

Minutes of the Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chetek held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 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, Mark Edwards, Shirley Morley, Jeff Martin

Also present: Ron Ambrozaitis, Dan Knapp, Joe Atwood

Mayor Martin announced a closed session later in the meeting under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations, and 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, reconvene; act on closed item, if any.

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

Consent agenda:

Bronstad motioned to approve: December council minutes, December Airport minutes, December claims. – 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald presented the “Life Saver Award to Danielle Riordan” for her efforts in removing residents safely during the fire at 251 Woodard. Danielle is an employee with Integricare, Inc.

Mayor Martin announced the anniversary of public works director Dan Knapp’s twentieth year of employment. Dan Knapp was thanked for his exemplary service to the City of Chetek.

Old business/updates:

Bronstad motioned to approve the 2017 wages/contracts as recommended by personnel committee. Regular full-time and part-time employees shall receive a 1% increase. Library employees are regulated by the library board. Employees health insurance deductibles will be \$750 single/\$1,500 family. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

New Business:

Clerk/treasurer, Carmen Newman, updated the council members on the financial status of the Cemetery Association. The City and Town of Chetek each contributed \$7,500 towards the operation of the cemetery. She advised council members that the City and Town boards should consider setting aside money for the replacement of equipment. The cemetery board does not have a replacement fund for equipment. Motion by Waite to postpone to a later date. 2nd by Morley. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to approve ordinance 760A adopting the updated comprehensive plan. 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to approve Resolution 2017-01 appropriating/adjusting budget funds in the 2016 budget. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to approve the lease agreement for hangar site #19 – transferring from Terry Kohler to Mark Schoonover as recommended by the airport committee. 2nd by Morley. Carried.

Edwards motioned to authorized the proceed with the rezoning, title search, and surveying of city property located behind the treatment plant for the purpose of donating and/or selling parcels (211-8110-29-000). One parcel will be donated to the Chetek Food Shelf, Inc. for a new building. The City will keep a 66 foot right of way so a road can be constructed in the future connecting 1st street to Hwy SS. The food shelf has a proposal to sell their current building to the company that currently rents half of the building. The food shelf would then be able to pay off the current mortgage and build a new building and carry little to no mortgage. 2nd by Bronstad. Carried.

Dan Knapp presented a quote for the replacement of the water meters. Current brass meters, which are twenty years old, need to be replaced due to new regulations eliminating meters with lead. Since the current meters are due to be tested (which can cost the same as replacing a meter) and each residence is due for a cross connection inspection (every ten years) it would be financially advantageous to replace the meters this year. The vendor would replace the meters and take care of the cross connection inspections at the same time. Morley motioned to approve the quote in the amount of \$341,388 from Dakota Supply Group. The City will be able to finance the cost at an interest rate of 3.121% or less over a ten year period, if needed. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to go into closed session as noted above, reconvene; act on closed session items. 2nd by Edwards. Carried. Motion by Edwards to go into open session – 2nd by Bronstad. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to approve operator license for Scott Gray. 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to approve a 6-month probationary period for Ron Ambrozaitis as interim police chief. Council will review performance in June, 2017. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

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

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer