

Common Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023

Approved

Call to Order @ 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Present: Peterson, Baeseman, Lindemann, Schroeder and Madden.

Also in attendance City Administrator Geena Skowronski, Clerk Lynn Thorson, and Mayor Karen Sparling

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of re-elected alderpersons. Robert Schroeder-Ward 1 and Carlton Peterson-Ward 3

Election of Council President: Peterson/Lindemann motion to elect Terry Madden as council president.

Madden/Baeseman motion to elect Carleton Peterson as council president. Vote 4/1 in favor of Peterson as President. Motion carried.

Peterson/Baeseman motion to approve minutes from March 14, 2023 and April 11, 2023. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment – None

Mayor Communication-Mayor named her committee appointments. Lindemann/Madden motion to accept the mayor's committee appointments. All ayes. Carried. Mayor named her Board and Commission appointments. Geena will fill in as Emergency Management Director until someone can be found for the position, Rondestvedt reappointed to Library Board, Mark Stanek reappointed to Board of Appeals, Baeseman reappointed to the Police Commission. Mayor waiting on appointment to The City Planning Commission.

Lindemann/Madden motion to accept the mayor's appointments to Boards and Commissions. All ayes. Carried. Madden/Baeseman motion to accept the Juneau County Star Times as the city's official newspaper. All ayes. Carried.

Council Comments: None

Kari Preuss gave her annual report on the library. Talked about the success of the art show that was held yesterday. 45 entries and approximately 30 people attended.

Sheriff Zobel spoke to the council about what it would look like if the city decided to use Juneau County Sheriff's Department as our police coverage. He gave examples of how contract services work. The community would pick what deputy they would like to have cover their community from a list of deputies who are interested. We set the hours, \$45.78 per hour billable wage with 2-3% wage increase per year. Mileage rate is same as the federal rate, but we could use our own squad cars and fuel if we would refer that. An interim schedule has deputies scheduled in 4 hr block, probably school hours in the am and then hours in the evening. Sheriff Zobel gave some police stats from August 1, 2022 to January 2023 when we had our police department. City of Elroy PD had a total of 6 arrests during that time and 2 were handled by the county. Since January there have been 4 physical arrests in Elroy. He says we would need to commit to more than a 1 year contract-minimum 3 years- and then possibly look at things again in 5 years. County would adopt our ordinances so citations could be issued and would go through our Municipal Court. Officer schedule can vary so it is not predictable. Currently the City of Elroy spends 300,000 annually for the police department.

Matt from Wieser Brothers explained the change orders for the clinic site work. #5 Extra cost for drilling through concrete retaining wall. #6 Extra drilling and moving stone required for individual pilings. #7 Credit back for unexpended costs for traffic control, etc. Peterson/Lindemann motion to accept change orders #5, #6, and #7. Roll call. 4-yes, 1-no. Motion carried.

Lindemann/Peterson motion to accept Pay App #7 from Weiser Brothers. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Baeseman motion to accept and pay the GEI Invoice. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Madden motion to approve a Class "C" Wine License for Geske's Gardens. All ayes. Carried.

Peterson/Schroeder motion to approve a burn permit for Chris Zindorf. All ayes. Carried.

There were no cemetery mowing bids. The council decided not to extend the deadline. Instead, they would like to have the street department do the mowing with extra help from summer hire employees.

Madden/Lindemann motion to approve hiring three summer helpers for the street department. All ayes. Carried.

Baeseman/Peterson motion to approve Resolution #1154-2022 Budget Amendments. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Madden/Baeseman motion to approve expenditures. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Geena gave her administrator's report. Staffing, mowing, clinic update, police department, summer help apps are due Friday, DSPS inspection is next week, waiting for final payment of Healthcare Infrastructure Grant-Additional information was requested, Ehler's financial review, long term borrowing for utilities, MAD Management purchased property on W. Elroy Street may come back to us, Open Book and Board of Review are coming up, wage survey is in progress, ordinance review is still in progress, substation repairs were done and went well-still need one more repair but shouldn't have to cut power to do it, H&H study is being done for flood proofing substation, the new clinic will be our first solar customer, the commons signs on the north and south ends of town will be replaced with donated funds.

CDA-Approved Mid States map of Ackerman property. Residential was decided instead of Industrial use. Each lot will be approximately 1 acre, some easements will be needed.

Finance/Personnel-met tonight to discuss hiring of Utility Clerk

Ordinance-None

Parks-None

Streets-None

Utility-Geena covered it.

Fire/Ambulance-Met to pay bills, quarterly meeting tomorrow night.

Library- None

Police- None

Peterson/Schroeder motion to go into Closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) Consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Discussion Hiring Utility Clerk/Administrative Assistant. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

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

Baeseman/Madden motion to hire #1 candidate for \$20.00 an hour. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Madden/Peterson motion to adjourn @ 9:00 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Lynn Thorson, Clerk