater to Elroy

Fire and Ambulance; meeting on Wednesday April 15 – elected officers – Ray Walz is President and Lindemann VP

CDA; meeting last week and talked about Bardo – warehouse open and possible tour on May 10. 2 Main Street businesses looking to utilize downtown grants

Library: next meeting on April 30

Police Commission: will be meeting in May to elect officers

Updates from

Streets – discussed items on list, promoted Elliott to lead operator and discussed hiring a new position which is now in the paper and summer hires; got Gravel bids and will use Kraemer Company. Trees being cut. Talked about projects and bids.

Finance & Personnel – audit was today and first quarter budget review by Steward
Ordinance – no meeting

Parks – May 2 will be clean-up day at the park. Trying to recruit volunteers. Lot of small projects for kids to work on.

Long Range Planning – nothing to report

Tourism Committees – Met last week. June 6 is 50th anniversary celebration of the Elroy Sparta Trail.

Administrator's report: First Quarter budget review; 2014 budget review; Update on violations; Update on personnel issues – street department, summer part time, and Police Chief; status of commercial and residential razes; Bardo schedule and WEDC grant
Steward gave update.

Police and citation report - nothing

CLOSED SESSION

Common Council will enter closed session pursuant to WIS. STATS. § 19.85 (1) (g) conferring with legal counsel for the government body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved. Confer with legal counsel regarding economic development revolving loan fund agreements.

Klipstein/Garvin motion to go into closed session. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Reconvene into open session

Lindemann/Huber motion to reconvene into open session. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund agreements.
No action to be taken at this time.

Next meeting date – May 12, 2015

Garvin/Lindemann motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator