

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, January 17, 2012, 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

Council Members present: Michael Hanke, Brian Flynn, C. W. King, Chuck Hull, Jane Lardahl, Bill Hicks, and George Adrian.

Also Present: Attorney Bob Ferg; Finance Manager/Treasurer Lynne Bauer; Police Chief Wendy Stelter; Director Of Public Works/City Engineer/Utilities Manager Rick Rubenzer; Planner/Transit Manager Jayson Smith; Parks & Recreation Director Dick Hebert; and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Motion by Flynn/Adrian to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 3. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Hull/Hicks to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of January 12. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

(a) Will "Casey" Purvis, 510 Main Street, Knapp, WI, appeared to express concern with the communication in relation to the proposed Plaza Building project.

(b) Sylvia Schneider, 1143 Weatherridge Rd. appeared to express concern regarding train noise near her residence.

(c) Beverly Schultz, 1124 Weatherridge Rd. appeared to express concern regarding train noise near her residence.

(d) Tom Hassemer, 1130 Weatherridge Rd. appeared to express concern regarding train noise near his residence. He also shared that the train noise is causing children who live in the area to have trouble sleeping.

(e) Cary Kuester, 826 Woodward Avenue, appeared to express concern with the Plaza Building project. Mr. Kuester is the owner of Creative Graphics, a current renter in the Plaza Building. He stated that there are limited spaces available that will accommodate the square footage he requires and moving out of the downtown area is not an option for him. Flynn and Jayson Smith advised that the City will retain a consultant that will assist with relocation. In addition, the State of Wisconsin has specific relocation laws that the City will follow.

Additional discussion ensued at this time regarding the train noise issue. Flynn questioned Attorney Bob Ferg if there was anything that could be done. Ferg explained that the railroads are governed by Federal law. It was also stated that the trains are coming from the New Auburn area, not the Sand Plant. Mayor Hoffman stated that he has spoken with Progressive Rail and was assured they will do their best to limit the whistles whenever possible. Mayor Hoffman is also trying to contact someone at Union Pacific regarding the issue.

(f) Randy Dresel, 346 E. Park Avenue, appeared to question if the City plans to purchase the Plaza Building or if Warren Loveland will. It was stated that the City contemplates purchasing the building and turning it over to the developer. Mr. Dresel also shared his opinion regarding the train noise issue.

(g) Jim Schneider, Weatherridge Rd. appeared to express concern regarding train noise near his residence.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Hoffman announced a Public Hearing to amend the Zoning Code of the City of Chippewa Falls, Lot 3, Block 4, Robertsedale Addition from R1-C Single Family Residential to R-2 Two Family Residential at 6:57 p.m.

There being no requests to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:58 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

REPORTS

(a) Motion by Flynn/Hanke to approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting of January 5. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Flynn, Hanke, King, Hull, Lardahl, Hicks, Adrian. Motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Lardahl/King to approve the minutes of the Plan Commission of January 9. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

APPLICATIONS

(a) Motion by Flynn/King to approve the Operator (Bartender) licenses as recommended by the Police Department. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

(b) Samantha Johnson, 2513 John St, Eau Claire, WI, appeared on her own behalf to request that the Council consider her application for an Operator (Bartender) license despite the recommendation by the Chief of Police, that said license be denied. Following discussion, there was a **motion by Flynn/Hicks** to approve the Operator (Bartender) license application for Samantha Johnson. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Flynn, Hicks, Adrian, King, Hull, Lardahl. Abstain: Hanke. Motion carried.**

PETITIONS - None

MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS - None

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Motion by Flynn/Adrian to approve Committee #2, Labor Negotiations, Personnel, Policy & Administration minutes of January 16. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Flynn, Adrian, Hanke, King, Hull, Lardahl, Hicks. Motion carried.**

(b) Park Board meeting minutes of January 10 were presented. Flynn stated that a lot of work went into gathering donations for the Christmas Village, and Lardahl informed the group that the amount of donations was double this year.

(c) Library Board meeting minutes of December 14 were presented.

REPORT OF OFFICERS - None

ORDINANCES

(a) Motion by Flynn/Hull to approve **Ordinance #2012-01 Entitled:** An Ordinance Amending the Limitation on Number of Licenses for Garbage Haulers Code Section, § 11.09(3) of the Chippewa Falls Municipal Code. **Roll Call Vote: Aye - Flynn, Hull, Lardahl, Hicks, Adrian, Hanke; Nay - King. Motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Hull/Hicks to approve **Ordinance #2012-02 Entitled:** “An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code of the City of Chippewa Falls” Lot 3, Block 4, Robertsdale Addition from R-1C Single Family to R-2 Two Family Residential District. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hull, Hicks, Adrian, Hanke, Flynn, King, Lardahl. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS

(a) Motion by Flynn/Lardahl to approve **Resolution #2012-02 Entitled:** Resolution Regarding Special Assessment Rates. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Flynn, Lardahl, Hicks, Adrian, Hanke, King, Hull. Motion carried.**

(b) Motion by King/Lardahl to approve **Resolution #2012-03 Entitled:** Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments under Chapter 66.0701 Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter 3.08 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – King, Lardahl, Hicks, Adrian, Hanke, Flynn, Hull. Motion carried.**

(c) Motion by Flynn/Adrian to approve **Resolution #2012-04 Entitled:** Resolution Regarding Special Charges for Alley Surfacing. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Flynn, Adrian, Hanke, King, Hull, Lardahl, Hicks. Motion carried.**

OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

(a) Motion by Hicks/King to approve the Letter Agreement for the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to serve as the Revolving Loan Fund Agent for the City of Chippewa Falls Downtown Revolving Loan Fund. **Roll Call Vote: Aye – Hicks, King, Adrian, Hanke, Flynn, Hull Lardahl. Motion carried.**

(b) Discussion ensued regarding the Commitment Letter to WHEDA to participate in the Spring Street Apartment Project as described in the letter. At this time, Smith provided the Council with spreadsheets depicting the financial structure both with and without Block Grant Funds. As adequate information regarding the amount of the anticipated Block Grant was not available, **no action** was taken on this matter and it will be offered for further discussion/consideration in the next Special Meeting of the Common Council.

CLAIMS

(a) Motion by King/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:	\$165,993.38
Authorized/Handwritten Claims:	\$2,193,701.92
Department of Public Utilities:	\$39,186.11
Total of Claims Presented	<u>\$2,398,881.41</u>

Roll Call Vote: Aye – King, Hanke, Flynn, Hull, Lardahl, Hicks, Adrian. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by King/Hanke to adjourn at 7:33 PM. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Submitted by:

Bridget Givens
City Clerk