

July 9, 2018

CITY OF WASHBURN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

5:30PM Washburn City Hall

Present: City Council Members:

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

Municipal Personnel:

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

Excused Absence:

Aaron Austin

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.

Approval of Minutes – City Council Meetings of June 11, 2018– A motion was made by Novachek to approve the June 11, 2018– minutes, second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Comment – Thomas Neimes, 605 West 4th Street, spoke in favor of having a Family Dollar in the city, and stated he feels some members of the Plan commission had a conflict of interest and should have recused themselves. Mr. Neimes also stated that West End Park needs to be cleaned up and that the city should put seasonal campsites in the West End overflow camping area. Rodger Reiswig, 423 West Pine Street, spoke on the park committee and the background on the nominated members. Mr. Reiswig asked if the new Park Committee would take input from the community on agenda topics. Mr. Weiswig spoke on the potential sale of city owned property lots #47 and 48 and the possibility of putting Pearl Beach on County owned land instead. Jamie Cook 419 West 6th Street spoke on the baseball fields and stated she would like to see the land next to the softball field reserved for a possible new little league field. As a nominee for the Parks Committee, Ms. Cook discussed her background being involved in the community parks and recreation. Adam Stauffer 29 W. 3rd St. spoke in favor of the proposed development by Pearl Beach.

Mayoral Announcements, Proclamations, Appointments- The Mayor discussed the need for more EMT volunteers. The Mayor gave recognition to members of the ambulance service who have served for many years. The Mayor nominated Aaron Austin to replace Maziasz on the Personnel and Finance Committee. A motion was made by McGrath to appoint Aaron Austin to the Personnel and Finance Committee, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Draft Certified Survey Map for Reconfiguration of Atherton Properties in Vicinity of N. 3rd Avenue E. and E. 8th Street – Heather Atherton, Petitioner – No discussion took place. A motion was made by McGrath to approve draft certified survey map for reconfiguration of Atherton properties in vicinity of N. 3rd Avenue E. and E. 8th Street, with the additional recommendations by City Administrator Kluver that it be recorded after the final taxes instalment, second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Ordinance 18-003 for the Establishment of a Park Committee; Scope of Authority and Structure for Said Committee; Mayoral Appointments for Said Committee – The Mayor gave an overview of the proposed committee and stated that he and Council President McGrath worked together crafting the ordinance. The Mayor stated he hopes Council will approve the ordinance and the members he has nominated. The Mayor stated the nominated member profiles are in the Council and those members are Kyleleen Cullen Bartnick, Jamie Cook, Erika Lang and Wendy Reese as the committee members, and Jennifer Maziasz as Council representative. A motion was made by Novachek to approve Ordinance 18-003 for the establishment of a Park Committee and appoint Kyleleen Cullen Bartnick, Jamie Cook, Erika Lang and Wendy Reese as the committee members, and Jennifer Maziasz as Council representative, second by McGrath. Novachek stated she hopes the committee will be open to public input. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Maintenance Items at West End Park –An overview of the item was given on a dead tree to be removed, overgrown limbs to be removed, and fixing a jetty. A discussion took place on the request to fix the jetty at West End Park and the method proposed and possible vegetation that would be removed. Public Works Director Salmi stated that permits from the DNR would be needed for the project. A motion was made by McGrath to remove the dead tree at campsite 5 and the overgrown limbs at the beach, second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously. More discussion took place on fixing the

