

Council Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2013

Approved

Common Council Meeting:

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stanek

Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes:

Garvin/Krueger to approve the minutes from last meeting. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

Janet Hall addressed the council about a business next door to her house on 2nd Main Street. She complained that she received no response from the City Administrator and the Mayor did not return her call. She complained that it took too long for the City to respond.

City sent a letter to landowner and the issue is currently resolved.

Communications:

Mayor – recommendations to fill spot on the Utility Commission – Larry Eno reappointment. Garvin/Krueger motion to confirm Larry Eno for another term on Utility Commission. All ayes. Carried.

Recommends Jane Weiss to fill position on CDA. Garvin/Krueger motion to confirm Jane Weiss on the CDA for a 5 year term. All ayes. Carried.

Recommends Jim Garvin on Council for Joint Review Board and a citizen at large on the Joint Review Board of Mark Hill. Mendum/Krueger to confirm Garvin and Hill on Joint Review Board. All ayes. Carried.

Council – Krueger – complained that closed session items were released to the public and got back to him in the restaurant the next day.

Administrator – Steward informed the Council about the Wisconsin River Dischargers Group. Steward brought up the proposal for cleaning up the river for \$3000.

Council suggested we do this next year and try to get a DNR grant. Bring it back up in January or February.

Discussion and possible action on burn permit for Robert Schroeder

Garvin/Mendum motion to approve pending the approval of the Fire Chief. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on Garbage/Recycling bids

Garvin/ motion to authorize the City Administrator to develop a contract with Lenorud for \$34,640 for garbage and recycling. Roll call. All ayes. Carried. Other bids were -

Discussion and possible action on Wheel Loader bid

Garvin/Mendum motion to authorize the City Administrator to purchase the 524k loader from Brooks Implement, a John Deere dealer, for the amount of \$85,976.41 after test driving the loader and agreeing to a contract with warranty. First choice is to pay cash for this, alternate is to do a 3 year loan. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion and possible action on Mobile Home Park update and Unit #7

Jefferson and Klipstein reported that the eviction was granted for the McCluskey's to move out and the order was to remove units #7 and #10. They have moved out but need to get their personal property out. Council recommended that Steward contact Retzlaff to find out the plan for removal.

Discussion and possible action on raze order of 119 Main Street

Garvin reported that the Council approved the resolution last month; however, Garvin suggests that the City Attorney work with the landowner over the next 60 days to address the property, before the City takes formal action. In addition, the owner is 3 years behind on taxes and it may fall to the County to address.

Discussion and possible action on selling city owned land (35 acres) next to cemetery

Garvin reported that the Council acted on this last month and to allow hunting. Garvin is recanting his decision to allow hunting on this property because of the numerous properties around the community that hunting could potentially request hunting.

Two write-ups were presented, one with hunting allowed and one without hunting. Add the minimum bid of \$40,000.

Garvin/Mendum motion to rescind motion from September 10 and replace with motion to sell 35 acres of land next the cemetery with no hunting and a minimum bid of \$40,000 and the seller is responsible for recording fees and a survey. Roll call vote. Motion passes 3 – 1 (Klipstein).

Discussion and possible action on including 523 Franklin Street in the Municipal Flood Control Grant

Garvin – the Common Council directs the City Attorney and City Administrator to work with the property owner to pursue inclusion in the Municipal Flood Control Grant and possibly a raze order.

Discussion and Update on the creation of Tax Increment Financing District #6

Garvin reported to the Council on the process to create a Tax Increment Financing District. Joint Review Board meeting will be on Thursday October 10 at 5pm.

Discussion and possible action on the 2014 Budget

Steward presented on the budget. Direction from the Council was to come back with a 3% pay increase for staff, keep insurance through Employee Trust Fund, and do not fill the retired full time position in the Streets Department. The intent is to cap the City contribution to the Library at \$70,000, the loss at the Commons to \$8,000 and the loss at the pool to \$15,000.

Expenditures

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

Update from CDA, Ordinance, Parks, and Streets Committee meetings and Utility Commission

CDA will be meeting on Wednesday (tomorrow) for the public open house on the downtown redevelopment plan at the Library at 6pm.

Streets opened the bids on the wheel loader and garbage. Streets had a retirement – Joe Ambort.

Administrator's report: Police citation/court report

No need for a closed session. Nothing new to report. No action at this time.

Garvin/Krueger motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator