

Minutes of the Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chetek held on Thursday, February 9, 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, Barron County Sheriff- Chris Fitzgerald and staff

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, reconvene; act on closed item, if any.

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

Consent agenda:

Bronstad motioned to approve: January council minutes, Housing Authority minutes from February 2016 annual meeting and December 2016; Resignations from boards: Jim Fultz from Plan Commission, Bruce Hanson from Airport Committee, Tom Nicolaides from Board of Appeals; Appointments to board: Tom Nicolaides to Plan Commission. Motion 2nd by Morley. Carried.

Old business/updates:

Waite motioned to approve the petition to rezone parcel 211-8110-29-000 (city property located between Water Street and Hwy SS) from Conservancy to General Commercial as recommended by Plan Commission. 2nd by Bronstad. Carried. Edwards motioned to set price on lot created by subdividing parcel 211-8110-29-000 at \$13,300 – based on the standard of \$20,000 per acre used in the industrial parks. One parcel to be donated to Chetek Food Shelf – 2nd lot to be sold as commercial lot. 2nd by Bronstad. Carried.

New Business:

Barron County Sheriff, Chris Fitzgerald, presented options for law enforcement services for the City of Chetek. First option would be to offer assistance in the hiring/background process should the city decide to go through the hiring process. Second option would be for the City of Chetek to contract with Barron County for complete law enforcement service. Proposal includes 24/7 coverage for the City of Chetek municipality. The City would not need to provide a police department building, vehicles, or equipment as the county would be providing their staff and equipment. Proposing a minimum cost savings of \$50,000 per year. Cost to the city would be \$455,000 per year with a 2% increase annually. The City officers would be guaranteed interviews. Council did not take any action.

Sidewalks – Mayor Martin discussed the need for sidewalk improvements. Bronstad motioned to have the Street Committee assess condition of sidewalks and bring a report to the council for a plan for repairs. 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Resolution 2017-2 – appropriating library contributions received to the 2017 budget – motion to approve by Bronstad, 2nd by Morley. Carried.

Resolution 2017-3 – adjusting 2016 budget using additional revenues from building permits to cover the additional expense for commercial inspections done by Jim Heldstab. Motion to approve by Edwards, 2nd by Bronstad. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to approve Elizabeth Aamodt, (1213 W. Leonard Street) request to exceed pet limit. She is living with her parents until she can find her own residence. 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Return to work program program – Morley motioned to approve the “Transitional Return to Work” program as

recommended by the Safety Committee. This program ensures that employees who sustain a work related injury/illness receive timely and property medical care and can return to work safely. 2nd by Edwards. Carried. Waite motioned to approve a \$3,000 increase for interim police chief, Ron Ambrozaitis as recommended by the personnel committee. 2nd by Bronstad. Carried.

Bathroom fans at community center – Morley motioned to approve the installation of bathroom fans at the community center. Quote from Red Cedar last year was \$750.00. Bill Waite will check to see if quote is still good. Expense will be paid using funds from the building outlay account. 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Edwards motioned to go into closed session as noticed earlier in meeting, reconvene; act on operator license application. 2nd by Bronstad.

Motion to go into open session by Bronstad, 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Edwards motioned to approve operator license for Dustin Johnson. 2nd by Bronstad. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Bronstad.

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer