

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, August 16, 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, Chuck Hull, Jane Lardahl, Bill Hicks, and George Adrian.

Also Present: Police Captain John Liddell, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Dick Hebert, Public Works Director Rick Rubenzer, Fire Chief Tom Larson, Office Assistant Cynthia Schmidt, Finance Manager Lynne Bauer, City Clerk Rae Buckwheat, City Attorney Bob Ferg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Motion by Flynn/King to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 2, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

Rick Flynn, 1304 Perry Street, spoke in support of filling the position of Fire Department Battalion Chief. He is concerned that not filling the position takes away from Chief Larson's grant writing and the public doesn't have access to the Chief because of his current work demands.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

REPORTS

(a) Motion by King/Flynn to approve the Minutes of the Board of Public Works of August 4, 2011. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

7. APPLICATIONS

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

(b) Motion by Hicks/King to approve the application for a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License from the Knights of Columbus for Annual Hunter's Stag at 236 Pumphouse Road on November 9, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(c) Motion by Flynn/King to approve an application for a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License from Holy Ghost Parish for Parish Picnic, September 10-11, 2011 at 412 S. Main Street from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(d) Motion by King/Hull to approve an application for a Class "E" Dance and Live Music License from Holy Ghost Parish, 420 South Main Street for September 10, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(e) An application for an Original Class "B"/ "Class B" Alcohol Beverage License from Gerald Jacobson of Northwestern Bank for Irvine Bar, 130 Fleet Street **was considered and voted upon as part of the Committee #3 minutes of August 4, 2011. (See Council Committee Reports below).**

(f) An application for an Original Class "B"/ "Class B" Alcohol Beverage License from Brenda Hopkins, for Duncan Creek Wine Bar, LLC at 213 Bridge Street **was considered and voted upon as part of the Committee #3 minutes of August 4, 2011. (See Council Committee Reports below).**

(g) Motion by Flynn/Hicks to approve an application for a Massage Establishment License from Rachel Funk Johnson for A Cut Above Beauty Salon, 302 East Central Street. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PETITIONS - None

MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS - None

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Motion by Flynn/Adrian to approve Committee #1, Revenues, Disbursements, Water & Wastewater minutes of August 11, 2011. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

(b) Motion by Lardahl/Hicks to approve Committee #2, Labor Negotiations, Personnel Policy and Administration minutes of August 16, 2011. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

(c) Motion by Lardahl/Hanke to approve Committee #3, Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic minutes of August 4, 2011.

At its meeting on August 4, 2011, Committee #3 had considered two applications which were both vying for one available liquor license. The license, which was formerly issued to Irvine Bar, had not been renewed by the past licensee and had expired prior to Northwestern Bank taking ownership of the bar. The two applicants for the license were Jerry Jacobson of Northwestern Bank for Irvine Bar, and Brenda Hopkins of Duncan Creek Wine Bar. Committee #3 had recommended issuing the license to Duncan Creek. **Flynn made a motion to table Item 1 of the Committee #3 Minutes , then withdrew it to allow the license applicants to speak.**

Northwestern Bank President Jerry Jacobson spoke to the Council and referred to a letter that he had submitted to the Council on August 5, 2011 in which he asked the Council to consider the effect on businesses who have liquor licenses when they wish to sell their establishments to a new buyer who needs financing by a financial institution. He stated that if a financial institution feels that it cannot be assured that it can obtain a liquor license when it is in the process of obtaining a property back from a borrower, that factor would enter into consideration when it makes a loan. **Jim and Brenda Hopkins of Duncan Creek Wine Bar** stated that their business is presently bringing a lot of people into Chippewa Falls and having the liquor license would help retain customers who are requesting to be served liquor. **Motion by Flynn to table Item 1 from the Committee 3 Minutes. Motion died for lack of a second.** The Council noted that due to an increase in population, they now have available a "Reserve" liquor license for the fee of \$10,000.00, which the bank could apply for.

There being no further discussion, **the original motion to approve the Committee #3 minutes passed on the following roll call vote: Aye: Hanke, King, Hull, Lardahl, Hicks, Adrian. Nay: Flynn.**

(d) Motion by Lardahl/Hicks to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of August 2, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(e) The Park Board minutes of August 9, 2011 were presented.

(f) The Library Board minutes of July 13, 2011 were presented.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Council President CW King announced that former Mayor Howard Olson had passed away this week. He referred to both Howard Olson and Leo Hamilton, who were former Mayors who have passed and deserve recognition. King stated that the City used to recognize people who had passed away and had served as Mayors. As Council President, he offered to put something in place to formally recognize past Mayors.

ORDINANCES - None

RESOLUTIONS

(a) Motion by King/Hicks to approve Resolution #2011-18, Resolution Documenting Availability of Reserve Liquor License. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

(a) Motion by King/Adrian to approve the proposal from Anderson-Moessner Appraisals to complete an appraisal for the property located at 13 N. Bridge Street for \$2,100 to be charged to TIF #4. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

CLAIMS The Claims Committee met at 6:00 p.m. to review the claims of various boards and departments of the City. The following claims were recommended for approval:

City General Claims:	\$ 255,516.52
Authorized Handwritten Claims:	\$ 182,069.97
Department of Public Utilities:	\$ 137,058.58
TOTAL:	\$ 574,645.07

(a) Motion by King/Adrian to approve the claims in the amount of \$574,645.07, as recommended by the Claims Committee. **On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by King/Adrian to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted by: Rae M. Buckwheat, City Clerk