

Common Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2018

Approved

Call to order at 7:45 pm by Mayor Stanek

Roll Call.

Lindeman, Klipstein, Garvin, Huber and Madden present. Also in attendance City Administrator/Treasurer, Carole Brown and Clerk, Lynn Thorson, Police Chief, Tony Green

Pledge of allegiance

Garvin/Huber motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2018. All ayes. Carried.

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

None

Council Communications:

Mayor – Recommended reappointing Larry Eno to a 5 year term on the utility commission. Garvin/Huber made a motion to appoint Larry Eno to a 5 year term on the utility commission. All ayes. Carried.

Council – Madden was given a complaint from an area business in regard to unprofessional behavior by a city employee. City Administrator Brown will look into it.

1208 Academy Street hopes to complete foundation work this week (weather permitting) and will start on the roof in the spring.

233 Main St-Asbestos abatement companies have been contacted. They want to see the building before submitting a bid.

The library roof has been started. Should take 5 weeks to complete (weather permitting).

Flood update-Tony Green submitted a written report to the council. Governor Walker sent his request to declare a major disaster in our county to President Trump for his consideration on October 4th. That decision could take at least 2 months, and if a declaration is made it could take another month for FEMA to come back to the area.

Keeping chickens in residential areas was discussed. The council explained why it hasn't been approved in the past when brought up, and asked that those requesting to have chickens should bring a proposal to the council.

Garvin/Huber made a motion to approve Ordinance #425-Rezoning of land from a B1-Business District to R2-Single and 2 family Residential. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Garvin made a motion to approve operator licenses for Diane Hibbard and Jerita Branfort. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Madden made a motion to approve a Class B "Picnic" License for the Elroy Volunteer Fire Department-Steak and Wing Feed, and for the Elroy Ambulance-Picture Frame Fundraiser. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Huber made a motion to approve culvert repair on N. Brooklyn Ave. (Lindemann requested the plastic culvert be used). Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Huber made a motion to approve the service contract with Miller Heating and AC. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Lindemann motion to accept the bid from Yard Effects for mowing at the city cemetery. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

IT bid discussion tabled until we get more bids to compare.

Health Insurance options were discussed. Lynn and Carole were instructed to check into options with the auditors and report back at next meeting.

2019 Budget discussion. Carole presented the draft numbers to the council.

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

Reports:

Admin report – Carole presented her report. She will be attending the Baraboo River Corridor Planning meeting tomorrow in Reedsburg. Talked about repairs that need to be done to the bike trail bridge. She will also be submitting the final paperwork for the Municipal Flood Control Grant.

Police Chief Report- Tony has been dealing with FEMA a lot recently. Interviews were conducted for the police officer position. They narrowed down to two candidates and are currently conducting background checks. Royall school is receiving another DOJ Grant.

CDA – Sprinkman sale, day care needs, St. Joe's still looking for land to build clinic-planning 2019 and build in 2020, Elroy Healthcare still wants to proceed with assisted living facility possibly in 2020.

Finance/Personnel – None

Ordinance-None

Parks – None

Streets – met yesterday, discussed spring clean-up options and Academy Street project.

Tourism – None

Utility- bought a couple of pumps to replace ones damaged in flood. Dave Lind was made OIC of water/wastewater department at tonight's Utility Commission meeting.

Fire and Ambulance – Meeting Wednesday and going over preliminary budget. New ambulance is here.

Library- Kari was asked to present at the WI Library Association meeting to speak about the library's children's book section. Kari reports that after the flood there were a lot of people at the library using the computers and asking for documents to be faxed.

Chamber- Flood raiser event was discussed. Event had to be planned in two weeks for Brunner Charitable Foundation to match funds raised. Approximately \$17,000 was raised in 3 hours. Flood relief funds are over 50,000 from various communities.

Closed Session:

Garvin/Madden motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19-85(1)(e)-Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Discuss possible purchase of property. And Wis. Stats. 19-85 (1)(f) preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Lindemann motion to re-convene into open session. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Next meeting is November 13, 2018 and possibly October 23, 2018 for budget meeting.

Madden/Huber to adjourn @ 9:22pm

Lynn Thorson, Clerk