

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, June 20, 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, CW King, Chuck Hull, Heather Martell, Paul Nadreau, and Jason Hiess.

Also Present: City Attorney Robert Ferg; Director of Public Works/ Utilities Manager Rick Rubenzer; City Planner/Transit Manager Brad Hentschel; Building/Zoning Inspector Paul Lasiewicz; Brian Reilly of Ehlers; Deputy Clerk Jenny Peterson; and those on the attached sign-in sheet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Motion by Nadreau/Monarski to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of June 6, 2023. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

(a) Allyson Wisniewski, Chippewa Falls Area Chamber President, and Ellie Peabody, Communication and Marketing Manager, provided a Tourism Report to the Council.

(b) Troy Rands, 553 Summit Avenue, appeared to express concern with a taxicab business in the City of Chippewa Falls.

(c) Dan Miller, 439 W Elm Street, appeared to express concern with the renewal of the taxicab business license application of Ready Ride Taxi.

(d) Dawn Miller, 439 W Elm Street, appeared to express concern with a taxicab business in the City of Chippewa Falls.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

REPORTS

(a) Motion by Hiess/Monarski to approve the Board of Public Works minutes of June 12, 2023. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Monarski, King, Hull, Martell, Nadreau. Motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Hiess/Nadreau to approve the Plan Commission minutes of June 12, 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 Nadreau/Martell to approve the Committee #1 Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater minutes of June 13, 2023. Councilor Hiess questioned why only one rifle shield was being purchased when more were requested. Chief Kelm noted that grant funds would not cover the entire request, and the hope is to use ARPA funds for the remainder. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Nadreau, Martell, Hiess, Monarski, King, Hull. Motion carried.**

(b) Motion by King/Martell to approve the Committee #2 Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy and Administration minutes of June 15, 2023. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – King, Martell, Nadreau, Hiess, Monarski, Hull. Motion carried.**

(c) Motion by Monarski/Nadreau to approve the Committee #3 Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic minutes of June 19, 2023. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Monarski, Nadreau, Hiess, King, Hull, Martell. Motion carried.**

(d) The Park Board minutes of June 13, 2023 were presented. Councilor Martell provided an update on the progress of the Pool Committee. Staffing concerns were discussed. It was noted that the Council should receive monthly Pool Committee updates.

(e) The Library Board minutes of May 10, 2023 were presented.

APPLICATIONS

(a) Motion by Hiess/Monarski to approve the Alcohol Beverage License Applications/Renewals for 2023/2024 conditioned upon approval by the Health Inspector. Discussion ensued relative to the calls for service memorandum prepared by the Police Department in relation to licensed establishments; specifically, the number of calls at some of the locations. Different mechanisms for dealing with issues were reviewed.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Monarski, King, Hull, Nadreau; No – Martell. Motion carried.

(b) Motion by Hiess/Hull to approve the Dance License Applications/Renewals for 2023/2024. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(c) Motion by Nadreau/Hull to approve the renewal of the 2023/2024 Garbage/Recycling Licenses of GFL Solid Waste Midwest, LLC and Waste Management conditioned upon approval by the Health Inspector. **All present voting aye, except Hiess who recused, motion carried.**

(d) Motion by Hiess/Nadreau to approve the renewal of the 2023/2024 Garbage/Recycling Licenses of Gorilla Dumpster Bag and Trash on Trucks. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(e) Motion by Hiess/Nadreau to approve the renewal of the 2023/2024 Taxicab Business License Applications of Penny Sorensen (American Phoenix Transportation), John Hallquist (Checker Taxi), and Nina Eisold (Ready Ride Taxi) conditioned upon submission of passing Taxicab Vehicle Inspections as performed by the Police Department. Councilor Monarski noted that drivers should be checked for their Taxicab Driver Licenses when the taxi inspections are performed. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(f) Motion by Hiess/Nadreau to approve the renewal of the 2023/2024 Taxicab Business License Applications of Jay McNulty (Town and Country Taxi) and Angela Rands (On Time Taxi). **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(g) Motion by Hiess/Nadreau to approve the Conditional Surrender of Kevin DeCook (Platinum Pet Supply) of his Class “B”/“Class B” Intoxicating Liquor and Malt Beverage License predicated upon the granting of the license to Bryce Smetana (Smetana Operations, LLC). **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(h) Motion by Hiess/Nadreau to approve the Original Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application of Smetana Operations, LLC, Bryce Smetana, Agent, for Rally House, located at 465 Chippewa Mall Drive. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(i) Motion by Hiess/Martell to approve the Application for Class “B” Dance and Live Music License from Bryce Smetana for Rally House, 465 Chippewa Mall Drive. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**
Motion by Monarski/Nadreau to consider items (j) – (m) in one motion. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Motion by Monarski/King to approve items (j) – (m) as follows:

(j) Application for Temporary Class “B”/“Class B” Beer and Wine Retailer’s License from the Eau Claire North Booster Club for the G&S Classic Softball Tournament to be held at Casper Park, 1025 W Canal Street, on June 23, 2023.

(k) Application for Temporary Class “B”/“Class B” Beer and Wine Retailer’s License from the Northern Wisconsin State Fair Association, Inc. for the Northern Wisconsin State Fair to be held at the Fairgrounds, 225 Edward Street, on July 12 – 16, 2023.

(l) Street Use Permit Application from the Northern Wisconsin State Fair Association, Inc. for the Northern Wisconsin State Fair requesting one-way traffic on Edward Street from Hwy 124 to Prentice Street during high traffic hours and to charge accordingly for City Services.

(m) Application for Class “E” Dance and Live Music License from the Northern Wisconsin State Fair Association, Inc. for the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, 225 Edward Street, on July 12 – 16, 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 Hiess/Nadreau** to approve **Ordinance #2023-13 Entitled:** An Ordinance Amending the Closing Hours for City Parks Regarding Pedestrian Traffic. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Nadreau, King, Hull; No – Monarski, Martell. Motion carried.**
- (b) **Motion by Hiess/Martell** to approve **Ordinance #2023-14 Entitled:** An Ordinance Amending the Eight-Hour Parking Limitation for the “Market Place” Parking Lot to Twelve Hours. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Martell, Nadreau, Monarski, King, Hull. Motion carried.**
- (c) The First Reading of **Ordinance #2023-15 Entitled:** An Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Chapter 22 of the City of Chippewa Falls Municipal Code was held.

RESOLUTIONS

- (a) **Motion by Nadreau/Monarski** to approve **Resolution #2023-22 Entitled:** Resolution Approving a Certified Survey Map (Mark Connell - Lowater Road). **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Nadreau, Monarski, King, Hull, Martell; Recuse – Hiess. Motion carried.**
- (b) **Motion by Monarski/King** to approve **Resolution #2023-23 Entitled:** Resolution Approving a Certified Survey Map (Robert and Annaliese Fish - parcel at NE corner of Elm and Bridge Street). **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Monarski, King, Hull, Martell, Nadreau; Recuse – Hiess. Motion carried.**
- (c) **Motion by Hiess/King** to approve **Resolution #2023-24 Entitled:** Compliance Maintenance Resolution. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, King, Hull, Martell, Nadreau, Monarski. Motion carried.**
Brian Reilly of Ehlers provided an overview of the financing.
- (d) **Motion by Monarski/Hull** to approve **Resolution #2023-25 Entitled:** Initial Resolution Authorizing \$1,185,000 General Obligation Bonds for Street Improvement Projects. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Monarski, Hull, Martell, Nadreau, Hiess, King. Motion carried.**
- (e) **Motion by Monarski/King** to approve **Resolution #2023-26 Entitled:** Initial Resolution Authorizing \$505,000 General Obligation Bonds for Sewerage Projects. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Monarski, King, Hull, Martell, Nadreau, Hiess. Motion carried.**
- (f) **Motion by Monarski/Martell** to approve **Resolution #2023-27 Entitled:** Initial Resolution Authorizing \$2,085,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Monarski, Martell, Nadreau, Hiess, King, Hull. Motion carried.**
- (g) **Motion by Hull/Hiess** to approve **Resolution #2023-28 Entitled:** Resolution Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issues. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hull, Hiess, Monarski, King, Martell, Nadreau. Motion carried.**
- (h) **Motion by Hiess/Nadreau** to approve **Resolution #2023-29 Entitled:** Resolution Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$3,775,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Nadreau, Monarski, King, Hull, Martell. Motion carried.**

OTHER NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (a) **Motion by Hiess/Monarski** to approve the State/Municipal Agreement for a State-Let Local Bridge Project for Central Street Bridge Replacement. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Monarski, King, Hull, Martell, Nadreau. Motion carried.**
- (b) **Motion by Nadreau/Martell** to approve the Supplemental Letter Agreement between the City of Chippewa Falls and SEH for the Safe Drinking Water (SDW) loan application and administration. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Nadreau, Martell, Hiess, Monarski, King, Hull. Motion carried.**

CLAIMS

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

City General Claims:	\$410,820.70
Authorized/Handwritten Claims:	\$253,861.76
Department of Public Utilities:	<u>\$52,754.07</u>
Total of Claims Presented	<u>\$717,436.53</u>

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

- (b) **Motion by King/Hiess** to deny the claim of Mary Rudd, 3201 60th Avenue, Elk Mound, as recommended by the insurance company. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

CLOSED SESSION

(a) Motion by Monarski/Nadreau 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. Renewal Alcohol License Application of Badger State Hospitality, LLC; and to include the Mayor, Council, Ferg, Givens, Peterson, Lasiewicz, Kelm, and Boos; may return to Open Session for possible action on Closed Session Item.

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

The Council discussed Item 1 above.

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

It was noted that a motion was unanimously approved in Closed Session that it is the intention of the Council to not renew the Alcohol License Application of Badger State Hospitality, LLC and to schedule a hearing accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hiess/Nadreau to adjourn at 9:16 pm. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Submitted by:
Bridget Givens, City Clerk