

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of the City of Chetek held on Tuesday, November 17, 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, Mark Edwards, Scott Bachowski, Terry Hight, Earl Grover

Meeting held via Zoom

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

Consent agenda - Council minutes from October, city claims from October, accept and place on file department/board reports as submitted: Plan Commission-September & October; Parks/beach- June; Library-August, September, October. Motion to accept and place on file by Bachowski, 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Michael Hover presented a donation of \$350 for the new dock system at Knapp Street and Stout Street public access locations. Sassy's Bar will match the donation.

Bachowski motioned to approve the hangar lease agreement for Jim Larsen for parcel #52 effective January 1, 2021. 2nd by Edwards. Bachowski-yes, Grover-yes, Hight-yes, Edwards-yes. Carried.

Hight motioned to approve employee wage increase of 1% effective January 1, 2021 and approve wage for Mark Eby at \$18 with a .50 cent increase after six months and one year. 2nd by Grover. Grover-yes, Hight-yes, Edwards-yes, Bachowski-yes. Carried.

Grover motioned to remove personnel manual language stating retirees completing at least 15 years of service shall be entitled to an engraved watch and a city sponsored gathering to include retirees immediate family and city staff, if they shall choose. 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Bachowski motioned to approve the 2021 budget - Resolution 2020-12 with a levy of \$1,299,000. 2nd by Hight - Bachowski-yes, Hight-yes, Edwards-yes, Grover-yes. Carried.

Hight motioned to approve the carryover of unused vacation hours of 74.5 for Joel Fostvedt and expressed thanks for his years of service. 2nd by Grover. Hight-yes, Grover-yes, Edwards-yes, Bachowski-yes. Carried.

Bachowski motioned to approve Wisconsin Indian Head County request to reserve the Southworth Memorial Airport Park July 2nd - July 4th, 2021. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Hight motioned to approve outside employment for Mark Eby with Fostbites. 2nd by Edwards. Grover-yes, Hight-yes, Edwards-yes, Bachowski-yes. Carried.

Motion by Hight, 2nd by Edwards to approve a sewer rate increase of 4.1% effective January 1, 2021. The last sewer rate increase was August, 2011. Hight-yes, Grover-yes, Edwards-yes, Bachowski-yes. Carried.

Council members discussed how to handle requests for building improvement projects. Currently, the police chief is requesting to replace the block windows at the police department, public works building needs flooring replacement in the offices and new paint, and city hall would like to extend the front counter for additional work space. Bachowski stated he feels that departments should include their requests in their department budgets each year. Carmen Newman stated that council has been

approving the use of the building fund outlay account after requests were brought to council. Grover advised that department heads bring their estimates for improvements to the council and it will be decided whether to approve the project or advise the department head to include their project in the next year's budget.

Hight motioned to approve budget adjustments - Resolution 2020-11. 2nd by Grover. Bachowski-yes, Grover-yes, Hight-yes, Edwards-yes. Carried.

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

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer