

**Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of the City of Chetek held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Martin.

Present: Jeff Martin, Earl Grover, Terry Hight, Mark Edwards, Scott Bachowski

Approve agenda - Motion by Bachowski, 2nd by Edwards. carried.

Mayor Martin announced a closed session later in meeting – Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved - discussion regarding legal matters involving junk violations

Jeff French, Barron County Administrator & Ray Zeman, Waste to Energy & Recycling Plant Director, addressed the council to discuss proposed plans to change the recycling program. Due to the amount of non recyclable items being thrown in the bins the county would like to have the bins moved to a location that can be fenced in and lighted. The county would man the sites during specified hours/days. They are looking at having Chetek be the first site to incorporate the changes.

Dave Armstrong, Barron County Economic Development Director, updated the council on economic development activities, COVID impact on the unemployment rates and local economy. He also discussed the progress on housing in Barron County.

**Consent agenda** - Council minutes from July, city claims from July, accept and place on file department/board reports as submitted: Housing Authority-June. Road closures for Harvest Fest. Motion to approve Bachowski, 2nd by Hight. carried.

**Old business -**

Bachowski motioned to authorize the advertisement for Request For Proposals for the development of the property at 1301 Knapp Street. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

**New Business**

The Chetek Historical Society requested a donation to help with the water/sewer utility costs since donations are down with the museum being closed due to COVID. Council did not take any action as several individuals advised they would donate personally.

Hight made the motion to approve the premise description change for Red's Grill & Bar for the August 15th event - pontoon olympics. 2nd by Grover. Motion died.

Council members further discussed the request since the policy allows only 4 changes per year with one of those being over Liberty Fest. They have already had the allowed number of changes according to the policy council set. Edwards motioned to approve the request and to review the policy at the next council meeting. 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Bachowski motioned to accept Karen Zimmerman's resignation/retirement effective November 30, 2020. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Motion by Grover, 2nd by Hight to approve the advertisement for an administrative assistant/utility clerk with a start date of October 19, 2020. Carried.

Hight motioned to approve the request to exceed the pet limit for 112 LakeAire Drive (Gregware). The residence has 2 cats and 4 dogs - their daughter moved back in with them temporarily. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Edwards motioned to approve the application for a Class "C" wine license for Fostbites. Council discussed the statute language regarding the license being allowed for a "restaurant". Council made the determination that since they do serve frozen pizza and snacks and allow food to be brought in they would allow the license for that establishment. 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Motion to go into closed session by Bachowski, 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Motion to go into open session by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover. Carried.

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

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Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer