

Common Council Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

Approved

Call to Order @ 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Present: Lindemann, Peterson, Madden, Huber and Schroeder. Also in attendance Carole Brown, Lynn Thorson and Tony Green and Mayor Karen Sparling.

Pledge of Allegiance

Madden/Schroeder to approve minutes from February 9, 2021. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment – None

Mayor Communication-None

Council Communication- None

Mayor called to order a public hearing to discuss Ordinance #436- request to re-zone a property from R2 to I1. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Belsky spoke about how he lives next to the property requesting the re-zone and why he is against the change. Bike trail, traffic issues, decrease in value of his home. Mark presented a petition with 21 signatures opposing the zoning change. Also mentioned the potential for city revenue if homes are built on those lots. He asked the city to deny the re-zone request. Discussion ensued until public hearing was closed.

Madden/Peterson motion to deny the petition to re-zone the property from R2 to I1. Roll call. 3-yes, 2-no, motion passed.

Librarian gave her report. Library stayed open during Covid more than other libraries did. Went through inventory and removed books not checked out for 3 years. Visits for 2020 were down because of the suspension of all library programs because of Covid.

Lindemann/Schroeder motion to pass Resolution #1107-Authorizing the Purchase of Property. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Jim Garvin gave an update on TID 3 and Main Street improvements. Utility needs discussed. MSA will have a preliminary design in April. Start construction by mid to late summer.

Lindemann/Huber motion to approve agreement with MSA for TID 3 design. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Huber motion to approve Resolution #1108-1110. Purchase of flood damaged homes. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Huber motion to approve agreement from MSA for HMGP Acquisition and Demolition Administration. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Brian from MSA explained the CDBG Close Program and the need to apply for the funds through a federal application.

Lindemann/Schroeder motion to approve acceptance of CDBG-CL-PF Grant Award. All ayes. Carried.

Madden/Schroeder motion to accept the MSA agreement for CDBG-CL application and administration. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Chief Green stated that property issues will be revisited now that the snow has melted.

Madden/Schroeder to approve expenditures as presented. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

Reports: Administrator provided written report that was included in packet. Chief provided his report. Police Commission met February 18th and will meet again sometime after the police officer application period closes on March 29th, probably first week of April. New officer to start mid-end of May. We have 9 applicants so far. A Covid Grant was awarded to the police department to purchase an electrostatic sprayer.

CDA-Meet in April

Finance/Personnel-None

Ordinance-None

Parks-Meeting on Thursday

Streets-None

Utility-Met earlier tonight. New truck was ordered.

Fire/Ambulance-Had their regular meeting.

Library-Kari gave annual report earlier in the meeting.

Schroeder/Huber motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) – Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Discuss possible acquisition of property and potential development. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Madden/Schroeder motion to reconvene into open session. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Upcoming meetings:

April 14, 2021 Open Book 3:00-5:00 pm

April 20, 2021 Council Meeting

April 28, 2021 Board of Review 5:00-7:00 pm

Madden/Huber to adjourn at 8:45 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Lynn Thorson, Clerk