

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, May 17, 2011 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Greg Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CLERK CALLS THE ROLL

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

Absent: Chuck Hull

Also Present: Police Captain John Liddell, City Planner Jayson Smith, Public Works Director Rick Rubenzer, Finance Manager Lynne Bauer, City Clerk Rae Buckwheat, City Attorney Bob Ferg, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Dick Hebert, and Remy Diebes of Canadian National Railroad.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Motion by Flynn/Adrian to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 3, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(b) Motion by King/Adrian to approve the minutes of the special Council meeting of May 9, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

Tim Swoboda, 1200 West River Street, expressed interest in purchasing a 0.9 acre parcel from the City for his business, the Lodge Tavern. Mr. Swoboda has been leasing the property for parking. He would like to expand his business which would include acquiring the land and making improvements to the parking lot.

Dale Berg, 620 West Willow Street, stated that if the Council has to choose between the railroad or Mr. Swoboda's business, he would support the business. He doubted that the railroad would bring jobs. He described Mr. Swoboda's plan as a golden opportunity for business to expand in Chippewa Falls.

Rodney Schaefer, 202 Fleet Street expressed concerns about the railroad's plan to expand their operations in his area. He stated that it would be nice to know what the plans are for ingress, egress and increased traffic.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Hoffman announced a Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. on the Proposed Rezoning of Parcel #4570 located south of County Trunk Hwy I and East of Scheidler Road from A-1 Agricultural to O-2 Office and Institutional District (owned by St. Joseph's Hospital).

Joan Coffman, representing St. Joseph's Hospital, reported that the hospital is planning to expand the medical campus for medical offices and a medical wellness facility.

Jim Schneider, 1143 Weather Ridge Road asked when construction would take place and inquired about entrances to the facility.

Jane Lardahl, 1103 Weather Ridge Road, inquired about access to the proposed new area.

Joan Coffman reported that the expansion will begin next year and access would be only from Scheidler Road.

There being no further requests to speak, **the Public Hearing was closed at 6:43 p.m.**

COMMUNICATIONS - None

REPORTS

(a) Motion by Flynn/Lardahl to approve the Plan Commission minutes of May 9, 2011 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(b) Motion by King/Lardahl to approve the Board of Public Works minutes of May 9, 2011 meeting.

The minutes of the Board of Public Works included a recommendation to approve the Canadian National Railway concept plan for an intermodal facility located next to the City Water Utility Shop at 1100 West River Street. Remy Diebes of Canadian National Railroad gave an overview on the Railroad's plans for the intermodal transfer center. The center is expected to generate six to eight new jobs. Truck traffic would be increased in this area up to 160 trucks a week traveling from the site to Highway 53. The maximum capacity of the yard would be 450 containers a week. No hazardous material would be shipped, only consumer goods. Train service would be limited to 3 days a week. Truck haulers would be picking up containers 6 days of the week. Mr. Diebes thought that with proper design, the railroad's facility could co-exist with the proposed parking lot for the Lodge Tavern.

The Council discussed the railroad's plans. City Planner Jayson Smith stated that the City would require a traffic impact analysis for the project. The sale of the approximate 4.5 acre of City land would be contingent upon a signed Development Agreement with the Railroad.

On a roll call vote, the motion to approve the Board of Public Works minutes of May 9, 2011 carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS

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

(b) Motion by Hicks/Adrian to approve an application for a temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License from Chippewa Falls Lions Club for the BMW Cycle Rally on June 30, July 1 and July 2, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to Midnight each day, at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair Grounds. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(c) Motion by Flynn/Lardahl to approve a Street Use Permit Application from Chippewa Falls Main Street, Inc. for the use of downtown sidewalks, River & Bridge Street corner parking lot, and various street parking spaces during the Discover Downtown Event on June 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and June 18, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(d) Motion by King/Adrian to approve a Street Use Permit Application from Chippewa Falls Main Street, Inc. for the use of the east half of River/Bridge Street Parking lot on June 4, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for Lake Wissota Garden Club Annual Plant Sale. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(e) Motion by Flynn/King to approve a Street Use Permit Application from the American Cancer Society Relay for Life beginning at 5:00 p.m. August 5 and ending at 10:00 a.m. August 6 on Tropicana Boulevard between Belair Boulevard and Mansfield Street. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(f) Motion by Lardahl/Hanke to consider Street Use Permit Application from Valley Art Association for June 18, 2011 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Albert Street adjoining the Cook-Rutledge Mansion between Grand Avenue and Central Street for an Outdoor Fine Art Fair held on the Grounds of the Cook-Rutledge Mansion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(g) Motion by Adrian/Hicks to approve a Street Use Permit Application from Jeanne Gustafson for Leinenkugel's Chippewa Valley Century Ride on May 29, 2011 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning at Irvine Park to Jefferson Avenue, First Avenue, Halbleib Rd., Kennedy to 178, Hwy S, Irvine Park Rd., Wolf Rd and Irvine Park. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(h) Motion by Flynn/King to approve a Street Use Permit Application from Chippewa Falls Police Department for the Special Olympic Torch Run on June 8, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00

p.m.from Bridge Street @ River Street to Elm Street @ Jefferson Avenue. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PETITIONS - None

MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

(a) The appointment of Dave Michels to the Electric Board of Appeals was presented. Action on this item will be taken at the June 7, 2011 meeting.

(b) **A motion by Flynn/Hanke** to approve the following appointments to various Boards and Commissions as recommended by the Mayor, **carried unanimously.**

Plan Commission

Jeffrey Labs
Peter Pohl

Police and Fire Commission

Todd Prill

Park Board

Carmen Muenich
Curt Stepanek

Transit Board

Fred Roycraft
Bill Larsen

Business Improvement District

Gerald Jacobson
William Volker

Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals

Marvin Lynn
Janet Mazur
John Nebelsiek

Cable Television Advisory Board

Andy Clay
Dennis Buttke

Gas Code Board of Appeals

Ted Bowe
Gary Gonyer

Electric Board of Appeals

Peter Sedarski
William Beaudette
Jim Erickson

Redevelopment Authority

Bill Burich
Chuck Norseng

City Attorney

Robert Ferg

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) **Motion by Flynn/Adrian** to approve the minutes of Committee #1, Revenues, Disbursements, Water and Wastewater of May 12, 2011. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

(b) **Motion by Lardahl/Flynn** to approve the minutes of Committee #2, Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy & Administration of May 10, 2011. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

(c) **Motion by King/Adrian** to approve the minutes of Committee #3, Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic of May 10, 2011. Lardahl spoke in support of increasing parking time on Main Street from one hour to two hours, an item that will be addressed by Committee #3 in the near future. **The motion carried unanimously.**

(d) The Park Board minutes of May 11, 2011 were presented.

REPORT OF OFFICERS - None

ORDINANCES

(a) Motion by King/Lardahl to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2011-07 Entitled: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning code of the City of Chippewa Falls (*To rezone Parcel #4570 located south of County Trunk Hwy I and East of Scheidler Road from A-1 Agricultural to O-2 Office and Institutional District*). **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTIONS - None

OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW - None

CLAIMS

(a) Motion by Flynn/Adrian to deny an insurance claim from Michael Pierotti for a vehicle damage incident that occurred on March 18, 2011, based on the City's insurance company's recommendation. Following a brief discussion, **the motion carried unanimously.**

(b) Motion by King/Adrian to deny an insurance claim from Louie and Julie Rogers for a sewer backup incident that occurred on December 10, 2010, based on the insurance company's recommendation. **Motion passed with all voting aye, except Flynn, who abstained.**

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

City General Claims:	405,303.84
Authorized Handwritten Claims	183,433.36
Dept. of Public Utilities:	100,881.37
Total	689,618.57

Motion by King/Hanke to approve the claims in the amount of \$689,618.57 as recommended by the Claims Committee. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:30 p.m. the Mayor announced a Closed Session. Motion by Flynn/King to go into Closed Session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (e) "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 consider the purchase of property located at 12 South Bridge Street. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Following a discussion, there was a **motion by King/Hanke** to return to open session. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Adrian/Hanke to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:

Rae M. Buckwheat
City Clerk