

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of the City of Chetek held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. , held in council chambers, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI and through Zoom.

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

Present: Jeff Martin, Mark Edwards, Scott Bachowski, Terry Hight (via zoom), Earl Grover

Approve agenda - Motion by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover. Carried.

John Banks address council regarding the possibility of implementing a Premier Resort Tax in the City of Chetek. He explained how the half a percent tax could generate revenue for the city to help pay for infrastructure including sewer/water facilities, parks, etc. He stated the council would pass a resolution and then a referendum would be presented to voters. There would also need to be some help from our legislature as Chetek does not have the required 20% commercially assessed property. The revenue from the P.R.A.T. tax could help defray property taxes as a large portion of the tax would be raised through tourism purchases.

Consent agenda - council minutes from February; February claims, accept and place on file department/board reports as submitted: **Chetek Housing Authority**- January; **Utility Committee**-February; **Temporary Class "B" retailer license** - Hydroflites 7/3/21 & 8/14/21
Motion to approve- Edwards, 2nd by Bachowski. carried.

Old Business - docks for Stout Street and Knapp Street access. Council discussed the dock layout for both locations. Hight questioned whether there would be an issue with the width of the 4 slip system at the Knapp Street access as the survey of the property shows there is an approximate width of 34 feet. Would boats be infringing on Bank's shoreline? Council discussed removing a portion of that slip and using it at another location. The total amount of donations for the project at this time is \$12,950. Council will need to determine how much of the project can be completed this year with available funds.

New Business

Hight motioned to approve the closure of Lakeview Drive for the Fishy-Four race on July 3rd and the use of the beach pavilion and band shell. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Council discussed the rezoning application for Ken Schmidt at 324 Douglas Street. The Plan Commission held a public hearing on the petition. Mayor Martin read a letter from Young's who own a house next to the property. They stated they purchased the home with the understanding that the homes next to them were zoned R1 (single family). They put a lot of time and money into restoring their house and are concerned that a 4 unit apartment building would cause their property to lose value. They also cited concerns regarding where the snow would end up as there are drainage issues in that area. Their property often turns into a pond from melting snow from the alley. They felt allowing for a multi-unit building could create six or more cars that would need to utilize the alley for parking. Mayor Martin stated that the Plan Commission is generally reluctant to rezone a parcel ("spot zone") when it is not contiguous with that zoning. Bachowski pointed out that changing the zoning is not against the regulations as pointed out by the zoning administrator. The drainage issue, traffic, and line of sight all exist whether or not the 4-plex exists. Grover asked Ken if he would be willing to make the building into a duplex for families. Ken explained his plan for the building would be 4 one unit apartments as he didn't feel the area was conducive to families with children and the yard space would be used for parking. He feels the 4 one unit apartments would be more financially feasible. His parking plan would be to create a parking lot in the yard to include 1 ½ parking spaces per unit per city

ordinance. Bachowski motioned to approve the zoning petition for 324 Douglas to R3 (multi-family) 2nd by Edwards. Bachowski, Edwards, Grover - yes, Hight- no. carried.

Grover motioned to approve Resolution 2021-4 adopting Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy. 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Motion by Hight to approve Resolution 2021-5 adjusting the 2021 budget to appropriate Chippewa County library subsidy payment. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

The utility committee discussed the replacement of the refuse trucks and recommended replacing both this year. Both would be traded in or auctioned and the purchases will be completed using those funds along with money in the capital outlay account and financing the rest with a new note. Motion by Hight, 2nd by Grover to approve the purchase of both a residential and commercial refuse truck. Carried.

Council discussed questions posed by the auditor regarding the Public Service Commission water rate application. Motion by Grover, 2nd by Bachowski to recommend the following:
Add charges for special billing & special meter readings at \$10.50 each; increase the water reconnection charge to \$45 during regular hours and \$65 after hours; eliminate the general fund water suppression charge of \$38,250 and charge the public fire protection charge to all residents (currently only water utility customers pay for public fire protection monthly). Carried.

Council discussed the rental house at 75 Hwy Blvd. South. Dan Knapp advised that the house may be able to be renovated to be used as the lab and office space for the new treatment plant. Motion by Grover, 2nd by Edwards to notify tenants that the house will need to be vacated on or before March 9, 2022.

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

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer