

Minutes of the Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chetek held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 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 Jeff Martin, mayor.

Present: Cliff Bronstad, Bill Waite, Shirley Morley, Jeff Martin.

Absent: Mark Edwards

**Agenda approval:** motion to approve agenda by Bronstad- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waite. Carried.

**Mayor Martin** announced the 35th employment anniversary of Mike McGinnis and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rod Rhodes.

**Consent agenda:** Council minutes of May 10<sup>th</sup>, May police report, May building/zoning report, April Housing Authority minutes, May Board of Review minutes, April Plan Commission minutes, May personnel committee minutes, May Community Center minutes, May Library minutes - Mayor Martin stated the May minutes of the personnel committee should be corrected to reflect that Chief Petersen and Lieutenant Ambrozaitis were not in attendance. Motion to approve consent items with correction noted – Bronstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morley. Carried.

**General Licenses/permits:**

Fire Department Temporary Class “B” fermented malt beverage July 1<sup>st</sup>

Motion to approve – Bronstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waite. Carried.

Red’s premise description changes for events: July 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and August 20-21<sup>st</sup>

Motion to approve by Bronstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morley. Carried.

Renewals:

“Class B” Intoxicating Liquor & Class “B” Fermented malt beverage licenses:

DJT, Inc (Red’s), Mary’s Inc, R&L Indianhead, Knudson’s B&B, Jeromy Siems (Phill’s Bar & Grill)

Class “A” fermented malt beverage: Kwik Trip & Osbow, LLC (Chetek Express)

“Class A” Intoxicating Liquor & Class “A” Fermented Malt beverage:

Corwin Beuthling (Keg n Kork), Gordy’s Chetek Foods

Class “B” fermented malt beverage: Chetek VFW, American Legion

“Class A” liquor – cider only: Kwik Trip

Motion to approve by Waite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Carried.

Temporary Class “B” beer license – Vintage Voyagers for Liberty Fest – July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion to approve Waite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad, carried.

**Old business/updates:**

In September, 2015, council discussed purchasing tablets for accessing packets/agenda. Carmen Newman presented some information on Chromebooks – costing an average of \$300 each. Council members would be responsible for having or accessing WiFi so they can download their meeting packets. Newman explained that the cost of printing packet information is relatively inexpensive; the cost savings is primarily the time in photocopying and preparing packets. Members discussed whether or not they would be in favor of learning how to use the tablets, security for tablets, and whether or not it would be worth investing in the technology. Motion by Waite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad to bring this matter to the budget committee for next year’s budget.

**New Business:**

Buddy and Nancy Helms requested an easement from the City to use the land between their building at 646 Banks Street and Glass on Silk building for parking. They are proposing turning the old feed mill into a venue for gatherings – weddings, proms, etc. At this time they are considering requesting the City to vacate the right

of way area that is being used as a road between Center Street and Stout Street. Helms were advised that there is a legal process that would need to be followed to vacate that property, including costs that would be the responsibility of the party making the request. Council advised that they wait to get through the zoning issues first. If the zoning text is approved for their use then they can move forward with the necessary steps for vacating the roadway.

Change of agents on 457 retirement plan – Waite motioned to approve removing Dianne Knowlton's name and adding Jeff Martin and Carmen Newman as agents on the 457 plan. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morley. Carried.

Donation request – Community C.A.T. requested a \$2,000 donation from the City to help their group get their program off the ground in stabilizing the stray/feral cat colonies in the area. Mayor Martin advised he appreciated their efforts but feels the group needs to make an effort to raise funds through fund raising and private donations before asking for money from the City. There are many groups looking for money and donating to this one would open the door to many groups requesting money. Motion by Waite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad to deny their request. Carried.

Sidewalk repairs – council members discussed the condition of the sidewalks. There are numerous sidewalks that need to be replaced. The current ordinance allows for the assessment of materials to the property owners abutting the sidewalk. This ordinance has changed several times. Dan Knapp advised that the subject of sidewalk replacement has come up several times and that the council first needs to decide how they are going to pay for the sidewalks. When the costs were discussed in the past the subject was dropped. No one wants to be assessed for the cost. It was decided that an assessment of the sidewalks needs to be completed with a list of the sidewalks needing replacement. Bronstad motioned to refer this to the street committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morley. Carried.

General penalty ordinance – 755A - Bronstad motioned to revise the language in Section 1-16, general penalty, to remove the penalty schedule language. This allows the municipal judge the flexibility of applying the general penalty as he/she fits for the citation issued. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waite. Carried.

Grant application – Waite motioned to approve the DNR grant application for 2017 sanitary sewer projects that would include sewer relining and a new screen and UV system. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Bronstad. Carried.

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Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer