

April 8, 2019

CITY OF WASHBURN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

5:30PM Washburn City Hall

Present: City Council Members: Aaron Austin, Karen Spears-Novachek, Linda Barnes, John Gary, Jeremy Oswald
Municipal Personnel: Mayor Richard Avol, City Administrator Scott J. Kluver, City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, City Attorney Max Lindsey
Excused Absence: Jennifer Maziasz, Mary McGrath

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

Approval of Minutes – City Council Meetings of March 11, 2019– A motion was made by Barnes to approve the March 11, 2019–minutes, second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Expenditures- A motion was made by Novachek to approve the monthly expenditures, second by Oswald. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Public Comment – Thomas Neimes, 605 W. 4th St.-applauded the Mayor and City Administrator for their civility at the last meeting, commended the Council for looking forward and thanked the people who voted for him. Hilary Jewell, Bayfield, WI with Recreation and Fitness Resources, Inc.- thanked the City for their continued partnership and support of the North Coast Community Sailing Program. Mike Defoe, 820 W. Bayfield St,- stated he is one of the property owners who’s basement was flooded and foundation was damaged when one of the water line broke on Bayfield Street, he thank the City and Public Works Department for the quick response, but hopes that the City is going to address its infrastructure soon because this is serious.

Mayoral Announcements, Proclamations, Appointments- The Mayor thanked the City Administrator, Carl Broberg and the rest of the Harbor Commission for the work on the coal dock.

He then asked Jeremy Oswald to talk a little about what Superior Day’s is. Oswald explained this is a group comprised of individuals from four (4) counties who advocate for our area. Members of this group come up with one or two issues they feel are important to our area and lobby for them. Oswald hopes that the City will consider getting involved with this next year, it’s a great opportunity to meet with elected officials face to face.

The Mayor nominated Candace Kolenda to the Harbor Commission. Moved by Barnes to approve the appointment of Candace Kolenda to the Harbor Commission, second by Gary. Motion carried unanimously. He also announced we still have vacancy on the BART Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

He congratulated the newly elected Council. Thanked Linda Barnes, John Gary and Jeremy Oswald for their service each was given a plaque and everyone had cake.

Presentation & Discussion on the Washburn Library annual Report – D. Pendergrass, presenting – Librarian Darrell Pendergrass presented the report. Austin, Oswald, Barnes and Gary all commended Mr. Pendergrass on the great job being done at the Library. Pendergrass also committed on the fundraisers underway for their tuck point project, they are hoping to have all the funding by 2021.

Discussion & Referral to Plan Commission of Request to Vacate all Alleys in Blocks 18 and 23 of the DuPont Park Addition to the City of Washburn, James Bratley and Debra Barnhardt-Petitioners –Kluver has no objection to this vacating request as it helps to clean up an issue for this small area and it would no create any land locked parcels. Novachek moves to recommend sending Request to Vacate all Alleys in Blocks 18 and 23 of the DuPont Park Addition to the City of Washburn to the Plan Commission, second by Oswald. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Renewal of Lease Agreement of Thompson’s West End Park Boat Ramp Area for North Coast Community Sailing- Hilary Jewell, Petitioner – Do to the work that is going to be happening on the Boat Ramp Kluver is asking for some flexibility. Moved by Oswald to approve the renewal of lease agreement of Thompson’s West End Park Boat Ramp Area for North Coast Community Sailing, including the flexibility requested by Kluver, second by Barnes. Motion carried uniamoulsy.

Discussion & Action on Contract with Smithgroup for Engineering and Bid Document Preparation Related to the Thompson’s West End Park Boat Ramp Project- and the Assignment of Owners Responsible Agent for the West End Park Boat Ramp Project Motion by Novachek to approve contract with Smithgroup for the engineering and bid document preparation for the Thompson’s West End Park Boat Ramp Project and appoint Scott Kluver as the Responsible Agent for the Project with Bob Anderson as back up in Kluver absence, second by Oswald. Discussion on funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on resolution 19-002 to Transfer Responsibility of the Recreation Boater Grant of Thompsons West End Park to the city Administrator- Former Assistant City Administrator Stoltman was originally authorized to act on behalf of the City, with his departure a new resolution needs to be passed naming a new authorized agent. Moved by Barnes to approve Resolution 19-002 to transfer the responsibility of the Recreation Boater Grant of Thompson’s West end Park to City Administrator Scott Kluver, second by Gary. Motion carried uniamoulsy.

Discussion & Action on Listing Bayfield Street Development Property with a Broker – The council recently approved listing a property for sale with Blue Water Realty a local realtor. We have now worked out some of the details for the formally Broktdown Palace. Basically, if the broker brings us a buyer and the transaction is completed, they would get a commission. Individuals who have expressed interested in the building in the past would be exempt and no commission would be given to the broker. Mr. Jennings is the original broker who initiated the request to list the City properties and at the time was associated with Blue Water Realty, he has now left Blue Water Realty to start his own firm as Anthony Jennings & Crew Real Estate located in Ashland. Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Jennings ae both respected realtors and while Blue Water is in Washburn, Mr. Jennings has Washburn connections as well. Mr. Kluver is recommending leaving the first property with Blue Water Realty and listing the Broktdown with Anthony Jennings & Crew Real Estate. Moved by Novachek to list the property know at the Broktdown Palace with Anthony Jennings & Crew Real Estate, second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Submission Requests to Army Corps of Engineers Section 154 Grant – No Discussion. Gary moves to approve submissions of the three projects as outlined by Kluver correspondence dated Mar 22, 2019, 2nd by Austin. Motion carried unanimously.

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Alcohol Licensing Matters - Bartender License Applications #20-55 – A motion was made by Oswald approve Bartender License Applications – #20-55, second by Gary. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Barnes, seconded by Austin. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Tammy L. DeMars
City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30PM

Committee Member Karen Spears Novachek, and Aaron Austin reviewed monthly expenditure vouchers.