

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chippewa Falls was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Greg Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CLERK CALLS THE ROLL

Council Members present: John Monarski, Rob Kiefer, Chuck Hull, Heather Martell, Paul Nadreau, and Jason Hiess.

Also Present: City Attorney Robert Ferg; Finance Manager/Treasurer Lynne Bauer; Director of Public Works/City Engineer/Utilities Manager Rick Rubenzer; City Planner/Transit Manager Brad Hentschel; Assistant City Engineer Bill McElroy; Battalion Chief Justus Busse; Library Director Joe Niese; Police Lt. Ryan Douglas; City Clerk Bridget Givens; and those on the attached sign-in sheet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Motion by Monarski/Kiefer to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 21, 2023. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Director of Public Works/City Engineer/Utilities Manager Rubenzer provided a summary of each project and the special assessment process. The public information meeting was held on March 9, 2023 with limited citizen participation.

(a) Mayor Hoffman opened the Public Hearing regarding Levying Special Assessments – Chippewa Street (Canal Street to Depot Street) at 6:33 pm. There being no requests to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:33 pm.

(b) Mayor Hoffman opened the Public Hearing regarding Levying Special Assessments – Columbia Street (Carson Street to Island Street) at 6:34 pm. There being no requests to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:34 pm.

(c) Mayor Hoffman opened the Public Hearing regarding Levying Special Assessments – Pearl Street (Mansfield Street to Stanley Street) at 6:37 pm. There being no requests to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:37 pm.

(d) Mayor Hoffman opened the Public Hearing regarding Levying Special Assessments – Prentice Street (Morris Street to First Avenue) at 6:38 pm. There being no requests to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:38 pm.

(e) Mayor Hoffman opened the Public Hearing regarding Levying Special Assessments – Walnut Street (Pear Street to Woodward Avenue) at 6:39 pm. There being no requests to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:39 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

REPORTS

(a) Motion by Hull/Monarski to approve the Board of Public Works minutes of March 27, 2023. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS in the order in which they are named in Section 2.21 of the Municipal Code

(a) Motion by Kiefer/Hiess to approve the Committee #2 Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy and Administration minutes of April 4, 2023. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

APPLICATIONS

(a) Motion by Hiess/Hull to approve the Street Use Permit Application from Michels Construction for the Xcel Energy – Chippewa Falls Hydroelectric Dam Project to close the west-most lane and shoulder of State Hwy 124 on various instances occurring between June 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023. Discussion ensued relative to the impact on the boat landing.

APPLICATIONS (continued)

Councilor Hiess noted that lane closures should not be scheduled during large scale events in the City.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Hull, Martell, Nadreau, Monarski, Kiefer. Motion carried.

(b) Motion by Hull/Kiefer to approve the Street Use Permit Application from the Chippewa Falls YMCA for the Leinenkugel's/YMCA Pure Water Days Races on August 12, 2023 from 7:30 am – 11:00 am utilizing various City Streets. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(c) Motion by Monarski/Kiefer to approve the Sidewalk Use Permit Application from Chippewa Falls Main Street to place decorative bikes and planters on street poles and sidewalks for downtown beautification from approximately May 1, 2023 – November 1, 2023. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

PETITIONS - None

MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS - None

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

REPORT OF OFFICERS - None

ORDINANCES

(a) Motion by Nadreau/Hiess to approve **Ordinance #2023-08 Entitled:** Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Nadreau, Hiess, Monarski, Kiefer, Hull, Martell. Motion carried.**

(b) The First Reading of Ordinance #2023-09 Entitled: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2022-15 Recently Enacted on December 20, 2022 to Include a Monetary Penalty for 12-Hour Parking was held.

(c) The First Reading of Ordinance #2023-10 Entitled: An Ordinance Allowing a Parent to Leave an Infant Not More Than 72 Hours of Age in a Safety Device for Surrender, Under Certain Conditions, Without Criminal Prosecution for Abandonment or Abuse of a Child and Allowing for the Installation and Operation of Such a Safety Device for the Surrender of an Infant was held.

(d) The First Reading of Ordinance #2023-11 Entitled: An Ordinance Prohibiting the Opening of Fire Hydrants Without Permission was held.

RESOLUTIONS

(a) Motion by Hiess/Nadreau to approve **Resolution #2023-08 Entitled:** Final Resolution Levying Special Assessments and Authorizing Construction in Chippewa Street (Canal Street to Depot Street). **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Nadreau, Monarski, Kiefer, Hull, Martell. Motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Hiess/Hull to approve **Resolution #2023-09 Entitled:** Final Resolution Levying Special Assessments and Authorizing Construction in Columbia Street (Carson Street to Island Street). **Roll Call Vote: Aye - Hiess, Hull, Martell, Nadreau, Monarski, Kiefer. Motion carried.**

(c) Motion by Hiess/Nadreau to approve **Resolution #2023-10 Entitled:** Final Resolution Levying Special Assessments and Authorizing Construction in Pearl Street (Mansfield Street to Stanley Street). **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Nadreau, Monarski, Kiefer, Hull, Martell. Motion carried.**

(d) Motion by Hiess/Monarski to approve **Resolution #2023-11 Entitled:** Final Resolution Levying Special Assessments and Authorizing Construction in Prentice Street (Morris Street to First Avenue). **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Monarski, Kiefer, Hull, Martell, Nadreau. Motion carried.**

(e) Motion by Hiess/Nadreau to approve **Resolution #2023-12 Entitled:** Final Resolution Levying Special Assessments and Authorizing Construction in Walnut Street (Pear Street to Woodward Avenue). **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Nadreau, Monarski, Kiefer, Hull, Martell. Motion carried.**

(f) Motion by Hiess/Kiefer to approve **Resolution #2023-13 Entitled:** Resolution Suspending the 12-Inch Grass and Weed Prohibition of §10.03(6) of the City Code until June 1, 2023. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Kiefer, Hull, Martell, Nadreau; No – Monarski. Motion carried.**

(g) Motion by Kiefer/Hiess to approve **Resolution #2023-14 Entitled:** A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application for the Wisconsin Idle Sites Redevelopment Grant Program. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Kiefer, Hiess, Monarski, Hull, Martell, Nadreau.**

OTHER NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

CLAIMS

(a) Motion by Kiefer/Monarski to approve the claims as recommended by the Claims Committee.

City General Claims:	\$91,551.30
Authorized/Handwritten Claims:	\$0.00
Department of Public Utilities:	<u>\$129,931.42</u>
Total of Claims Presented	<u>\$221,482.72</u>

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Kiefer, Monarski, Hull, Martell, Nadreau, Hiess. Motion carried.

(b) Motion by Kiefer/Hiess to refer the claim of Paul Lynch, 117 E Canal Street, Chippewa Falls, to the insurance company. **Roll Call Vote: Aye - Kiefer, Hiess, Monarski, Hull, Martell, Nadreau. Motion carried.**

CLOSED SESSION

(a) The Council did not enter Closed Session nor was there any discussion or action taken on the agenda item below.

Closed Session under Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for “deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a Closed Session” to discuss and consider the following:

- a. Potential Tax Increment Financing Incentives and a Developers Agreement for a project in TID #11 including all matters relative to procurement of a satisfactory Developers Agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hiess/Monarski to adjourn at 7:01 pm. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Submitted by:
Bridget Givens, City Clerk