April 16, 2019  CITY OF WASHBURN RE-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

5:30PM Washburn City Hall

Present: City Council Members: Aaron Austin, Carl Broberg, Karen Spears Novachek, Jennifer Maziasz, Laura Tulowitzky, Tom Neimes Jr.

Municipal Personnel: Mayor Richard Avol, City Administrator Scott J. Kluver, City Treasurer Tammy DeMars, City Attorney Max Lindsey

Excused Absence: Mary McGrath

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 5:30PM by Mayor Avol. Roll call attendance depicted six (6) of seven (7) members of the Common Council in attendance. Quorum of the Council recognized.


Election of Council President – No discussion took place. A motion was made by Maziasz to elect Novachek to Council President, second by Neimes. Novachek accepts nomination. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Plan Commission Member (2/3 Vote Required) – A motion was made by Neimes to nominate Austin. Austin thanks Neimes for the nomination, but declines the nomination as he would not be able to put in the time required for that position. Moved by Maziasz to nominate Tulowitzky, to Plan Commission, second by Neimes. After brief discussion, Tulowitzky accepted nomination. Motion carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Council Member Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees - Mayor is asking for the following City Council appointments, Laura Tulowitzky to Library Board, Tom Neimes to Bart Board, Carl Broberg to Harbor Commission, Personnel/Finance Aaron Austin, Mary McGrath and Karen Spears-Novachek. Moved by Novachek to confirm the Mayor appointments of Council members to the various boards, commissions and committees, second by Broberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Citizen Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Committees - The Mayor stated he would like to nominate the following Citizens; Rodger Reiswig Harbor Commission, Leo Ketchum-Fish & John Gray Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Michael Wright with Linda Barnes as Alternate 1 and Scott Griffiths as Alternate 2, Parks Kyleeleen Cullen Bartnick and Library Board John Adams and Tom Cogger Jr. A motion was made by Novachek to approve all citizen appointments, second by Broberg. Motion carried unanimously. The Mayor also announced there are still two (2) citizen vacancies on the Harbor Commission.

Appointment of Weed Commissioner – Moved by Novachek to appoint Public Works Director Bob Anderson as the Weed Commissioner, second by Austin. Motion carried unanimously.

Designation of Public Depository (s) – No discussion. A motion was made by Maziasz to approve all listed below as the public depository(s), second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously.

- Bremer Bank
- Chippewa Valley Bank
- Northern State Bank

Designation of Official Newspaper - A motion was made by Tulowitzky to designate the Ashland Daily Press as the official paper, second by Broberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Orientation and Other Training for Council Members – Kluver reminder, anyone who wish to sign up for the training in Ashland can let him know and he will sign everyone up at once, and the Board of Review Training is scheduled for the first Monday of May at 5:00pm. He also wanted all members not to be afraid to ask questions. City Attorney Max Lindsey gave a brief training session on Open Records, e-mail quorums, and walking quorums.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Broberg to adjourn at 6:20pm, second by Austin. Motion carried unanimously.

Tammy DeMars
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk