

Minutes of the Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chetek held on Tuesday, September 13, 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.

Board members present: Cliff Bronstad, Bill Waite, Jeff Martin, Mark Edwards, Shirley Morley

Also present: Attorney, Randi Osberg; Dan Knapp

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

Consent agenda: council minutes of August, August city claims, minutes: Plan commission July, Library June & August, Housing Authority July, building/zoning report August. Bronstad motioned to approve – 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

General Licenses/permits: none

Old business/updates: Edwards motioned to approve the purchase of the paved portion of the vacated alley from property owners abutting the parking lot of the nursing home at a price of \$1,000. (lots 1,3 & 4 Block 1 Luers Addition) The City will have property lines surveyed and will handle the recording of the transactions. 2nd by Bronstad – carried.

Waite approved Resolutions 2016-14 & 2016-15 authorizing the applications for state financial assistance for Wastewater System Improvements under the Wisconsin Clean Water Fund Program and declaring official intent to reimburse expenses – 2nd by Bronstad. Carried.

New Business: Bronstad motioned to move the November council meeting to November 15th due to the November 9th Election. 2nd by Morley – carried.

Dan Knapp advised he has received prices and a bid from Rice Lake utility for replacing the lights on the bridge. The cost will be around \$10,000 for the 4 lamp posts/lights/labor

Judy Black requested a credit on the sewer charge on her August bill due to vandals turning on her outside facet during the night. Motion by Morley, 2nd by Edwards to allow the credit for the above normal usage on the sewer portion only. Carried.

Property owners at 1113 West Stout requested a partial loan forgiveness on the CDBG housing loan. They relocated to Bruce, WI due to employment and are unable to continue paying two mortgages. Their loan is in the amount of \$18,000 and they are asking if the City would accept \$10,000 as the only offer they have had in the last year isn't enough to cover their mortgage and other home equity loans. Motion by Edwards, 2nd by Waite to approve the loan forgiveness of \$8,000. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to authorize the replacement of the 1993 dump truck with a 2005 dump truck with an underbody blade and rear wing – in the amount of \$65,000. Dump truck was put out for bid by Barron County. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Motion by Bronstad, 2nd by Waite, approving Ordinance 758A – reducing the airport committee members to 5 (previously 8). Carried.

Edwards motioned to approve Ordinance 759A - providing the City a legal framework within which to regulate and manage the public rights-of-way, and to provide for recovery of costs – 2nd by Bronstad. Carried.

Morley motioned to approve the amendment to hangar lease for space #8 – adding Mia Jenneman to Grant Southworth lease – 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Donna Bachowski addressed the council with the Community Center Board's proposal to change the name of the "Chetek Community Center" to "The Center". The board has been working with Donna on promoting the center. They are trying to get more community members to use the center and change people's perception that the building is only for senior citizen programs. There have been more rentals and an expanded variety of groups using the center.

They plan on replacing the old sign with a more modern sign as the old one is deteriorating. Motion by Edwards, 2nd by Bronstad to approve the name change – carried.

Nancy and Buddy Helms did a presentation on their proposed plans for "The Mill" to be located at 646 Banks Street. They requested council to authorize the building/zoning administrator to issue a

temporary use permit so they may continue with their plans without having to put the expensive sprinkler system in until the State Safety and Buildings Division determines how they will classify the building. Due to the increase in remodeling old agricultural buildings for the use of “venues” the State has been working on adapting appropriate regulations for these buildings. They will be able to add the sprinkler system if the State requires them, but they don’t want to incur the additional expense if they end up not requiring the sprinkler system.

Motion by Edwards, 2nd by Morley to authorize the Building/Zoning administrator to issue a temporary use permit for up to one year subject to conditions set by him. After one year a review with council will need to be done to address any concerns/complaints. Carried. Helms discussed their parking plans and explained a couple different options for possible changes to the road/right of way running north and south between Center Street and Stout Street. Dan Knapp advised a cul-de-sac would not be feasible as the right of way isn’t wide enough. It was determined the best option will be to make “Dixon” Street a one way street from Center Street to Banks Street and make the road from Banks Street to Stout Street a private drive. Motion by Waite, 2nd by Edwards to approve road changes. Carried.

Carmen Newman asked council members to make sure someone at each committee meeting is responsible for submitting council requests to her in a timely manner so they can be added to the agenda. Separate written communication needs to be submitted for council action – not just the minutes.

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

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer