

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, September 19, 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, CW King, Chuck Hull, Heather Martell, Paul Nadreau, and Jason Hiess.

Also Present: City Attorney Robert Ferg; Finance Manager/Treasurer Lynne Bauer; Director of Public Works/Utility Manager Brandon Cesafsky; City Engineer Bill McElroy; City Planner/Transit Manager Brad Hentschel; Police Chief Matt Kelm; Fire Chief Jason Thom; City Clerk Bridget Givens; and those on the attached sign-in sheet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Motion by Monarski/Martell to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of September 5, 2023. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

(a) Cathy Coyle, 45 E Birch Street, appeared to express concern with the City's enforcement of the ordinance which prohibits parking a vehicle on City Streets for more than 24 consecutive hours.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) City Planner/Transit Manager Hentschel provided an overview of the project. Mayor Hoffman opened a Public Hearing regarding the proposed change of districts in the Zoning Ordinance for Parcel 22808-0612-75756002, Lot 2, CSM 5756 located at 12 E Elm Street from R-1C Single Family Residential District to C-3 Central Business District at 6:42 pm. Robert and Anneliese Fish appeared in support of the project and advised that they are excited to serve the community. There being no further requests to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:43 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

REPORTS

(a) Motion by Kiefer/Monarski to approve the Board of Public Works minutes of September 11, 2023. The Council had additional discussion relative to accessible parking options at the library. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Kiefer, Monarski, Hull, Martell, Nadreau, Hiess; No – King. Motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Kiefer/Monarski to approve the Plan Commission minutes of September 11, 2023. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Kiefer, Monarski, King, Hull, Martell, Nadreau, Hiess. Motion carried.**

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

(a) Mayor Hoffman advised that new information was received following the Committee #1 Meeting which requires Item #4 to go back to the Committee for reconsideration. Any motion to approve should include this provision. **Motion by Hull/Martell** to approve the Committee #1 Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater minutes of September 19, 2023 with Item #4 being referred to the Committee for reconsideration. Councilor Hiess questioned the rate of pay for retirees who are being brought back on a temporary basis to fill unanticipated vacancies. It was noted that the Committee had previously approved bringing a retiree back for temporary help at the rate of pay they were making when they left City employment. Mayor Hoffman shared that the rate of pay is merited as they have experience in the position, and are helping the City while short-handed. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hull, Martell, Nadreau, Hiess, Monarski, Kiefer, King. Motion carried.**

(b) Motion by King/Kiefer to approve the Committee #2 Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy and Administration minutes of September 19, 2023. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – King, Kiefer, Hull, Martell, Nadreau, Hiess, Monarski. Motion carried.**

(c) Motion by Kiefer/Nadreau to approve the Committee #3 Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic minutes of September 18, 2023. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

(d) The Park Board minutes of September 12, 2023 were presented.

(e) The Library Board minutes of August 9, 2023 were presented.

APPLICATIONS

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

Motion by Monarski/Nadreau to approve items (a) – (b) as follows:

(a) Application for Temporary Class “B”/“Class B” Beer and Wine Retailer’s License from the Tilden Lions Club for the Tilden Lions Mega Raffle to be held at the Knights of Columbus, 236 Pumhouse Road, on October 14, 2023.

(b) Street Use Permit Application from the Chippewa Falls Senior High School for the Chi-Hi Homecoming Bonfire to be held on September 22, 2023 utilizing various City Streets.

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/Kiefer** to approve **Ordinance #2023-20 Entitled:** An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code of the City of Chippewa Falls (Lot 2, CSM #5756, 12 E Elm Street). **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Kiefer, King, Hull, Martell, Nadreau, Monarski. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS

(a) **Motion by Hiess/Monarski** to approve **Resolution #2023-39 Entitled:** Resolution Approving a Certified Survey Map (South Avenue). **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Monarski, Kiefer, King, Hull, Martell, Nadreau. Motion carried.**

OTHER NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) An overview was provided with City Engineer McElroy noting the project is scheduled for 2030. **Motion by Kiefer/Nadreau** to approve the State/Municipal Financial Agreement for a State-Let Highway Project (STH 178). **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Kiefer, Nadreau, Hiess, Monarski, King, Hull, Martell. Motion carried.**

(b) McElroy advised that the underground electric is already installed, and the additional easement would serve new businesses to the east. **Motion by Hiess/Hull** to approve the Electric Underground Distribution Easement between the City of Chippewa Falls and Northern States Power Company on Lot 1, CSM 4503 (Fire Station 1). **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hiess, Hull, Martell, Nadreau, Monarski, Kiefer, King. Motion carried.**

(c) It was noted that the original conditions of the lease would continue wherein it will be plowed in accordance with the City’s snow removal protocols. The City sweeps and plows the lot as compensation for the lease. **Motion by Kiefer/Nadreau** to approve the Lease Agreement for the Family Dollar Parking Lot located at the SE Corner of Bay Street and Central Street. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Kiefer, Nadreau, Hiess, Monarski, King, Hull, Martell. Motion carried.**

(d) Director of Public Works/Utility Manager Cesafsky provided an update regarding the Central Street Bridge closure. Following an inspection by Chippewa County, the bridge was deemed unsafe and recommended for closure to vehicular traffic. Possible timelines were discussed with Cesafsky advising that the bridge is currently on the capital improvement plan for construction in 2027, but he will work with the state to see if there is any way to move this project up in priority.

CLAIMS

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

City General Claims:	\$1,038,572.14
Authorized/Handwritten Claims:	\$0.00
Department of Public Utilities:	<u>\$98,706.49</u>
Total of Claims Presented	<u>\$1,137,278.63</u>

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

(b) Motion by Hiess/Kiefer to refer the claim of Deborah Hulberg, 717 Wheaton Street, to the insurance company. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hiess/Nadreau to adjourn at 7:37 pm. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Submitted by:
Bridget Givens, City Clerk