

December 10, 2018

CITY OF WASHBURN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

5:30PM Washburn City Hall

Present: City Council Members:

Aaron Austin, Jeremy Oswald, Jennifer Maziasz, Karen Spears-Novachek, Linda Barnes, Mary McGrath, John Gary

Municipal Personnel:

Mayor Richard Avol, City Administrator Scott J. Kluver, Assistant City Administrator Dan Stoltman, City Attorney Max Lindsey

Excused Absence:

None

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

Approval of Minutes – City Council Meetings of November 12, 2018– A motion was made by Novachek to approve the November 12, 2018– minutes, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Comment – Jan Wise 220 6th Ave. W., discussed the need for senior housing in the city. Tom Neimes 605 W. 4th St., spoke on the proposed solar panel project at the waste water treatment plant and believes the project should be put to referendum. Roy Settgas, Town of Washburn spoke on the Excel Energy transmission line project. Ann Bowker spoke on the need for more housing in Washburn. Alex Strachota, 76370 Pavlson Rd., discussed the solar project at the waste water treatment plant, and asked that the city accept the grant for the project.

Mayoral Announcements, Proclamations, Appointments- Lake Superior By-Way Committee Appointment; BART Board – The Mayor discussed the need for members to the Lake Superior By-Way Committee and BART Board, as well as a need for EMTs and Firefighters. The Mayor recognized City of Washburn Police Officer Josh Fleig for his 15th year of service to the city, and to City Treasurer Tammy DeMars for her 20th year of service to the city.

Public Hearing, Discussion & Action on Resolution #18-019 Request to Vacate the Alley in Block 6 of Vaughn and Austrian Addition to the Townsite of Washburn adjacent to Lots 19 and 20, Stephanie Arntsen – Petitioner – A motion was made by McGrath to open the public hearing, second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously. No one spoke at the public hearing. A motion was made by McGrath to close the public hearing, second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously. Kluver gave an overview and stated he had no issue with request to vacate the ally. A motion was made by Barnes to approve Resolution #18-019, second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Acceptance of Award of RECIP Grant for Solar Panels at the Wastewater Treatment Plant – An overview was given. Kluver discussed the problems with aging equipment at the plant that will need replacement at some point, and the need to balance the capital improvement needs of the plant. Kluver discussed financing options for the solar project. An overview was given on the time and cost of the preparing the bid documents. It was stated the by accepting the grant, it does not mean the city must move forward with the project once all bids are in and all other information is known. A motion was made by Barnes to open the floor, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously. Bill Bailey gave a presentation. A motion was made by Oswald to accept the award of RECIP grant for solar panels at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Oswald to close the floor, second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Resolution #18-018 2018 Harbor Commission Budget Amendment #1 for Coal Dock Project – Kluver gave an overview. A motion was made by Novachek to approve Resolution #18-018 2018 Harbor Commission budget amendment #1 for Coal Dock Project, second by Gary. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on 2019 Pay Schedule – An overview was given. A motion was made by Barnes to approve the 2019 pay schedule, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Proposed 2019 TID #2 and TID #3 Budgets – An overview was given. A motion was made by McGrath to approve proposed 2019 TID #2 and TID #3 budgets, second by Oswald. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Resolution #18-020 Adopting All 2019 Budgets and Expenditures – Kluver stated he needed to add an additional change. That change is carrying over \$2,500 from the Police budget in order to complete outfitting the new squad car that was purchased, but won't happen until January of 2019. A motion was made by Novachek to approve Resolution #18-020 adopting all 2019 budgets and expenditures, and including the carryover of \$2,500 from the Police budget to complete outfitting of the new squad car, second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Writing-Off Certain Outstanding Ambulance Bills/Utility Bills – Kluver stated this is only for ambulance write-offs. A motion was made McGrath to approve writing-off certain outstanding ambulance bills, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on 2019 Meeting, Election, and Holiday Calendar – No discussion was had. A motion was made by Novachek to approve the 2019 meeting, election, and holiday calendar, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Special Event Campground Reservation/Community Service Request, Top-O- Wisconsin Good Sam Chapter, May 19 – 24, 2019 – No discussion was had. A motion was made by Barnes to approve the special event campground reservation/community service request, Top-O-Wisconsin Good Sam Chapter, May 19 – 24, 2019, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session – A motion was made by Oswald to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment agreement for a Public Works Director; and (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public property and for competitive reasons following which they may reconvene in Open Session to take any action necessary on the closed session items, second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote. Return to open session at 7:40pm.

○ **Consideration of Employment Offer for a Public Works Director** – A motion was made by Novachek to

approve the offer of Public Works Director as stated in the provided letter to Robert Anderson, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

○ **Discussion of Negotiation Stances and Tactics Related to City Property Available for Development Located South of Omaha Street between 2nd Avenue West and Central Avenue** – A discussion was had on the potential proposal from Movin Out to build appartments on the Omaha St. property. It was stated that the city would need to release an RFP for any potential projects on the property. No motion was made.

○ **Discussion of Negotiation Stances and Tactics Related to City Property Available for Redevelopment Located at 204/206 West Bayfield Street** – A discussion was had on the offer by Dan Hudson and other projects he has completed that would be similar to his plans with the brokedown palace. It was stated that the upper portion would be five apartments, one apartment on the lower level, and retail space in the remaining building. No motion was made.

Adjourn – A motion was made by McGrath to adjourn at 8:08pm, second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Stoltman
Assistant City Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30PM

Committee Member Karen Novackek, Mary McGrath, and Aaron Austin reviewed monthly expenditure vouchers.