

Common Council Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2018

Approved

Call to order

Roll Call.

Lindeman, Klipstein, Garvin, Huber and Madden present. Also in attendance Mayor Stanek, and City Administrator/Treasurer, Carole Brown

Pledge of allegiance

Garvin/Huber motion to approve minutes from regular council meeting and budget public hearing on November 15, 2018. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment (5 minute limit, no action to be taken, items not on agenda)

Mark Pfof voiced his concerns with ice and snow removal at the top of Academy Street.

Bob Schroeder brought up concerns over the wood covered bicycle bridge and if the city engineers looked at it to see what needs to be fixed since the flood. Garvin says it is structurally sound. Schroeder is worried about the cribbing underneath. FEMA will be looking at it too. Second subject brought up is painting parking stripes on Main Street. Third subject is moving the Lake Street houses up to the three available lots on W. Elroy Street with basements underneath.

Council Communications:

Mayor-Due to a resignation there is an opening on Fire and Ambulance Association. If anyone knows of someone interested in the position, let him know. Discussed police commission members and who should be on the commission. City attorney said other communities don't have council members on their police commissions. We may be looking for recommendations for new members but things will stay the same until then.

Garvin/Madden motion to accept Joe Huber's resignation from the Fire and Ambulance Association. All ayes. Carried.

Council-Doreen Pfof is resigning from the CDA. Tony Green who has been serving as an alternate will take her permanent spot on the CDA. Will need another alternate.

City Administrator gave an update on the ongoing property issues within the city. 1416 Academy Street windows being installed in February and April. 1208 Academy-starting roof in the spring. 233 Main Street is on the county's tax foreclosure list. When we get asbestos abatement costs back, see if county is still interested in sharing cost to take down building. Added a few more houses to the list.

Update was given on the library roof. Almost wrapped up. Working on the front of the building.

Academy Street project update was given. Pretty much done except a few things that need to be done in the Spring.

Update on flood. FEMA was here on Thursday to discuss city damages. We have 60 days to enter all documentation to their portal.

2019 IT update. New contract has a substantial increase. Labor rates have increased. May outsource some of the computer support questions. JCOMP in Baraboo is a possibility.

Garvin/Huber motion to approve operator licenses for Chet and Marina Faith and Karl Jensen. All ayes. Carried.

Discuss retaining a realtor for city land for sale. Three letters were sent out to possible realtors. We heard back from two of them. Garvin/Klipstein motion to have administrator contact First Weber to act as realtor for the city property. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Huber motion to accept the Stewardship Grant for shared funds for work at the park. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Huber motion to accept the Connect Communities Agreement for revitalization of the downtown area. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Huber motion to make a change to the Economic Revolving Loan Manual in regard to the dollar amount of funds that can be requested. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Madden motion to approve pay request #4 from Gerke Excavating for the Academy Street Project in the amount of \$196,865.94. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Klipstein/Garvin motion to approve expenditures. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Reports:

Carole gave presentation of her Administrator's Report-CDBG close program. Baraboo River Project. Tax bills calculated and going in the mail tomorrow. Fair Board planning work at the park. May 4th tentative date for Spring Clean-Up. MEUW safety program starts in January.

Police-Brandon on his own now. Hours discussed. Backup generators.

CDA met yesterday afternoon. Sprinkman, Elroy Health Services and St. Joseph's Clinic were discussed. Finance and Personnel-CIP and 5-year finance plan. Carole hopes to have done by January council meeting.

Ordinance-None

Park and Rec- None

Street-None

Tourism-None

Utility- Scott started December 3rd.

Fire/Ambulance-Last months meeting was monthly finance meeting.

Library-2 new people hired part time. Donations for outdoor book drop box. Library Board gave \$1,000 and \$520.00 raised from sale of dollhouse. Cost is over \$4,000. Library donated \$5,000 toward the library roof.

Police Commission-Had a meet and greet for the new police officer.

Madden/Garvin motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e)-To deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, and Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(c) Consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee, and Wis. Stats 19.85 (1)(f) preliminary consideration of personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

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

Council directed City Administrator to work with the city attorney on a potential acquisition of land.

Next meeting is January 8, 2019 at 7:00pm

Madden/Huber to adjourn at 9:28pm. All ayes. Carried.

Lynn Thorson, Clerk