

June 10, 2019

CITY OF WASHBURN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

5:30PM Washburn City Hall

Present: City Council Members: Aaron Austin, Carl Broberg, Karen Spears-Novachek, Mary McGrath, Tom Neimes, Laura Tulowitzky

Municipal Personnel: Mayor Richard Avol, City Administrator Scott J. Kluver, City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Excused Absence: Jennifer Maziasz

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

Approval of Minutes – City Council Meetings of May 13, 2019; Board of review May 20, 2019– A motion was made by Novachek to approve the May 13, 2019– Council minutes and May 20, 2019 Board of Review minutes, second by Neimes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Comment – Jeff Silbert-410 N. 5th Ave. E., Washburn, Jeremy Oswald, 401 W. 5th St. Washburn and Joe Russo, Town of Bayview all spoke in favor of passing Resolution 19-006 Urging Congress to Pass HR763. Diana Yost, North Coast Coffee and member of the Washburn Business Alliance asked the Council to wait to make any decisions on the Omaha St. property, plan for the entire City not just Omaha St. and spoke in favor of the development of the former Brokendown Palace property. Kevin Porter 118 ½ W. Bayfield St., would support updating the Comprehensive Plan and be willing to work on it. Marilyn Wilson-824 W. Jackson Rd, Washburn spoke in favor of Resolution #19-006 that there are many environmental issues that contribute to health issues.

Mayoral Announcements, Proclamations, Appointments- Avol announced there are openings on Harbor Commission.

Presentation, Discussion & Action on Request to Improve Washington Avenue Sidewalks – Washburn Girl Scout Troop Petitioner – Becky Shaftstall Girl Scout Troop Leader along with the Girl Scouts and Brownie Troop addressed the Council asking that they consider repairing the sidewalks on the West side of N. Washington Ave from Bayfield Street to 8th Avenue. Each Girl Scout/Brownie member address their concerns to the council stating they are very dangerous to ride or walk on. Lengthy discussion held including talks of special assessments, grants and possible bike lanes. No action was taken, but Tulowitzky and Mayor Avol will work with the girl scouts to see if they can come up with some type of resolution.

Presentation by Chequamegon Climate Change Lobby, and Discussion & Action on Resolution 19-006 Urging Congress to Pass HR 763 also Referred to as the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act - Bill Bussey gave a presentation on the Chequamegon Climate Change Lobby. Moved by Austin to pass Resolution 19-006 Urging Congress to Pass HR 763, second by Tulowitzky. Motion Passes 5 to 1 with Broberg opposed.

Presentation, Discussion, & Action on Offer to Purchase the Bayfield Street Development Property (AKA Brokedown Palace) Located at 204/206 West Bayfield Street (Tax ID 33221)-Aventure Vivante and Nathan Monkeliën, Petitioners – Kevin Porter, managing member of Aventure Vivante and Nathan Monkeliën in attendance giving a verbal presentation of their offer and plans for the 204/206 W. Bayfield St. property. They are asking the City to give them the property and to obtain the property on the corner for them, they would invest approximately \$500,000.00 of their own money to add six apartments in the upstairs, four units would be two bedroom and two units would be one bedroom, one ADA unit in the downstairs and two retail spaces in the downstairs. Apartments would have outside decks along with a common patio area, the parking on the side would be used for tenants and others. All of this would be contingent on obtaining financing, they are planning on working through Chippewa Valley Bank. City Council has various questions on collateral, protection for the City, more detail on other projects they have been involved with among other things. Moved by McGrath to have the City Attorney, City Administrator and Mayor meet with the petitioners and discuss these issues, second by Neimes. Moved by Tulowitzky to open floor, second by McGrath. Motion carried Roth Edwards spoke in favor of this, it's an important development as it will help Bayfield Street and Housing needs. Broberg moves to close floor, second by Tulowitzky. Motion carried. Original motion passes unanimously.

