

Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of the City of Chetek held on Tuesday, October 12, 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 (via zoom), Terry Hight, Earl Grover

Approve agenda - Bachowski motioned to approve agenda with the revision of removing item #3 - hangar inspections. Council will discuss in the future after more information is obtained. 2nd by Grover. carried.

Approve consent agenda - motion by Hight to approve council minutes from September; september claims; accept and place on file department/board reports: budget committee- 9/28; utility committee 9/28; Housing Authority board 8/26 & 8/30; approve Chamber of Commerce license for 10/29/2021; 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Street light - council discussed the request for a street light on the corner of Ridgeway and 6th Street as new residents on Ridgeway have expressed concern that the alley behind their homes is very dark. There is a light at the intersection of 4th Street and Ridgeway but no other light in the area. Closest light is near 7th Street. The initial estimate from Xcel Energy was \$750, however; Dan Knapp received a cost of \$6,000 to \$7,000 from Xcel Energy engineer. Grover motioned to table this matter until they can meet with homeowners to discuss another location that may not cost so much to install. Dan will talk to the Xcel engineer again. 2nd by Hight. carried.

City right of way request - Allan Olynick requested to install a gate in the city right of way at the entrance to the lot he purchased in the north industrial park. Dan Knapp advised they may have an issue with allowing the gate in the right of way as other businesses may request the same. This could cause problems with plowing, liability, etc. Hight motioned to allow the gate at his property line - 26 feet back from the right of way. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Hangar lease - Jim Larsen requested to terminate his lease agreement for parcel #52. Two people have expressed interest in leasing the parcel. Shawn Ayers is interested in building a large hangar at least 60x60x16. He would like to have at least 3 - 4 years to build as he has other projects he needs to complete and the price of steel is too high at this time. He is also requesting to be allowed to add private water and septic. David Frederikson also expressed interest in building a hangar - 60x60. He would begin construction as soon as approved and when his builder could begin. Council members asked Dan Knapp if he knew Mr. Frederikson. Dan advised he did not know him but is often contacted by pilots looking for hangar space. He had another verbal inquiry as well. The mayor felt that the email from Mr. Frederikson was not very professional and that we had a local business owner attending the meeting to express his interest. Scott Bachowski stated that the city should talk to Mr. Frederikson and see what his building plan is before making a decision. Grover felt Mr. Ayers should be given the opportunity as he is a local resident and business owner in the city. He wouldn't have a problem allowing 3-4 years for him to build. Jim Larsen said Shawn would build a Taj Mahal hangar. Carmen Newman questioned the request for private utilities as there are water/sewer services available along Lakeview Drive. He is not required to have water/sewer services in the hangar, however; if he wanted to have those services it would seem he should be required to connect to city services as it is required for homeowners to connect to available services. Motion by Edwards to transfer the lease to Shawn Ayers with the stipulation that he connect to city services should he desire water and sewer services in the hangar. 2nd by Grover. carried.

Ordinance 780-A - reestablishing city of Chetek numbers and boundaries for wards based on 2020 census. Motion to approve - by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover. carried.

Ordinance 781A - amending section 82-11(d) off-premise sign ordinance. Removing item (5) limiting off-premise signs to businesses located within corporate limits. Hight motioned to approve , 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Resolution 2021-20 - appropriating surplus funds from sale of industrial park property to capital outlay improvement accounts in the amount of \$61,000. Motion to approve by Hight, 2nd by Bachowski. carried.

Garbage rates - last rate increase was January 2018. Tipping fee rates from Barron County increased in 2020 by \$6.00 per ton along with other expenses for garbage services. Proposed rate increase for residential would be

\$1.50 per month and approximately 7% for commercial. Motion by Grover to increase rates effective January 1, 2022. 2nd by Hight. carried.

Field lease agreement - Dan Knapp explained that the area along the grass runway that the city does not mow is harvested by the Chetek Baptist Assembly. City was receiving \$100 annually from the Chetek Baptist Assembly. It is more advantageous to allow the harvesting of the hay off the field versus the city mowing the area. They would like a longer lease agreement as they would like to fertilize and overseed the area to grow a better crop. Motion by Edwards to approve agreement with Chetek Baptist Assembly, Inc. for a 5 year period from September 1, 2021 through September 1, 2026 at \$300 per year. 2nd by Hight. carried.

Road closing - Motion by Bachowski to approve the closing of Schofield St. between 2nd Street and 3rd Street for Trunk or Treat event on October 31st. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

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

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer