

Common Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020

Approved

Call to Order @7:10 pm

Roll Call.

Lindemann, Schroeder, and Madden, present. Huber and Peterson missing. Also in attendance Mayor, Karen Sparling, Police Chief Green, City Administrator/Treasurer, Carole Brown and Lynn Thorson, Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Madden/Schroeder motion to approve the minutes from April 21, 2020. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment (5 minute limit, no action to be taken, items not on agenda) George Lambesis inquired about the potholes at the end of Duhig Street. He asked that they be looked at. Carole will talk to Elliott.

Mayor Communication-Mayor Sparling made her appointment recommendations for boards and committees as follows: Mark Stanek to replace Barb Nofsinger on Board of Appeals for a 3year term. Utility Commission-5year term-reappointed Todd Lindemann to another term, added Mark Stanek to take the place of Larry Eno. Community Development Authority-4year term-reappointed Joe Huber, appointed Daamian Bender to take the place of Tony Green and Barb Nofsinger will be an alternate in place of James Stott. Police Commission-5year term-Shirley Cox to replace Pam Paulsen and Rose Stanek to replace Jeff Lankey, Finance and Personnel Committee-Lindemann*, Peterson and Schroeder, Street Committee-Schroeder*, Madden and Lindemann, Park and Recreation Committee-Huber*, Madden and Peterson, Ordinance Committee-Peterson*, Schroeder and Lindemann, Long Range Planning-Schroeder*, Huber and Madden. The City Plan Commission will consist of Mayor Sparling, mark Stanek, Jim Garvin, Nalani Bever, Shirley Preuss, Daamian Bender, and an alderperson to be chosen at the next meeting. Lindemann/Madden motion to approve all committee and commission appointments. All ayes. Carried.

Council Communication-None

Discussed a citizen's petition to create a gun range on an agricultural zoned parcel. Initial consensus of the council was to not allow it for various reasons and because of lack of information and guidelines. Schroeder/Lindemann motion to table the decision until next month and to invite petitioner to be present to present his plan. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Madden motion to approve burn permits for Ellen Gardner (as long as she isn't burning treated wood) and Chris Zindorf. Juneau County must be called before burning. All ayes. Carried.

Discussed changes to FFCRA Families First Compliance Policy. Added Utility clerk as an essential employee, and employee can use accrued comp time, vacation or sick pay to get 100% of pay if off work under this policy. Lindemann/Madden motion to approve changes in Families First Compliance Policy. All ayes. Carried.

Madden/Schroeder motion to adopt the new safety policy manual as presented.

Lindemann/Madden motion to approve lowering the cost of a "class b" liquor license to \$50.00 and to waive the fee for the class "b" beer license for this licensing year in light of the lost business during "stay at home" order. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Introduce Ordinance #431 to amend procedure for issuance of Operator's Licenses.

Discussion of lawn mowing requirement for flood properties on Franklin and Lake Streets and Marshall Ln. Lindemann/Schroeder motion to have occupied homes continue to maintain their yards, but unoccupied homes in the hazard mitigation area do not have to maintain their lawns. All ayes. Carried.

Discussed commons, pool and park. Commons is open and will follow government guidelines. Open the bathrooms. It was decided to revisit pool opening date at the June council meeting. Waiting on the Fair Board to make a decision on the Elroy Fair.

Madden/Schroeder motion to follow state mandates in regard to Covid 19.

Lindemann/Schroeder motion to accept MSA's Professional Services Agreement for the Ackerman Rd. Plan in the amount of \$6,500. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Capital Improvement Plan was tabled until the June meeting.

City Administrator presented report from Ehler's that outlined possible 2020 Capital Borrowing Projects and their affect for borrowing on the tax rate.

Lindemann/Madden motion to accept the bids from DL Gasser items #1,2,3 & 5 for street projects, Farner for crack sealing, and Marell, Inc. for drainage, not to exceed \$225,470.00. This is in addition to funding for 80/82 electric project, TID 3 demolition, TID 6 refinancing, and the electric substation purchase. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Property issues update-Carole sent out bid requests for demo of 605 Western Ave. 1109 Academy set stuff out for clean-up, Osgood was told to make safe, the area where shed was located, Jackson has had Runick Recycling come to get two loads so far but there is a lot left to go.

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

Reports:

City Administrator report -HMG update, 233 Main St Update, Audit has been completed, street dept cleaned brush away from in front of bike trail bridge, pool is supposed to be repaired this week or next, Elliot is obtaining bids for roof repairs at city hall, letters for sewer lateral repairs were sent out by Dave to 29 homeowners along Hwy 80/82 project area, water rate case was submitted with a possible 12% rate increase.

Police Chief Report-SUV had another problem with coil pack and got a new spark plug. Larry Ormson donated more masks to the PD, Semi's are having issues with the road construction detours.

CDA-None

Finance and Personnel-None

Ordinance-None

Parks-None

Streets-None

Utility- met this evening. Carole covered it in her report.

Fire and Ambulance-Regular meeting to pay the bills.

Library-None

Police-Meeting will be scheduled on May 18th at 5:30pm.

Mayor spoke to the council about proper procedures and the importance of respect to be shown to council by personnel and vice versa.

Upcoming Meetings:

June 9, 2020

Madden/Schroeder to adjourn at 9:35 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Lynn Thorson, Clerk