

Council Meeting Minutes

June 10, 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, Mary Waarvik,

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Garvin/Krueger to approve the minutes from May 13, 2014 with correction regarding how the money should be split – to read – “Krueger feels that if was up to him tonight without reviewing all the paperwork and spreadsheets, the \$39,433 should be split between the City and Library”. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

Norm Kammin – benefited from the library for more than 40 years. The library addressed a problem and did it properly. He wants to thank the library for what they did.

Chris Miller – lives in LaValle and is running for State Assembly in the 50th District and against Edward Brooks. He wants to introduce himself to the communities in his district. He is looking for votes and the election is November 4.

Communications:

Mayor – None

Council – None

Administrator: None

#7a – Krueger/Huber motion to approve Class A for Hansen’s and Kwik Trip. All ayes. Carried.

b. Garvin/Krueger motion to approve Class B licenses. All ayes. Carried.

c. Garvin/Pfof motion to approve reserved class B license. All ayes. Carried.

d. Krueger/Huber motion to approve cigarette and tobacco license. All ayes. Carried.

e. Klipstein/Garvin motion to approve operator’s license for Hayley Moore. All ayes. Carried.

f. Garvin/Krueger motion to approve the picnic permit for the Elroy Fire Department for the Fair. All ayes. Carried.

g. Garvin/Pfof motion to approve temporary operator’s license for the Elroy Fire Department for the Elroy Fair. All ayes. Carried.

h. Garvin/Huber motion to approve Resolution 961 . . . Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

i. Garvin/Krueger motion to approve Resolution 962 Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

j. Steward informed the Council that there will be a meeting on June 17 at 6:30 with Jim Mann of Ehlers.

k. Steward and Jefferson reported on the status of the letters and citations. Progress has been made.

l. Huber updated the Council that eight groups will be contacted to meet and discuss the long term future of the park.

m. Steward and Garvin reviewed the 5 year financial plan

n. Discussion on the Hidden Valley Magazine advertisement. Steward presented, and doesn't think we are getting our money's worth. Council feels that it is hard to track the usage we get and it is not cost effective. Council is looking at the one year membership to the website.

Ask Paris it look into this, research it, get numbers of hits and present back at the July meeting.

o. Jefferson introduced resolution to vacate Elroy Street between South Brooklyn and Grove Avenue. Introduction today, action 40 days later.

Garvin/Huber motion to introduce resolution to vacate Elroy Street east of South Brooklyn. All ayes. Carried.

p. Discussion on the creation of certified survey map of the 4 lots the City is selling on CTH O. Steward presented the survey map

Garvin/Krueger motion to approve CSM for 4 lots on CTH O. All ayes. Carried.

q. Jefferson discussed the need for a letter to Chris Jensen for farming the land that we are trying to sell. Letter needs to go to him this year about activities this year and next year. The priority for next year, if no lots are sold, is for him to plant to grass, alfalfa or hay, but no corn or beans, or other cash crop.

Council authorizes the City Attorney to write letter to Jensen.

r. Discussion on CSM for Bardo and JNJ. Not here so push to next meeting.

s. Discussion on additional projects for the street work as part of larger project. Street Committee recommends finishing Franklin Street to the bridge and completing Western Avenue over the hill. Franklin Street will cost the city an additional \$10,000 because the County will pick up about \$7,000 and Western will cost about \$47,000.

Garvin/Krueger the Streets Committee would like to recommend that the Council authorize the contractor (Badger) to accept Bid Alternate A and D, for Franklin Street east and Western Avenue. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

t. Expenditures. Plus \$2000 for the csm lots. Garvin/Klipstein motion to approve expenditures with \$2000 for Excelsior Group for CTH O CSM. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

u. Discussion on the Library budget overrun due to the renovation project. Steward presented the numbers. Steward identified that \$39,433 is the shortfall for 2013, and \$76,282 is the shortfall for the three years of project expenses.

Garvin explained that he is wearing his finance hat and was the one who brought up the funding/financing issue and asked Mark and the Auditor to look into it. He feels the building is great and is needed, but expects the Library to pay it out of donations and thought that all along. Maintenance issues may be a City cost but needed the Library to come to the Council to budget for it.

Waarvik mentioned that there is approximately \$19,000 in the Mary Brady contribution account and that is the only money left.

Weger stated the drainage was an issue and walls needed to be dug up and tuck pointed and waterproofed. Mentioned that the county reimbursement used to go to the Library and around 2010 went to the city/library for operating expenses.

Krueger said the change came when Justin Sornsin was here.

Waarvik explained that the funds prior to 2011 was on top of the budget, and after that date it became part of the budget.

Jefferson asked why did the library not come back to the City when they knew they didn't have enough money.

Waarvik – thought they had enough and waited until March for final amount from as determined by the City.

Krueger reviewed the process as he is the only member who was on in 2010 and only the mold and clean-up of the basement for storage was discussed and approved. And no money would go to fund the community room.

Garvin – if the City has to find money an option is borrowing, but the Library has option to borrow and fundraise. The City does not have the \$40,000 to cover this as it was not budgeted.

Waarvik claims they would have had to do all the items in the basement even without being a community room except for the kitchen. Architect recommended the handicap access.

Pfost wants and explanation of the costs.

Waarvik – items were donated, flooring was about \$15,000. Major costs of plumbing and electric for the kitchen.

Pfost referred to the original resolution and items weren't allowed, and wondering if there was a lack of communication on the budget with the City. The City got caught flat-footed and the City has to scramble to make it right.

Huber feels the money has to come from the Library to the City.

Lee Community Room as a donation of \$25,000 was received. Waarvik will look into using the Brady funds to offset the costs.

Sarah Huggins suggested that the non-resident reimbursement go for the costs back to the City.

Klipstein asked why the handicap accessible entrance was not brought back to the City once recommended by the Architect? Who gave the okay?

Krueger feels lost as the previous council representative did not bring items back to the Council.

Weger stated that the Library Board gave the okay for the entrance. Dorothy Helgerson was the Council rep and knew about the additional costs.

Garvin suggested that the Library pay back the City over the next 3 to 5 years. Garvin is focusing on the \$40,000.

Library Board member suggested paying what they can out of their accounts then pay back the rest over time out of the budget.

The Board asked for a five minute recess to consult with each other.

Steward asked what amount the City will ask from the Library - \$39,433 or \$76,282?

Garvin suggests that the City contribute approximately \$35,000 towards the mold and water remediation and ask the Library for \$39,433.

Krueger reiterated that the city denied the idea of creating the community room. The community room continued even without authorization by the Council.

Jefferson mentioned the Library Boards have autonomy to handle their own funds.

Pfost stated that if the Library has that much autonomy that someone should have been aware of the changes to the budget and project.

Weger came back with a proposal. It is contingent on an open meeting by the Library Board. Library can come up with \$20,000 now and pay off the rest in \$5,000 increments over the next 4 years. Unless they can pay it off ahead of time.

Council consensus to accept the offer.

Pfost asked if there is enough money for the City to cover it.

Steward said it will come from somewhere else in the budget.

Krueger/Garvin motion that after the Library Board meets and approves the offer the Council will accept a check for \$20,000 in the near future and payoff the remaining balance of \$19,433 in \$5,000 increments over the next 4 years. This will address the overrun and complete the project. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on Reports:

Utility Commission update from Krueger. It was a quick meeting and everything is good well and progressing. The ditch along Ackerman Road is not deep enough and needs to be address as it rutted out areas. Rinderer is working by Sprinkman and by the Library. Tree trimming was talked about in brief.

Streets approved the bid alternates and part time people were hired to mow.

Ordinance discussed firearm and hunting ordinances and Jefferson will edit the ordinance and bring it back at the next meeting. Code of Ordinances will be discussed chapter by chapter.

Parks discussed the use of the park in the future and canoeing and cleaning the river with help from other organizations.

Finance Committee – no report

CDA report – addressed by Administrator: The CDA met and discussed the ever changing status of the community development investment grant with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation; no applications have been received for the Main Street program – the business owners are waiting on the WTC students project; informed the CDA that the City is contracted with MSA to update the TID's; updated on the city owned lots that the one offer now has been cancelled.

Steward's update: Status of the Developer's Agreement with Bardo is signed and being implemented; WEDC Grant Application – the program is constantly changing now looking at an August submittal with October decision and looking at a different maybe 3 phase approach to the Bardo project; update on raze and municipal flood control grant – fuel oil spill reported to DNR so city has to contract with engineers and properly clean up; update on mobile home park – Retzlaff wants extension since wood hasn't been removed by city; asbestos inspections results – a little bit of asbestos was found in each building, it will be addressed on removal; city owned lots – we cancelled the one offer we received as they had no intention of building a house on it.

Krueger asked if there is still consideration of a Pharmacy. Garvin said it is still under consideration.

Garvin/Krueger motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator