

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, April 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Greg Hoffman presided over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CLERK CALLS THE ROLL

Aldermen present: Michael Dahlby, Brian Flynn, CW King, Chuck Hull, Jane Lardahl, Bill Hicks, and George Adrian

Also Present: Police Captain John Liddell, Fire Chief Tom Larson, City Planner Jayson Smith, City Engineer Rick Rubenzer, Finance Manager Lynne Bauer, City Clerk Rae Buckwheat, City Attorney Bob Ferg, Retired Fire Department Employees Dan Meagher and Joseph Przybylski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Motion by Flynn/Hull to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 15, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

(a) The following retired City Employees were recognized for their years of service and retirement from the City: **Daniel T. Meagher**, Lieutenant/EMT Intermediate retired from the Fire Department on 5/18/10 with 24 yrs of service. **Joseph Przybylski**, Firefighter/EMT-Intermediate retired from the Fire Department on 8/20/10 with 15.25 yrs of service.

Duane Lambert, Manager of Dewey's Roadhouse, LLC 1 East Canal Street, read a prepared statement that expressed disapproval of 6th Ward Alderperson Bill Hicks. He stated that he will be hiring an attorney and will be pursuing recall on Mr. Hicks' position.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

REPORTS

(a) Motion by Lardahl/King to consider the Board of Public Works Minutes of 3/21/11. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

APPLICATIONS

(a) Motion by Flynn/Adrian to approve the Operator (Bartender) Licenses as recommended by the City Police Department. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(b) Motion by Flynn/Hull to approve an application for a Garbage License from ProVyro Waste Services, LLC, 1027 E. Grant Ave., Eau Claire, WI. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(c) Motion by King/Hicks to approve an application for Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License from Chippewa Youth Hockey Association for the Northwest Beer Fest at 839 First Avenue, on May 14, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(d) Motion by Flynn/Hull to approve an application for Class E Dance and Live Music License from Chippewa Youth Hockey Association at 839 First Avenue on May 14, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(e) Motion by Dahlby/King to approve an application for Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License from Fighting BobFest North/Fighting Bob, Inc. at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair Grounds on May 21, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(f) Motion by Dahlby/King to approve an application for Class E Dance and Live Music License from Fighting Bob, Inc./Fighting BobFest North at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair Grounds on May 21, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(g) Motion by Hull/Lardahl to approve a Street Use Permit Application from Chippewa Falls Main Street Inc., for Earth Day Cleanup on April 16, 2011 in Harmony Courtyard, BID District and Riverfront Area. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(h) Motion by Flynn/King to approve a Street Use Permit Application from Chippewa County Historical Society for Allen Park, Lions Club Pavilion and empty lot at 1 South Bridge Street on April 29 through May 9, 2011 for French Fur Traders, Lumberjack and Trader Re-enactor camps. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(i) Motion by King/Hull to approve a Sidewalk Use Permit Application from Olson's Ice Cream, Inc. 611 N. Bridge Street, for a bench along the building and ice cream cone display from April 1, 2011 through December 1, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PETITIONS - None

MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Flynn/Dahlby to approve the appointments of Dr. Steve Cook and Jim Fenno, R.Ph., as City Health Officers. It was noted that the City's inspection duties will be shared by these two individuals. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor read a letter from Parks and Recreation Director Bill Faherty, who is announcing his retirement effective May 31, 2011. Mr. Faherty was praised for his long-term career of 37 years with the City and his exceptional ability and talent for fundraising for the parks during his employment.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Motion by Flynn/Hull to approve the minutes of Committee #2, Labor Negotiations, Personnel Policy and Administration meeting of March 24, 2011. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

(b) Motion by Lardahl/Hull to approve the minutes of Committee #3, Transportation, Construction, Public Safety & Traffic meeting of March 24, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(c) Motion by King/Lardahl to approve the minutes of Committee #3, Transportation, Construction, Public Safety & Traffic meeting of April 5, 2011 which were distributed just prior to the meeting. A brief discussion was held about the status of animal control in the City. Committee #3 had considered using volunteer work for this purpose but found that it is in conflict with State Statute. They recommended keeping the process the same as it has been. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

REPORT OF OFFICERS - None

ORDINANCES

(a) First Reading of Ordinance 2011-05, an Ordinance Creating the Continuation of Business as a Condition of Liquor License Retention Code Section § 12.03 (12) of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code was held.

RESOLUTIONS - None

OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

(a) The Council discussed and considered approving the addition of language added to page three of the Executed Cooperative State Trail Easement.

City Planner Jayson Smith reported that the easement is for the bike trail on the south side of the City. He explained the terms of the easement. The Council expressed uncertainty about approving the additional language without further information being provided. The City Planner suggested tabling the item until he could obtain more information and bring it back to the Council. **Motion by Flynn/King** to table the addition to the Executed Cooperative State Trail Easement. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CLAIMS

The Claims Committee met at 6:00 PM to review the following claims of various boards and departments of the City.

City General Claims:	433,168.57
Authorized Handwritten Claims:	15,128.26
Dept. of Public Utilities:	367,215.98
Total	815,512.81

Motion by King/Hull to approve the claims in the amount of \$815,512.81. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

CLOSED SESSION

The Mayor announced a Closed Session at 7:09 p.m.

Motion by Flynn/King to go into Closed Session as Authorized by Wisconsin Statute #19.85 (1) (e) for “deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session” to discuss and consider the purchase of the property at 28 S. Bridge Street per the Downtown Entrance Plan, and include the Mayor, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Planner and City Finance Director in the Closed Session. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Following a short break, the Council discussed the proposed purchase of property at 28 S. Bridge Street in Closed Session.

Motion by Hull/Flynn to return to open session. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lardahl/Flynn to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:

**Rae M. Buckwheat
City Clerk**