Reconsideration of, and Discussion & Action on the Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System Design and Installation Project at the Wastewater Plant – Acceptance of Bids- Novachek moves to reconsider the decision made at the May 13, 2109 Council Meeting, Second by Austin. Discussion; Novachek feels the new information on the cost of the panels and the meeting the staff had with the contractor left a positive feeling with staff. Austin feels we need to start looking at investment savings, the new figures will give us a positive cash flow in a short period of time. McGrath and Neimes both are not comfortable borrowing money, when we know we have other projects in the near future. Roll call vote on motion to reconsider, approved (4) four to (2) two with McGrath and Neimes opposed.

Approval of Contract with Eagle Point Solar- Eagle Point will modify their contract to \$186,825.00

Designation of Responsible Representative of the City for the Project – Kluver is recommending that Public Works Director Bob Anderson be the responsible Representative of the project.

Resolution 19-004 Authorizing the borrowing of \$199,000 from the BCPL for the Project and Other Upgrades – Solar Project cost with contingency plus additional \$40,000.00 for the Blowers and Boiler at the treatment plant.

Motion by Novachek to approve Eagle Point Solar contract in the amount of \$186,825.00, appoint Robert Anderson-DPW as the responsible representative and to approve Resolution 19-004 Authorizing the borrowing of \$169,000.00, second by Tulowitzky. Broberg moves to open floor, second by Neimes. Motion carried. Bill Bailey addressed council in regards to the existing solar buy in the City has already invested in. Moved by Broberg to close the floor, second by Novachek. Motion carried. Roll call vote on original motion Austin, Broberg, Novachek, Tulowitzky yes. Neimes and McGrath No. Motion carries 4 to

Discussion & Action on Recommended Cuts/Changes to 2019 Capital Budget, Sewer Utility Budget - Series of cuts were suggested by the Finance Committee, since than a couple of things have changed. We have just decided to borrow the money for the Blowers and Boiler and the cost of the Marina water break is now estimated at \$50,000.00 and a good portion should be covered by the insurance. Novachek moves to

approve list with the modification of adding back in \$40,000.00 for City Hall Windows and remove the \$40,000.00 for the boiler and blowers, second by Austin. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Resolution #19-007 Approving the 2018 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the Sewer Utility- Broberg moves to approve Resolution #19-007 Approving the 2018 CMA Report, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Planning Process for Omaha Street Property Available for Development – Novachek reviewed her idea for a community forum as discussed at the last meeting, the first step would be informational and steps two and three would require a facilitator. Novechek moves to open floor, second by Neimes. Motion carried. Roth Edwards, would like to see a survey done instead. John Carlson, feels the City needs to look at more than just the Omaha Street. Jeff Moberg, doesn't think its rational to look at single point planning, the City needs to step back and look at the overall plan of the City. Dave Anderson, City needs to look at long term and if you need to cut services and staff so be it. Moved by Broberg to close floor, second by Austin. Motion carried. Novechek states this is just a starting point; she wants to hear what everyone has to say. Neimes moves to move ahead with planning on more than just Omaha St., second by McGrath. Motion fails on 4 to 2 votes with McGrath & Neimes yes, Tulowitzky, Novachek, Austin, Broberg No. Broberg moves to table for a future meeting, second by Neimes. Motion carries 5 to 1, Novachek opposed.

Discussion & Action on Business Recruitment Activities – Kluver reviewed what the role the City plays in the creation of business

Discussion & Action on Resolution 19-005 Amending the Appointment of Weed Commissioner – Moved by Novachek to approve Resolution 19-005 amending the appointment term of the weed commissioner, second by McGrath. Motion carried

Alcohol Licensing Matters – Approval of Annual Alcohol and Beer Garden License Renewal Application - Moved by Novachek to approve all license contingent on the payment of all delinquent taxes city bills, and inspections, second by Broberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Bartender License Renewal Applications #21-13 Through 21-26 and New Bartender License Applications - #20-62 Through #20-64 – A motion was made by Novachek to approve Bartender License Applications – #21-13 through 21-26 and #20-62 through 20-64, second by Broberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session - Deliberating and Negotiation of Sale Provisions Related to the Bayfield Street Development Property (AKA Brokedown Palace) located at 204/206 West Bayfield Street (Tax ID 33221) – Aventure Vivante and Nathan Monkeliën, Petitioners – Council did not go into closed session.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Novachek, seconded by Broberg. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 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.