

Common Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2023

Approved

Call to Order @ 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Present: Lindemann, Peterson, Madden and Baeseman Absent: Schroeder
Also in attendance City Administrator Geena Skowronski, Mayor Karen Sparling

Pledge of Allegiance

Madden/Lindemann motion to approve minutes from July 11, 2023 regular and joint meeting with Utility Commission. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment – Joyce Erickson wanted to let the council know that she had a very positive experience with the street and electric department regarding branches in the electric wires. Respectful and courteous and promptly taken care of.

Mayor Communication-None

Council Comments: Lindemann spoke about quote the Lions Club received to resurface tennis courts at the park and possibly making a portion of it a pickleball court. The cost estimate was \$38,000. Geena said a mat could possibly be purchased to cover the old surface. Lions would like the council to consider a cost share.

Lindemann/Peterson motion to approve the park exclusive use permit application from the Lion's Club for Apple Dumpling Days with the fee waived. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Peterson motion to approve a Class B retailer's license for the Elroy Lion's Club for Apple Dumpling Day, September 9, 2023. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Peterson motion to approve a Class B retailer's license for the Elroy Volunteer Fire Department for the Annual Steak and Wing Feed on Saturday October 7, 2023. All ayes. Carried.

Valley Inn property zoning update. Currently zoned as A-1 Agriculture and a potential purchaser wants to make it multi-family use which is not allowed under that zoning. Needs to be zoned R2 or B1 with a conditional use permit to operate as multi-family units.

Baeseman/Peterson motion to approve Weiser Brother's change order #3 for credit of \$22,205.00. All ayes. Carried.

Peterson/Madden motion to approve Weiser Brother's change order #8 in the amount of \$9,279.60. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Baeseman motion to approve Resolution #1156 Authorizing Sale of Lots 7,8,9 Neff's Addition-125 Main Street and 119 Main Street (Clinic Project) Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Discuss W. Elroy Street final lot for sale. Brought up possibility of making two lots out of it but decided to keep as one. Discussed how to sell the lot. Keep it the same price, increase to 10,000 or sell to highest bidder. Geena will look into the current resolution for selling the land. Up for decision at the next meeting.

Discussed the 2023 Budget Assumptions. Will schedule a Finance and Personnel meeting this month. Check into plan to fix the Splash Pad in the budget process. Police change to county coverage will be factored into 2024 budget. Squad car will have to be paid off to sell to Juneau County. Can use unexpended police budget money for that purpose.

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

Administrator's Report: Clinic Update, Healthcare infrastructure grants reported but asked for extra time to spend the dollars, HMGP flood damaged home on Marshall Ln still needs to be demo'd, hopefully this fall, Ehler's assisting with financial review, ordinance review ongoing-need to have an ordinance committee meeting to go over updates/changes, Miller Rd cost estimate 83,000 for the city portion-would like to use ARPA funds-need to do

project by 2026 to use funds, baby pool has had problems this year but is now open, booster station issues have been resolved with a new pump, SCADA system is having issues, safety report is included, DSPS inspection was done this year and went really well for us, Hwy 80 pavement replacement project 2031 or possibly 2027, shared revenue changes, met with Tony Kurtz regarding housing funding.

CDA-Met. Talked about Ackerman and how to develop it. Steering toward residential but ultimately the council's decision. Should property be surveyed? Bids to remove foundations. Funding options for development.

Finance/Personnel-None

Ordinance-None

Parks-None

Streets-None.

Utility-Met tonight. Approved purchase of lift pump.

Fire/Ambulance-Talked about the nursing home potentially offering to staff an ambulance during the day for transfers.

Library- None.

Next meeting dates:

Streets-August 15 at 6pm

Finance and Personnel-August 15 at 6:30pm

Council and Library Joint Meeting-August 29 at 5pm

Special Council Meeting-August 29 at 7pm

Regular Council-September 12, 2023

Lindeman/Peterson motion to adjourn. All ayes. Carried.

Lynn Thorson, Clerk