jetty and removing vegetation. A motion was made by McGrath to allow the city to apply for the necessary DNR permits, second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action on Acceptance of Bid and Award of Contract to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for Polymer Scrub Seal Project on 8th Avenue West, Hillside Drive, and Woodland Drive – An overview was given. It was stated that the city received one bid for the project and the bidder was Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC. It was stated that the project comes in under budget. Of the budgeted ninety five thousand, seventy four thousand six hundred and twenty two will be used for the contracted services and eleven thousand for road prep performed by the DPW. A motion was made by Novachek to approve the contract as presented with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC for seventy four thousand six hundred and twenty two dollars, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Offer by Pearl Beach Construction, Inc. to Purchase City Lot #48 for the Construction of an Office and Contractors Yard at that Location – Karl Dornburg – City Administrator Kluver gave an overview. Kluver discussed the background of how Pearl Beach Construction became interested in locating within the city. Kluver stated that lot 48 is not currently zoned for this type of business, but because the city no longer has industrial land available, and feels this business would be an asset to the community and is appropriate for the area, it is worthy to consider changing the zoning and comprehensive plan. Kluver discussed the idea of nearby Bayfield County property. It was stated that the County property would require the relocation of two buildings (VFW & Lions Club) and was further stated that the required utility lines and lift station are not available at that location of the property. Mayor Avol stated that the property where the VFW and Lions Club are located is currently not large enough for the Pearl Beach project. Karl Dornburg of Pearl Beach Construction spoke. Mr. Dornburg gave an overview of his plans for the project. He stated that he is open to discussing changes to the project plans, and willing to work with Harbor View on screening. Mr. Dornburg stated that he does not believe the noise will be any more than what is currently in the area and they would not have late hours of operation. He stated that any outside storage material wouldn't exceed the height of the vegetation screening, and most work would be done inside the building. The Mayor stated that not a lot is known about Pearl Beach Construction, and would like more background and financial information. Mr. Dornburg discussed his background and stated he can provide the city with more financial information. It was stated that Council prefers to discuss further in closed session. No motion was made.

Discussion & Action on Offer by American Hotel Association, LLC to Purchase City Lots #47 and #48 for the Construction of Residential Duplexes at that Location – John Carlson, Representing Petitioner – Attorney for American Hotel Association, John Carlson, spoke. Mr. Carlson gave an overview. He discussed lot #47 and #48, he stated that the view of the lake will be obstructed if the building presented by Pearl Beach construction is constructed. Mr. Carlson discussed the level of investment made in the city by American Hotel Association, LLC. He stated the main issue American Hotel Association, LLC has with the Pearl Beach proposed project is the potential noise, and believes if the Pearl Beach project moves forward, the rest of the undeveloped property in that area will become undesirable. Mr. Carlson stated that the American Hotel Association, LLC is proposing to construct duplexes on both lot #47 & #48. Mr. Carlson stated that before American Hotel Association, LLC invests money into a site plan and other pre development activities, the Council needs to decide what their plan for that property will be. A discussion took place on the possible type of housing on lot #47 and #48. A motion was made by Maziasz to open the floor, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously. Greg, the owner of the two storage buildings behind lot #48, spoke. He stated that he has concerns with water runoff and whatever development happens on lot #48, water runoff needs to be considered. Carl Broberg 11915 hwy County C, spoke. He discussed the coal dock grant and the potential amount of additional dollars the Harbor Commission will have to spend to complete the project. He stated that Pearl Beach would be a customer of the coal dock, and that revenue would help offset the cost of repairing the dock. Jeff Moberg, a part owner of American Hotel Association, LLC, spoke on lot #47 and #48. He stated that he feels the proposed project by Pearl Beach Construction will negatively impact their business because of the potential noise. Adam Stauffer spoke. He stated that he does not think the noise will be an issue because they spend most of the time working away from the shop. He stated the snowmobile trail that runs through that area produces more noise than the operations of Pearl Beach. Karl Dornburg spoke. He stated that he understands the noise concern of American Hotel Association, LLC, and will work with them on that issue. He stated that ninety percent of what they do is away from the shop, and noise will be minimal. A motion was made by McGrath to close the floor, second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously. It was stated to further discuss in closed session. No motion was made.

Alcohol Licensing Matters -

New Bartender License Applications - #19-15 – No discussion was had. A motion was made by Novachek to approve

new bartender license applications - #19-15, second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously. **Bartender License Renewals - #20 -15 through #20-34** –A motion was made by Barnes to approve bartender license renewals - #20 -15 through #20-34, second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session Items – A motion was made by Barnes to go into closed session at 7:41 pm pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute §19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of potentially selling public property, for which competitive and bargaining reasons require a closed session, following which the Council may reconvene in open session to take any action that may be necessary on the closed session items, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

- Negotiation on Offer by Pearl Beach Construction, Inc. to Purchase City Lot # 48 for the Construction of an Office and Contractors Yard at that Location
- Negotiation on Offer by American Hotel Association, LLC to Purchase City Lots#47 and #48 for the Construction of Residential Duplexes at that Location

Adjourn – A motion was made by Barnes to adjourn at 8:57 pm, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Stoltman
Assistant City Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30PM

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