

Minutes of the Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chetek held on **Tuesday, November 12, 2013** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dianne K. Knowlton, mayor.

Present: Cliff Bronstad, Bill Waite, Dianne Knowlton, Mike Linton, Shirley Morley.

**Agenda approval:** Bronstad motioned to approve, second by Linton. carried.

**Mayor Knowlton announced a closed session** to be held later in the meeting under Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(a) – deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of a judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body – license hearing matter.

**Consent agenda:** Linton motioned to approve: October council minutes, October city claims, appointments to Housing Authority Board: Ted Mommsen, Judy Anderson, LouAnn Novak, - Second by Waite. Carried.

**Reports:** September & November Community Center, September Housing Authority, September Knapp Haven/Pelican Place, September Library, September & October Police Commission, September and October Personnel Committee, September Property/Parks Committee, October Budget committee, November license hearing committee and October building/inspection – motion to approve Morley – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Carried

**Old business/updates:** Resolution 2013-22 vacating portions of Leonard and Dixon – motion to approve by Bronstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linton. carried. No update on plaque for Downtown Park.

**Requests:** Snowmobile access – Dave Busta presented council members with plans for moving the snowmobile/atv lake access to the Mound Street public access. The Snowflyers feel the current location of Stout Street will not be feasible due to the improvements that were made by the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Red Cedar Environmental Learning Institute. Motion was made by Waite to form a committee of one council member, two members from the Snowflyers and two members from the ATV club to review access options and present plan at the December meeting. Cliff Bronstad volunteered to be on the committee. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linton. carried. Vintage Voyager request to use airport property during Liberty Fest – Waite motioned to approve – then rescinded motion – motion to table by until December meeting pending approval from Airport manager – Waite – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Carried. Request for outside employment from Jessica Larson was approved by Bronstad – seconded by Linton. carried. Extra-territorial plat approval for Ralph Schultz, Town of Dovre – approved by Linton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morley – carried. Request to share cost of moving hydrant – 1128 Second Street, proposed by Larry & Laura Hickok for the purpose of building a residential unit – Approximate cost given by the public works director, Dan Knapp is \$8,534.42. Motion by Linton to cover the cost of the new hydrant and repair of the main from the old hydrant which totals \$3,716.02 – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morley. Carried.

**Financial:** brush removal from 1500 Dallas Street & proposed purchase of screener for compost– proposals were given in the amount of \$100,000 from Jerry’s Tree Service to chip the pile (no removal of chips), \$25,000 from Town of Prairie Lake allowing City to load and haul brush to their location, \$20,000 from Peak Excavation to load and haul it to their site (City would not load or haul). The purchase of an automated screener would allow public works to screen compost with top soil to produce a better product and all for the sale of the compost. Screener could also be rented to other entities. Motion by Bronstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linton to accept Peak Excavation proposal in the amount of \$20,000 for the removal of the brush and authorize the purchase of the screener. Carried. Resolution 2013-19 establishing salaries for council members and mayor – council salaries increased to \$360 per month and mayor salary increased to \$669.50 per month – increases would affect only newly appointed positions. motion to approve by Bronstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linton. carried. Resolution 2013-20 transferring fund balance to outlay accounts – approved by Bronstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linton. carried. Resolution 2013-21 authorizing clerk/treasurer to apply all delinquent account receivables, delinquent utilities and all annual assessments for water and sewer to the tax roll – approved by Waite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Carried. Resolution 2013-23 appropriating \$4,525 from the sale of the canine vehicle - 2003 Trailblazer. Approved by Bronstad, second by Linton. carried. Resolution approving 2014 Budget – levy in the amount of \$1,233,500, .43% increase over 2013 – motion to approve by Linton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Carried.

**Miscellaneous:** Ordinance 736A – approving the amended language in the private wells abandonment ordinance as required by the DNR – motion to approve Waite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linton, carried. Gotham Park committee – members to be appointed: Scott Cunningham, Dave Lentz, Sheryl Claflin, Al Brown, and Jennifer Blatz – committee will be charged with moving forward on the planning of the proposed park improvements, including a new ball field. Motion to approve by Linton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waite, carried.

Resignation from Chris Fritz as Community Center Director effective January 1, 2014 – motion to accept by Bronstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morley. Carried.

Motion to go into closed session as noted earlier in meeting – Linton, second by Waite. Carried. Bronstad motioned to go into open session – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linton. carried.

Linton motioned to follow the license hearing committee’s recommendation of a ten-day suspension for Stringer’s Bar, advising clerk/treasurer to get attorney opinion on whether the ten days have to be consecutive or if they can be non-consecutive. Dates of suspension to be as follows: if consecutive – December 2, 2013 through December 11, 2013. If non-consecutive – December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and again on December 9<sup>th</sup> through December 13, 2013. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Waite abstained from voting citing conflict of interest as his wife works for another bar in town. Ayes: Bronstad, Linton, Morley - Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Waite – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linton – adjourned.

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Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer