

March 12, 2018

CITY OF WASHBURN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

5:30PM Washburn City Hall

Present: City Council Members:

Richard Avol, Jeremy Oswald, John Gary, Robert Arquette, Karen Spears Novachek, Jennifer Maziasz, Mary McGrath

Municipal Personnel:

Mayor Scott A. Griffiths, City Administrator Scott J. Kluver, Assistant City Administrator Dan Stoltman, City Attorney Siegler

Excused Absence:

None

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 5:30PM by Mayor Griffiths. 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 Meeting February 12, 2018– A motion was made by Novachek to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes, second by Arquette. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Expenditures- A motion was made by McGrath to approve the monthly expenditures from the February 12 and March 12, 2018 meetings, second by Avol. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Public Comment – None

Mayoral Announcements, Proclamations, Appointments- None

Presentation & Discussion on Ambulance Coverage and Need to Increase Available EMTs – Washburn Area Ambulance Director Dan Clark gave a presentation on the current status of the ambulance service and discussed the need to find a solution for better area coverage. EMT Carrie Okey spoke. She stated that the service needs more volunteers and more public awareness of the problem. A discussion took place on how the EMT service functions. No motion was made.

Discussion & Action on Buying-In to Xcel Energy’s Solar Connect Project – Mike Beau of Xcel Energy gave an overview of the project. A discussion took place on the city investing in the project. It was stated an investment in the project would be financially beneficial to the city in the long term. A motion was made by Novachek to approve the recommended investment of \$125,000 (\$25k from the water utility, \$50k from storm water, \$50k general fund) into the Xcel Energy Solar Connect project to benefit the sewer utility and be repaid as outlined in the memo, second by Avol. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Placement of Public Art Donation in Honor of Tom Blake on Island Off of Thompson’s West End Park – Jesse Woodward, Petitioner – The Mayor gave an overview of the project. Attorney Siegler stated the main issue is that it is not clear whether the man-made island(s) where the art work is being proposed is in the city limits, and is not certain who does have jurisdiction over the island. It was stated that it could be the State or Bayfield County that will have the say in whether or not the artwork is allowed. Jesse Woodward spoke. He stated that he would be open to other areas as well if the original location does not work out. It was stated that the Council is agreeable to the project and finding a location if the original location does not work out. It was stated that Jesse Woodland should contact the State and or County. No motion was made.

Discussion & Action on Resolution #18-002 Authorization to Apply for Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Community Development Investment Grant for the Washburn Iron Works Expansion and Sewer Main Relocation Project – Kluver gave an overview of the topic. A discussion took place on applying for the grant. A motion was made by Avol to approve Resolution #18-002 authorization to apply for Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Community Development Investment Grant for the Washburn Iron Works expansion and sewer main relocation project, second by Arquette. Motion carried 6-1 with McGrath opposed.

Discussion & Referral to Plan Commission for Request for Vacation of the East 418 Feet from First Avenue East of East Memorial Park Drive – Washburn Iron Works, Petitioner – No discussion took place. A motion was made by Avol to approve the referral to Plan Commission for request for vacation of the East 418 feet from First Avenue East of East Memorial Park Drive – Washburn Iron Works, Petitioner, second by Gary. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Chamber of Commerce Use of Thompson's West End Park, Wikdal Park, City Hall Plaza, and the Coal Dock; Closure of Portions of Bayfield Street, 5th Avenue West, 1st Avenue West, 2nd Avenue West, and 4th Avenue West; and Relaxation of Open Container and Noise Ordinances all at Certain Times during Brownstone Block Party Activities July 27 through July 29, 2018 – No discussion took place. A motion was made Avol to approve the Chamber of Commerce use of Thompson's West End Park, Wikdal Park, City Hall Plaza, and the Coal Dock; Closure of Portions of Bayfield Street, 5th Avenue West, 1st Avenue West, 2nd Avenue West, and 4th Avenue West; and relaxation of open container and noise ordinances all at certain times during Brownstone Block Party activities July 27 through July 29, 2018, second by Novachek. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Chamber of Commerce Request to Close North 3rd Avenue West from Bayfield Street to the Alley for Dandelion Days on June 9, 2018 – No discussion took place. A motion was made by Novachek to approve the on Chamber of Commerce request to close North 3rd Avenue West from Bayfield Street to the alley for Dandelion Days on June 9, 2018, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

Alcohol Licensing Matters –

-Issuance of a Class "A" License and "Class A" License to Hansen's IGA, Inc.; at 226 W. Bayfield Street, Donna Kolonko – Agent – No discussion took place. A motion was made by Avol to approve the issuance of a Class "A" License and "Class A" License to Hansen's IGA, Inc.; at 226 W. Bayfield Street, Donna Kolonko – Agent, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

-Bartender License Applications – #19 – 47 and 48 – No discussion took place. A motion was made by McGrath to approve bartender license applications – #19 – 47 and 48, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session Items

-Review of City Attorney Interview Questions – A motion was made by Avol to go into closed session at 6:54pm pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute §19.85(1) (c), for personnel matters following which the Council may reconvene in open session to take any action that may be necessary on the closed session items, second by Novackek. The motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Avol to adjourn at 7:48pm, second by Maziasz. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Stoltman
Assistant City Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30PM

Committee Member Richard Avol, Jennifer Maziasz, Mary McGrath reviewed monthly expenditure vouchers.