

Minutes of the Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chetek Held on **Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:00** p.m. in the Council Chamber – 220 Stout, Chetek, WI

Mayor Dianne Knowlton presiding.

Meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken. Present – Cliff Bronstad, Bill Waite, Mike Linton, Dennis Morley,

Also in attendance: Joe Atwood, Dan Knapp, Alan Dobrowolski, Chad Dobrowolski

Public Comment: Alan Dobrowolski advised that his mother received a notice to shovel the sidewalk in front of the building owned on Knapp Street. He stated the notice gave 24 hours to comply which he feels is too short of a notice. He also stated that 24 hours after receiving the notice ended up being on a Tuesday which is a day the zoning administrator is not in the office and he was unable to let him know that the sidewalk was shoveled. Bill Waite stated that he agrees that 24 hours is too short of a notice since some people may be gone, sick, or elderly and unable to shovel the sidewalk. Joe Atwood advised that he put 24 hours on the notice because that is what the ordinance states. Mayor Knowlton advised that this matter will be put on March's agenda for discussion.

Motion by Bronstad – to approve consent agenda items: December council minutes; December claims; January airport minutes; December & January building/zoning report; December housing authority minutes; January Knapp Haven/Pelican Place minutes. Second by Morley – motion carried.

Old business

The Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance was discussed. Cliff Bronstad made the motion to approve the ordinance with the stipulation that an amendment be made to the ordinance to allow a citizen to appeal to the plan commission in the event they cannot afford to comply with an order by the zoning administrator. The Plan Commission would then forward their recommendation to the council. Motion seconded by Linton – motion carried.

New business

Chris Hagen, AddLIFE project director, presented information on the Namekagon Transit service available in Chetek. She explained that it is available to the public regardless of age but that they were trying to get the information available specifically to senior citizens. This is a door stop service that can bring citizens to appointments, shopping, community center, etc. and back home again. A schedule will be posted at various public buildings.

Council Members decided to not create a policy on giving memorials. This will be left up to department heads to determine using their approved budgeted funds.

Motion by Bronstad, second by Waite, to approve the appointment of Edwin McClurken as an alternate to the Board of Appeals. Carried.

Motion by Waite, second by Bronstad to adopt public policy for citizens speaking at council meetings. The example used is from Rice Lake allowing 3 minutes per speaker, per topic. Waite suggested that the policy read “may be limited to three (3) minutes or at the discretion of the Mayor or presiding officer”. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to renew a three (3) year bow hunting license for the Baptist Camp. License will be valid from 11/9/2011 through 11/08/2014. Seconded by Linton – carried.

Waite motioned to approve Wisconsin Indianhead County's request to use the airport park July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 – second by Linton. Carried.

Motion by Morley to deny Kim Dzimielia's request for reimbursement of uncompensated expenses resulting from an accident involving a city dump truck and her van. Waite stated that the City had to abide by the insurance companies decision on the payment of claims. We cannot pay over and above what the insurance adjuster determines to be valid expenses. Motion seconded by Waite – Carried.

Last month the city's fee schedule was amended. One amendment was to require contractors, plumbers, and HVAC technicians to be licensed with the City of Chetek since electricians had to be licensed. The city clerk advised that the building inspector issues permits only to persons registered and/or licensed with the State of Wisconsin, therefore; there is no reason for us to duplicate this process. Motion by Linton, second by Morley, to amend city ordinance removing the requirement for electricians to be licensed with the city. Carried.

Another amendment to the fee schedule was to remove the fee for removing garages and/or sheds. The removal of a building that has any assessed value requires paperwork to be filed with the assessor's office in order for that value to be removed from the tax roll. The clerk's office felt this fee should still apply since there is administrative cost in handling the paperwork in the building inspector's office and the clerk's office. Bronstad explained that it was their intention to remove the fee for only buildings that had no value. Motion by Bronstad, second by Waite to waive the fee for razing garages and sheds that have no assessed value. Motion carried.

Bronstad motioned that the fee for rental inspections shall be a flat \$25.00 per hour with no proration for less than one hour. Subsequent inspections due to noncompliance will be charged the same \$25.00 per hour fee with no proration. Second by Waite. Carried.

Motion by Bronstad – second by Linton to hold the Election Inspector and Board of Review wages to \$9.50 per hour until review in 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by Linton, second by Bronstad, to not increase newly elected council member wages. Motion carried.

Motion by Bronstad, second by Linton to approve Resolution 2011-1 approving 2010 budgetary transfers. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Bronstad – second by Linton. Carried.

