

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of the City of Chetek held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. (following public hearings) in the Council Chamber, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Martin.
Present: Scott Bachowski, Earl Grover, Terry Hight, Mark Edwards
Motion by Hight, 2nd by Grover, to approve agenda. Carried.

Consent agenda - Council minutes from October, city claims from October, accept and place on file department/board reports as submitted: police-October; Library-October; Plan Commission-October. Motion to approve -Bachowski, 2nd by Hight. carried.

Old business - none

New Business

WPPA contract - Edwards motioned to approve the Wisconsin Professional Police Association agreement for 2020. The contract added part-time officers to the contract, clarified benefits for full-time officers only, and included a 3% increase in wages. 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Teamster contract - Bachowski motioned to approve the 2020 Teamster contract which included a 3% wage increase. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Employee 2020 wages - Bachowski motioned to approve a 3% wage increase for all non-union employees, except the library employees which are set by the library board. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Hangar lease fees - Bachowski motioned to increase the annual hangar lease fees by 20%. This increases the fees from \$210 to \$252. 2nd by Grover. Edwards-no, Hight-no, Bachowski-yes, Grover, yes. Mayor Martin voted yes. Carried.

2020 Budget - Hight motioned to approve the 2020 budget. The tax levy for the City will remain the same as it has been since 2018 - \$1,259,726. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Carryover unused levy - Hight motioned to approve the carryover of \$6,611 from prior years unused levy. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Vacation carryover - Hight motioned to approve the carryover of 97 vacation hours for Joel Fostvedt to be used within three months. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Engineering for new treatment plant - Grover motioned to approve the solicitation of Requests for Qualifications for engineering services for the new treatment plant. RFQs to be submitted prior to the December council meeting and council will schedule interviews. 2nd by Bachowski. carried.

Ambulance services - Mark Edwards discussed the ambulance service's financial and employee concerns. The subsidy amounts are calculated using municipality populations. The City of Chetek has the highest usage of the ambulance service and there has been discussion of changing the way the subsidy is calculated to include usage. Council members agree that all options will need to be considered in light of the fact that the subsidy amounts are increasing and the financial status of the ambulance service is uncertain. There are questions regarding the cost of the billing and collection services, lack of EMT's filling shifts, payroll costs, etc. Council will consider contacting outside providers to get a cost for contracting ambulance service.

MOU - Hight motioned to approve a memo of understanding between the City of Chetek, Town of Prairie Lake, and Town of Chetek. The MOU states that the City of Chetek will claim the volunteer hours for FEMA reimbursement and will pay the full invoice for the rented wheel loader and grapple. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer