

Common Council Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2017

Approved

Call to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Stanek

Roll Call.

All here. Plus Chief Tony Green, Treasurer, Carole Brown, Clerk, Lynn Thorson

Pledge of allegiance

Garvin/Madden motion to approve the minutes from Aug 15, 2017 and Aug 21, 2017. All ayes. Carried.

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

Mary Waarvik read a letter from her family expressing their desire to keep the gazebo in good repair. Included with the letter was a check for \$1,000 and an additional \$500 donation from her.

Wendy Kocik spoke about her feeling that the city needs a full time police chief.

Council Communications:

Mayor – Made recommendation to council to appoint Bruce Lange to the Utility Commission for 5 years. Made recommendation to the council to appoint Tony Green as an alternate to the CDA.

Garvin/Madden to make a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Bruce Lange to the UC for 5 yrs and Tony Green as alternate on the CDA.

Council – No council communication

Consent Agenda:

Lindemann/Huber to approve temporary class "B" retailer's license to the Elroy Area Ambulance for the CMA viewing party at the Elroy Theater on November 8, 2017. All ayes. Carried

Garvin/Huber to approve temporary street closing of a portion of Jeffery Lane on September 16th for an auction at the Carmen Haas residence.

201 Main Street Update: John Warner, Jr. presented documents and pictures showing their progress on their building at 201 Main Street. He reported that the brick has been stabilized and 70% of the roof tear off is completed. 60% of the roof repair should be completed by September 27. Glass for the front window will be in at Beaver Glass on September 21 and they should be coming to replace the window by September 28. when roof is completed they will put on gutters and snow guards. When the roof is done they will repair the walls. John Sr. talked about gutter issues. No quote yet. Roof completed by October 15 w/out gutter and snow guards. Stucco will be done by November 19 on Franklin side and alleyway. Steve Green and Wanda Dogs voiced their concerns about the angle of the roof and the snow that will end up in the area between the two buildings.

233 Main Street Update: The building has been cleaned out. Rat poison has been set out. Owner also has a shed across the alley in the back that he didn't know he owned. He will need to clean it out and it is in need of repairs. Put possible raze order on the next council agenda.

1208 Academy St was discussed. It was decided to go to the homeowner with the inspector's report and see what he can do to fix it up.

Thorson gave updates on all of the ongoing raze orders. 205 Spring St –One owner was served raze order paperwork; the other owner hasn't been located to be served. Get demo bids before the next meeting. 1416 Academy Street-Owner gave update on property. She has upgraded the wiring. (no permits) She has gotten someone to bid on fixing the basement walls. She has filled a dumpster cleaning out the house. She has the money and would like to fix up her father's house. 1421 Academy Street is almost completed and to code. There is still an issue with the side porch. Builder hasn't come back to fix it and took all her materials. She is not paying for more materials to fix it. Trailer Park relocation-no

luck yet on housing. No word in response to Carole's letter to owner of 307 2nd Main Street. Insurance appraisal? Will it include demo? How does the city make sure it gets paid if we have to take it down? Ask the insurance carrier.

Garvin/Madden to continue with the raze order on 1416 Academy Street. All ayes. Carried

Huber/Garvin to go ahead with the vacating of a portion of Johnson Street. All ayes. Carried.

Update on Genrich and Badger Streets-Waiting for legal descriptions. Contact Rob at MSA for help.

Garvin/Huber to approve procurement policy fro the Academy Street project. 4 ayes/1 nay Carried.

Updates of Ordinance Book chapters 1-4 were completed by the clerk. A copy with the highlighted changes was printed out if anyone wanted to look at it. Discussed approving the ordinances in their entirety after getting all chapters completed.

Carole and council representative to the utility commission, Todd Lindemann, gave an update on the solar project. There would be a lease payment for the property for 25 years. We were offered less money than New Lisbon. Lindemann recommends going back to ask for more money. Ask for 4,500 and don't accept less than 4,000.

Huber/Garvin to approve making a counteroffer to One Energy of 4,500 and take no less then 4,000. for the land lease for the solar project. All ayes. Carried.

Will talk more about the Academy Street project at the October meeting.

Klipstein/Huber to approve expenditures. All ayes. Carried

Reports:

Admin report – Carole reported on Stewardship Grant, CDBG Grant, and handed out preliminary budget numbers for review.

City Attorney Report- None

CDA - Visit with Tailor Made-potential for expansion. Old city hall potential buyer still looking.

Finance/Personnel – Met earlier. reviewed budget and job descriptions

Ordinance – None

Parks – Roof done on bathhouse. Dog poop stations arrived and will be installed.

Streets – None.

Tourism – None.

Utility- Solar project discussion, Possible rate case for electric utility/it has been 9 years since an increase. Possibly raise by 3% and then borrow \$ for expenses.

Fire and Ambulance – Meeting tomorrow. Looking to get a new ambulance.

Library – Donations being used to update children and teen sections. Kari still taking classes but should be done in December and then will be officially certified. Elliott patched a hole in the roof that may have been the cause of the leaking. City workers need to look at drainage vents. \$7-8,000 for a retaining wall redo by the basement entrance. Yard Effects will do the landscaping. Kari will be coming in to ask for raises for her assistants-possibly 10.00 for each.

Police – None

Closed Session:

Garvin/Lindemann to make a motion to go 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 the Golden Warriors, LLC land purchase and Wis. Stats. § 19.85 (1)(c) – Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Discussion on the Police Chief position and employment contract for Administrator. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Huber motion to reconvene into open session. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Huber to approve Resolution #1027 to allow the Mayor to sign documents in regard to Golden Warriors, LLC. Roll Call 4 ayes, 1 nay, Carried.

Madden/Garvin to approve a full time police chief per the recommendation of the Police Commission. 4 ayes, Klipstein abstained. Carried.

Garvin/Huber motion to adjourn at 9:50pm. All ayes. Carried.

Lynn Thorson, Clerk