

Common Council Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2021

Approved

Call to Order @ 7:00 pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Schroeder/Huber to approve minutes from June 8, 2021 and June 16, 2021. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment – George Lambesis inquired into what happens with the loose gravel left on the sides of the road after chip sealing is done.

Mayor Communication-None

Council Communication- None

Mayor calls to order a public hearing to consider vacating a portion of Franklin Street. Roll call. All ayes. Carried. There was a suggestion to make the alley behind Main Street a one-way alley so traffic will not have to back up in alley if a car approaches from the other direction.

Mayor closes the public hearing.

Lindemann/Huber motion to approve Resolution #1116-Discontinueing and vacating a portion of Franklin Street. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Resolution #1118-Discontinueing an additional portion of Franklin Street, was introduced.

Lindemann/Huber motion to approve Resolution #1119-Authorizing the purchase of flood damaged homes. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Schroeder motion to approve a Class “B” Beer/ Class “C” Wine License for Kari Preuss-Elroy Theater. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on future of pet licensing in Elroy. The county has offered to take over licensing dogs via an online format and also in person at the county. The city would have to change their ordinance to be the same as the county’s ordinance. We would no longer license cats and the limit on cats and dogs would be 4 per household. Prices are increasing for the licenses in 2022. We will be able to print reports to allow us to do follow up on unlicensed dogs. With the new system, if a dog is found with a tag on, the person who finds the dog can look up the tag number on line and be able to return the dog to their owner. The council recommended going forward with the process of turning over dog licensing to the county.

Jim Garvin gave update on TID 3 project. Portion of street has been vacated, Gundersen real estate is working on the property exchange. Carole, along with MSA and our financial advisors at Ehler’s has put together the city’s cost estimate for our portion of the project. We will need to have an annual TID meeting in the future. Bidding on the project should start in August and the city’s portion of the construction could start in September. Gundersen is submitting their plans in August.

Carole and Tony gave updates on property issues in the city.

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

Reports:

Administrator: We have closed on 12 of the 13 flood properties and hope to close on the final one by August 31st. MSA will be asking for bids to tear them down. Floodproofing project funding going to the house for a vote soon. 2022 budget process starting soon.

Police Chief: 2020-2021 training requirements have been met. Has had numerous meetings with Larry Ormson in regard to the Party in the Park event on July 24th. An estimate of 1,500 tickers have been sold. Tony has 15 officers available for that day if needed. Hunter's training is going well. He should be on his own by August 16th. Tony is attending the Chief's Conference this year, August 1-4. The Elroy Fair only had one arrest. The PD received a 1,000 donation from United Cooperative. Apparently, our department was nominated by someone for the donation. Badger Trax migration starts tomorrow with a final transfer to the online server set for July 28th.

CDA-TID update, barbershop building, deli location

Finance/Personnel-None

Ordinance-None

Parks-None

Streets-None

Utility- Met this evening. Discussed selling surplus items

Fire/Ambulance-last meeting met to pay the bills

Library-None

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.

Upcoming meetings:

August 10, 2021

Madden/Peterson motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Lynn Thorson, Clerk