

Minutes of the Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chetek held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 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 Cliff Bronstad, council president

Present: Cliff Bronstad, Bill Waite, Mark Edwards, Shirley Morley.

Agenda approval: Edwards motioned to approve agenda – 2nd by Morley. Carried.

Consent agenda: Waite motioned to approve: 10/13 and 10/27 council minutes, October claims, appointment of Steve Kiefer to Board of Appeals, and committee reports accepted/placed on file – Library 9/1, planning commission 9/17, housing authority 9/24, Knapp Haven/Pelican Place 10/19, and Board of Appeals 10/22. 2nd by Edwards – carried.

General Licenses/permits: Chamber of Commerce – wine walk 12/10/15 & Winter Fest 2/27/16- Motion to approve by Waite, 2nd by Morley. Carried.

Old business/updates: Merlyn Folz addressed the council with an update on the fund raising for the Christmas lights. Their group has raised the \$8,100 needed to cover the cost of replacing/repairing the lights on the telephone poles. Red Cedar Electric will honor their proposal until next spring. Leon Jahn (owner of Red Cedar Electric) advised he will at least try to complete the poles by mid-December that do not have outlets. The remainder of the work will be completed next spring. Motion by Edwards, 2nd by Morley to approve the installation/repair of the electrical outlets on the telephone poles. Carried.

The rate increase for garbage service was reviewed again. The garbage rate increase will be effective December 1st. There are 10 commercial accounts that will see a decrease in the rates and 14 commercial accounts that will see a significant increase based on the new rate structure and rate increase. Most accounts will see a change in their rate from \$32.00 per month to \$40.00 per month. Residential rates will be increased by \$2.00 per month – senior rate will increase \$1.00 per month. Waite motioned to approve the letters to be sent out to all commercial accounts. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Waite motioned to keep the hangar lease fees the same this year. (\$146 annual) 2nd by Morley. Carried.

Edwards motioned to authorize the purchase of the property located at 702 Railroad Avenue from Barron County and advertise the sale of the property contingent on the final report from the DNR showing what remediation may need to be completed. Property will be put up for sale with purchaser being required to remove the building within six (6) months. 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Waite motioned to change the rental inspection fee to \$100.00 for the five (5) year permit. 2nd by Morley. Carried.

Playground equipment was chosen by the parks committee. The total cost without grant money is \$62,795 for the equipment plus \$8,540 for assembly and full installation to include concrete footings. The grant approved by GameTime is in the amount of \$21,098.35 and has to be claimed no later than Friday, November 13th. Waite motioned to authorize the purchase of the playground equipment chosen by the parks committee with the removal of the spinning mushroom \$4,558 and wall climber \$4,909. If possible, Lee Recreation will be contacted for a price quote for comparison. The equipment is to be installed at the beach. Motion 2nd by Morley. Carried.

Requests: Mark Petersen requested to waive or reduce the probationary time for Jon Fick and Ron Ambrozaitis since they both served probationary time when they were first hired. He feels that both officers have been showing exemplary service. Motion to approve by Edwards, 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Financial: Waite motioned to approve 2% wage increase for regularly scheduled employees effective January 1, 2016 and a 1% increase effective January 1, 2015 (backpay) for the three full-time officers, and approval of the 2016 contracts for the Teamsters and WPPA unions. 2nd by Edwards. Carried. Bronstad motioned to required purchase orders on all purchases \$5,000 and above, regardless if money is in the budget. 2nd by Morley. Carried. Morley motioned to transfer the remaining canine money to the dog park. 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Miscellaneous: Edwards motioned to approve amendment to the Verizon lease with the City of Chetek. 2nd by Morley. Carried. Waite motioned to accept resignation from Chris Fritz, effective January 8, 2016. 2nd by Morley. Carried. Morley motioned to approve proposal for new sound system for council chambers by Sound n' Logic (2,909.07). The fire department will purchase the old sound system. 2nd by Waite. Carried.

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Waite motioned to approve Ordinance 752A rescinding the language in Section 86-71 of the municipal code regarding yard waste being collected with regular trash pickup. 2nd by Edwards. Carried. Edwards motioned to approve Ordinance 753A creating R4-High density personal care district for property on which Knapp Haven/Pelican Place lies – as approved by Planning Commission. 2nd by Morley. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Waite – 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer