

Council Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2014

Approved

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stanek

Roll call: Klipstein, Krueger, Garvin, Huber, Pfof and Stanek – Here.

In addition: Steward, Jefferson, Rob Uphoff, Mary Waarvik, and Eileen Nale

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Klipstein/Pfof to approve the minutes. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Communications:

Mayor – None

Council – Pfof: had a conversation with Dianna and Eileen at the newspaper to say his peace and clear the air.

- Klipstein: Asked about redoing the curb markings and cross walks. It is on the Street Department to do list. She also asked about the realtor sign – why was it moved. Garvin responded that it is more visible on Hwy 80-82. Klipstein asked about painting parking lines.
- Krueger would like to see a dedicated spot for the police in the street.

Administrator: Steward reported on 2013 Wisconsin Act 274 and delinquent utility bill legislation. It will be reported in detail to the Utility Commission next week. Steward also reported on the PSC review of the ATC powerline project.

Eileen Nale reported on the ads for the newspaper and the article which did not get into last week's paper. The circulation is 8,000.

Garvin suggests that the Council authorize Steward to work with the Commons and Pool to generate the ads and get them into the paper.

7) a) Discussion on Library budget and overrun.

Krueger would like to table the discussion until he has time to further review the documents provided to him by the Librarian Waarvik.

Garvin read a letter from Waarvik and the Library Board regarding the construction project and the overrun.

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Waarvik reported on the mold remediation costing nearly \$11,000. She also reported that the Community Center caused an increase in the architectural fees.

Garvin stated that the construction fund was to be paid for through the library funds. Now there is a dispute on the project being over budget. The money is not in the City's general fund as it was supposed to come from the Library construction fund.

Waarvik says there is only enough money left to pay the final \$12,000 in her segregated accounts.

Garvin would also like to postpone the discussion and decision until June.

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Steward asked for an explanation as to why a community center was created when it was specifically not allowed by the resolution, and also that the entire project was to be paid for by the library construction funds and donations.

Krueger/Garvin motion to table the discussion on the Library overrun until the June 10 Common Council meeting. All ayes. Carried.

Steward and Krueger to provide information to the Council prior to the next meeting.

Discussion on Fair Donation:

Garvin/Pfost motion to approve a \$1,000 donation to the Elroy Fair and \$250 of that is for the Park Exclusive Use fee, however, Jefferson will look into a special deed for the Fair to use the park. Krueger wants the Fair Board to clean up after themselves from the demo derby and the tractor pull. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on contract amending TID3, 4, 5.

Rob Uphoff in attendance to discuss the proposed project. Uphoff provided follow-up from last night's CDA meeting where Chuck Sulik and Justin Sornsini presented on the project. The proposal pricing was presented last month without prior review and was not acted upon by the Council so they could review it. Steward, Garvin and MSA have met about a half dozen times over the last six months to discuss the proposed changes to the TID's.

Garvin stated that the CDA asked MSA to revise the scope based on assumptions with businesses going forward.

Garvin/Pfost motion to approve the contract with MSA for doing the TID amendments for a cost not to exceed \$8,500. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on Developer's Agreement with Bardo; the WEDC Grant application and borrowing of funds from the State Trust Fund account.

CDA has approved going forward with the developers agreement, grant and loan.

Garvin/Huber motion to approve the Bardo Custom Blending Developer's Agreement as presented. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Pfost motion to authorize the City Administrator to proceed with the WEDC grant for the Bardo Project. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Klipstein motion to authorize the City Administrator to work with Ehlers to obtain a Wisconsin State Trust Fund loan. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Spring Clean up was a success. Cost just over \$4400 and hope to do another pick up in the fall. It was the largest pick up by Lenorud and nearly double what they picked up in Mauston.

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

Reports:

Utility Commission – Steward reported that the UC will meet next week to talk about new state law regarding delinquent utility accounts for tenants.

Street Committee – Will hold off on frost pin until 2015. Also will look into getting sand and salt from the shed north of Elroy from the County if it is cost effective. Looked over budgets, CIP and priority items.

Parks Committee – Talked about hours and future of the park and commons and reasons to close.

Ordinance Committee – reviewed ordinance on firearms and weapons and Pfof and Jefferson will review and bring back to the committee. Ordinances will be reviewed for potential changes.

CDA – Bardo, one of the City lots has an offer, needs to be surveyed, Main Street program WTC students were in the City to investigate and take measurements. Money will be available to the downtown businesses in the form of a loan or a 50/50 matching grant.

Steward reported that 5 year finance plan will be reviewed at June meeting. 523 Franklin Street was purchased by the City on Monday with municipal flood control money. And Retzlaff working on cleaning up the mobile home park. Street staff will pick up the piles of wood when the ground solidifies.

Garvin/Krueger motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator