

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, November 5, 2013, 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: Mike Hanke, Rob Kiefer, Amy Mason, Chuck Hull, Jane Lardahl, and Bill Hicks. Absent was George Adrian.

Also Present: City Attorney Robert Ferg, Finance Manager/Treasurer Lynne Bauer, City Planner/Transit Manager Jayson Smith, Director of Public Works/City Engineer/Utilities Manager Rick Rubenzer, Fire Chief Tom Larson, Assistant City Engineer Matt Decur, Chippewa Falls Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director Allyson Gommer, City Clerk Bridget Givens, and the individuals listed on the attached sign-in sheet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Motion by Hanke/Kiefer to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 15, 2013. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

REPORTS

(a) Motion by Hicks/Mason to approve the Board of Public Works minutes of October 21, 2013. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Lardahl/Hicks to approve the Business Improvement District Board of Directors minutes of October 23, 2013. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Lardahl, Hicks, Hanke, Kiefer, Mason, Hull. Motion carried.**

APPLICATIONS

(a) Motion by Hanke/Kiefer to approve the Operator (Bartender) Licenses as approved by the Police Department. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Mason/Hull to approve the Street Use Permit Application from Brian McAlister for the Frigid 8 and Thermal 3 to be held on December 7, 2013 on various City Streets. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(c) Motion by Hanke/Hicks to approve the Application for Temporary Class “B” / “Class B” Beer Retailer’s License from the Knights of Columbus for the Knights of Columbus Hunters Stag to be held on November 6, 2013 at 236 Pumphouse Road. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(d) Motion by Hicks/Lardahl to approve the Street Use Permit Application from Chippewa Falls Main Street for a Paint the Town Christmas event to be held on December 12, 2013 from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm on N. Bridge Street. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(e) Motion by Hanke/Hicks to approve the Street Use Permit Application from the Chippewa Manor for the Veteran’s Salute event in which flags will be placed in the grass along the sidewalk in front of the Chippewa Manor facility on November 6 -12, 2013. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

PETITIONS - None

MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

(a) The appointment of Mary McKenna to the CDBG Housing Committee was presented for consideration as recommended by the Mayor. Action on this appointment will take place on November 19, 2013.

MAYOR’S REPORT

(a) Mayor Hoffman proclaimed November 14 and 15, 2013 as Rotary Rose Days in the City of Chippewa Falls and encouraged citizens to support our youth by purchasing rotary roses.

MAYOR'S REPORT (continued)

(b) Mayor Hoffman introduced Allyson Gommer from the Chippewa Falls Area Chamber of Commerce who provided a brief tourism update. A Group Bookings information sheet, Occupancy Report, and Chamber of Commerce Report Card were distributed and details were provided to the Council.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) **Motion by Mason/Lardahl** to approve the Joint Committee #1 Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater and Committee #2 Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy and Administration minutes of October 22, 2013. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Mason, Lardahl, Hicks, Hanke, Kiefer, Hull. Motion carried.**

(b) **Motion by Hicks/Hull** to approve Committee #1 Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater minutes of October 29, 2013. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(c) **Motion by Lardahl/Mason** to approve the Joint Committee #1 Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater and Committee #2 Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy and Administration minutes of October 29, 2013. Councilor Hanke questioned if stronger changes in health insurance deductibles will have to be made next year due to the Affordable Care Act implementation. Finance Manager Bauer advised that is part of the reason we went with a \$1000/\$2000 deductible plan as the previous plan would have been considered a Cadillac Plan. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Lardahl, Mason, Hull, Hicks, Hanke, Kiefer. Motion carried.**

(d) **Motion by Hanke/Kiefer** to approve the Joint Committee #1 Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater and Committee #2 Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy and Administration minutes of November 5, 2013. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hanke, Kiefer, Mason, Hull, Lardahl, Hicks. Motion carried.**

(e) **Motion by Mason/Hanke** to approve the Committee #2 Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy and Administration minutes of November 5, 2013. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Mason, Hanke, Kiefer, Hull, Lardahl, Hicks. Motion carried.**

(f) **Motion by Lardahl/Hicks** to approve the Committee #3 Transportation, Construction, Public Safety, and Traffic Minutes of October 16, 2013. Mr. Rubenzer advised there will be a public information meeting next Tuesday to discuss snow removal. Councilor Mason questioned the genesis of the agenda item regarding firearms in public buildings. Hanke advised that a few employees, based on the nature of their positions, had expressed concerns about firearms being prohibited. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(g) **Motion by Hull/Hanke** to approve the Department Head Review Committee minutes of November 5, 2013. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hull, Hanke, Kiefer, Mason, Lardahl, Hicks. Motion carried.**

(h) The Park Board minutes of October 21, 2013 were presented.

(i) The Special Park Board minutes of October 28, 2013 were presented.

REPORT OF OFFICERS - None

ORDINANCES - None

RESOLUTIONS

(a) **Motion by Hicks/Mason** to approve **Resolution #2013-45 Entitled:** Resolution (regarding the sale of real estate located on Chippewa Crossing Blvd. to John and Elaine Krista). **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hicks, Mason, Hull, Lardahl, Hanke, Kiefer. Motion carried.**

OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

(a) City Planner, Jayson Smith advised of a new grant program the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation has instituted where the City could apply for funding for the Downtown Entrance Plan. The grant could provide up to \$50,000 in funding if we increased the planning contract with SEH/JJR to \$200,000 versus \$125,000. This would allow the City to be close to 100% engineering design and put us in a better position for bidding. The SEH/JJR agreement would need to be modified and we would wait to approve the agreement until after grant funding has been determined. **Motion by Hicks/Mason** to approve the proposal from SEH to work with the City Planning Department to prepare the Community Development Infrastructure Grant application for submittal to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to obtain planning funds for the Downtown Chippewa Falls Riverfront Plan. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hicks, Mason, Hull, Lardahl, Hanke, Kiefer. Motion carried.**

(b) **Motion by Mason/Hanke** to delay consideration of the proposal from SEH to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the property located at 100 N. Bridge Street until after the Closed Session. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

CLAIMS

(a) Motion by Hull/Hanke to approve the claims of the various boards and departments of the City as recommended by the Claims Committee as follows:

City General Claims:	\$249,495.63
Authorized/Handwritten Claims:	\$57,022.54
Department of Public Utilities:	<u>\$170,737.77</u>
Total of Claims Presented	<u>\$477,255.94</u>

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hull, Hanke, Kiefer, Mason, Lardahl, Hicks. Motion carried.

(b) Motion by Hicks/Kiefer to refer the claim submitted by Mary and Charles Goettl, 115 S. Grove Street, to the insurance company. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

CLOSED SESSION

(a) Motion by Mason/Hull to go into Closed Session under WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for “deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining implications require a Closed Session” to discuss and consider the following:

1. Offer to purchase the property located at 100 N. Bridge Street;
2. Acquisition of the property located at 28 S. Bridge Street and the property owned by CMC Heartland Partners Liquidating Trust and consider proposal from Timber-Selissen Land Specialists to represent the City of Chippewa Falls regarding the acquisition of the properties.
3. Labor negotiation issues and strategy (it was indicated this item would not need to be addressed in closed session at this time).

and to allow Council, Mayor, Ferg, Smith, Bauer, and Givens to attend; may return to Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Mason, Hull, Lardahl, Hicks, Hanke, Kiefer. Motion carried.

Council discussed items (1) and (2) above.

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

OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW (continued)

(b) Motion by Hanke/Mason to approve the proposal from SEH in the amount of \$4,700 to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the property located at 100 N. Bridge Street. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hanke, Mason, Hull, Lardahl, Hicks, Kiefer. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hanke/Hull to adjourn at 8:50 pm. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

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