

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chippewa Falls was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Greg Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CLERK CALLS THE ROLL

Council Members present: Mike Hanke, Rob Kiefer, Amy Mason, Chuck Hull, Jane Lardahl, Bill Hicks, and George Adrian.

Also Present: City Attorney Robert Ferg, Finance Manager/Treasurer Lynne Bauer, City Planner/Transit Manager Jayson Smith, Director of Public Works/City Engineer/Utilities Manager Rick Rubenzer, Fire Chief Tom Larson, Police Chief Wendy Stelter, Utility Office Manager Connie Freagon, Parks and Recreation Director Dick Hebert, and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Motion by Hanke/Adrian to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2014. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

(a) Mr. Paul Nadreau, 430 W Wisconsin Street, appeared to discuss his thoughts regarding Union Pacific trains frequently blocking intersections and read a letter detailing specific dates and times when this has occurred. Councilor Hanke indicated the Police Department is taking action as there is an ordinance addressing trains blocking intersections; however, limits of authority have to be defined as Union Pacific is federally regulated. Mayor Hoffman shared that he spoke with Josh Schaefer of Union Pacific who stated they are taking steps to shorten the trains or have additional engines on hand if power becomes an issue. Councilor Mason suggested Mr. Nadreau contact our legislators to make them aware of the issues and safety concerns. Mr. Nadreau suggested the City employ a text alert system to make residents aware of issues that arise in the City. This topic will be addressed at the next Board of Public Works meeting, and revisited by the Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) City Planner Smith advised that the City has received \$506,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds which have been utilized for our Downtown Redevelopment Projects including building acquisition and demolition. The public hearing is a requirement of administration of the block grant.

Mayor Hoffman opened the Public Hearing at 6:49 pm.

There being no requests to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:49 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

REPORTS

(a) Motion by Mason/Hicks to approve the Board of Public Works minutes of February 24, 2014. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Mason, Hicks, Hull, Lardahl, Adrian, Hanke, Kiefer. Motion carried.**

APPLICATIONS

(a) Motion by Adrian/Hanke to approve the Operator (Bartender) Licenses as approved by the Police Department. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Mason/Kiefer to approve the Temporary Class "B" Beer Retailer's License from the Leinenkugel Blades Hockey Club for their Annual Men's Hockey Tournament to be held at the Chippewa Ice Arena, 839 First Avenue, on April 11 - 13, 2014. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(c) Motion by Hanke/Hull to approve the Street Use Permit Application from the Chippewa Falls Patriotic Council for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 26, 2014 on various City streets. **All present voting aye, except Adrian who abstained, motion carried.**

PETITIONS - None

MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

(a) Motion by Hicks/Hanke to approve the appointment of Charles Klukas as an Election Inspector for the 2014-2015 election cycle. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

MAYOR’S REPORT

(a) Mayor Hoffman presented proclamations to Collin Schrader, Brennan Schrader, and David Arneberg recognizing their accomplishment of earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Motion by Mason/Lardahl to approve the Joint Committee #1 Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater and Committee #2 Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy and Administration minutes of March 4, 2014. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Mason, Lardahl, Hicks, Adrian, Hanke, Kiefer, Hull. Motion carried.**

(b) The Park Board minutes of February 17, 2014 were presented.

REPORT OF OFFICERS - None

ORDINANCES

(a) Motion by Hicks/Mason to approve **Ordinance #2014-03 Entitled:** An Ordinance Creating the Request for City Services Code Section - §3.15 of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hicks, Mason, Hull, Lardahl, Adrian, Hanke, Kiefer. Motion carried.**

(b) The First Reading of **Ordinance #2014-04 Entitled:** An Ordinance Amending the Restricted Burning Code Section – 9.31 of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code was held.

(c) The First Reading of **Ordinance #2014-05 Entitled:** An Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Chapter 22 of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code, Floodplain Zoning Code was held.

(d) The First Reading of **Ordinance #2014-06 Entitled:** An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code of the City of Chippewa Falls (regarding rezoning 209 W. Grand Avenue from C-3 Central Business District to R-2 Two Family Residential District) was held.

RESOLUTIONS - None

OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW - None

CLAIMS

(a) Motion by Hull/Hanke to approve the claims of the various boards and departments of the City as recommended by the Claims Committee as follows:

City General Claims:	\$87,535.18
Authorized/Handwritten Claims:	\$324,036.63
Department of Public Utilities:	<u>\$245,500.98</u>
Total of Claims Presented	<u>\$657,072.79</u>

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hull, Hanke, Kiefer, Mason, Lardahl, Hicks, Adrian. Motion carried.

(b) Motion by Hicks/Mason to deny the claim submitted by Scot Michels, 1318 Therbrook Street, as recommended by Statewide Services, Inc. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hicks, Mason, Hull, Lardahl, Adrian, Hanke, Kiefer. Motion carried.**

CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hull/Adrian to adjourn at 7:10 pm. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Submitted by:
Bridget Givens, City Clerk