

## 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 18, 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, and Jason Hiess. Absent was Paul Nadreau.

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; Fire Chief Jason Thom; Police Chief Matt Kelm; City Clerk Bridget Givens; and those on the attached sign-in sheet.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**(a) Motion by Monarski/Hiess** to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of April 4, 2023. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

### PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

**(a)** Plaque presentation for Todd Berg honoring his years of committed service to the community.

**(b)** Plaque presentation for Trevor Weiland honoring his years of committed service to the community.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

**COMMUNICATIONS** - None

### REPORTS

**(a) Motion by Hiess/Hull** to approve the Board of Public Works minutes of April 10, 2023 with a correction to the low bid amount for the 2023 Street Improvement Projects to reflect \$2,643,474.53. **Roll Call Vote: Aye - Hiess, Hull, Monarski, Kiefer, Martell. Motion carried.**

**(b) Motion by Hiess/Martell** to approve the Plan Commission minutes of April 10, 2023. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Martell, Monarski, Kiefer, Hull. Motion carried.**

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

**(a) Motion by Monarski/Hull** to approve the Joint Committee #1 Revenues, Disbursements, Water, and Wastewater and Committee #2 Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy and Administration minutes of April 10, 2023. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Monarski, Hull, Kiefer, Martell, Hiess. Motion carried.**

**(b) Motion by Monarski/Hull** to approve the Committee #1 Revenues, Disbursements, Water, and Wastewater minutes of April 12, 2023. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Monarski, Hull, Kiefer, Martell, Hiess. Motion carried.**

**(c) Motion by Hull/Hiess** to approve the Committee #2 Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy and Administration minutes of April 11, 2023. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

**(d)** The Park Board minutes of April 11, 2023 were presented.

**(e)** The Library Board minutes of March 15, 2023 were presented.

### APPLICATIONS

**Motion by Monarski/Kiefer** to consider items (a) – (h) in one motion. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

**Motion by Monarski/Kiefer** to approve items (a) – (h) as follows:

**(a)** Application for Temporary Class “B” Beer Retailer’s License from the Chippewa Falls Area Chamber of Commerce for the Farmer Appreciation Dinner to be held at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, 225 Edward Street, on June 21, 2023.

**(b)** Application for Class “E” Dance and Live Music License from the Chippewa Falls Area Chamber of Commerce for the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, 225 Edward Street, on June 21, 2023.

## **APPLICATIONS** (continued)

(c) Application for Temporary Class “B” Beer Retailer’s License from McDonell Athletic Booster Club for the MABC Designer Bag Bingo to be held at McDonell Central Catholic High School, 1316 Bel Air Blvd, on April 23, 2023.

(d) Applications for Temporary Class “B” Beer Retailer’s License from the Chippewa Youth Hockey Association for Chippewa Steel Playoff Games to be held at the Chippewa Area Ice Arena, 839 First Avenue, on various dates.

(e) Application for Temporary Class “B” Beer Retailer’s License from the Chippewa Youth Hockey Association for Northwest Beer Fest to be held at the Chippewa Area Ice Arena, 839 First Avenue, on June 3, 2023.

(f) Application for Class “E” Dance and Live Music License from the Chippewa Youth Hockey Association for the Chippewa Area Ice Arena, 839 First Avenue, on June 3, 2023.

(g) Street Use Permit Application of the YMCA of the Chippewa Valley for the Ferris Wheel 5K to be held on July 15, 2023 utilizing various City Streets.

(h) Non-Commercial Kennel License Application of Karen McCabe, 903 Superior Street.

**All present voting aye, motion carried.**

## **PETITIONS** - None

## **MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS**

(a) Mayor Hoffman presented the recommended appointments to various Boards and Commissions. Action on these appointments is scheduled for May 2, 2023.

## **MAYOR’S REPORT** - None

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS** - None

## **ORDINANCES**

(a) 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.

(b) **Motion by Martell/Kiefer** to approve **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. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Martell, Kiefer, Hiess, Monarski; No – Hull. Motion carried.**

(c) **Motion by Hiess/Kiefer** to approve **Ordinance #2023-11 Entitled:** An Ordinance Prohibiting the Opening of Fire Hydrants Without Permission. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Kiefer, Hull, Martell, Monarski. Motion carried.**

(d) The First Reading of **Ordinance #2023-12 Entitled:** An Ordinance Prohibiting Tampering With Water Meters was held.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

(a) **Motion by Hiess/Monarski** to approve **Resolution #2023-15 Entitled:** Resolution Final Plat of Toycen’s Addition. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Monarski, Kiefer, Hull, Martell. Motion carried.**

## **OTHER NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(a) **Motion by Hull/Kiefer** to award the bid for the City of Chippewa Falls’ 2023 street and utility improvement projects to Haas Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$2,643,474.53. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hull, Kiefer, Martell, Hiess, Monarski. Motion carried.**

(b) Councilor Monarski detailed the changes to the labor agreement between the City and Local 1816. **Motion by Hull/Martell** to ratify the labor agreement between the City of Chippewa Falls and the Chippewa Falls International Association of Firefighters, Local 1816. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hull, Martell, Hiess, Monarski, Kiefer. Motion carried.**

## **CLAIMS**

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

City General Claims:	\$351,703.76
Authorized/Handwritten Claims:	\$0.00
Department of Public Utilities:	<u>\$93,788.36</u>
Total of Claims Presented	<u>\$445,492.12</u>

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

**(a) Motion by Monarski/Kiefer** to go into Closed Session under Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) for “conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved” relative to the following:

1. EOG Resources, Inc.; and to include the Mayor, Council, Ferg, Bauer, Givens, Hentschel, and Rubenzer; may return to Open Session for possible action on Closed Session item.

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

The Council discussed Item 1 above.

**Motion by Monarski/Kiefer** to return to Open Session. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Monarski/Martell** to adjourn at 7:22 pm. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Submitted by:  
Bridget Givens, City Clerk