

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Martin.

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

Joanne Rehberg spoke on behalf of the residents on Elizabeth Lane. They are not in favor of the rezoning of the parcel at 1848 Hwy Blvd N for the development of the Family Dollar/Dollar Tree business. They are concerned with possible truck traffic, lighting, and didn't feel it was a good location due to not being accessible for people that walk to the store.

Amy Beckman expressed her and her husband's concerns with the rezoning of 1301 Knapp Street as they feel it will create a busier/noisier street. Donna Bachowski announced that the senior citizens group donated \$1,500 to the new sign for the community/senior center. John Rush donated the additional \$107 for the sign. The entire cost of the sign is being covered by the donations.

**Approve agenda** - Bachowski motioned to approve agenda with the revision of moving item #2 from the agenda (Olynick lease agreement) to the first order of business. 2nd by Grover. carried.

**Approve consent agenda** - motion by Hight to approve council minutes from October; October claims; accept and place on file department/board reports: Plan Commission October minutes; Housing Authority September minutes; Fire District October minutes; Chamber of Commerce temporary class "b" licenses for widows walk and winter fest; Vintage Voyagers request to use airport property for 2022 Liberty Fest event. 2nd by Grover. carried.

**Land lease** - Allan Olynick is requesting to lease two (2) acres in the northern industrial park. This area would be used to store yard waste for producing compost soil. Allan is proposing to take the waste from the City of Chetek site at 1500 Dallas Street to produce compost. This will eliminate the labor and equipment expenses from public works. This process will be a trial period. He would like to begin with a twelve month lease to see how it goes. Bachowski motioned to approve the lease agreement for the initial twelve month period with a lease fee of \$365. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

**Street light** - Mayor martin spoke to Xcel Energy regarding the cost of a new street light for the corner of Ridgeway and 6th Street. He was advised the cost would be \$8,000. Until it is known what other areas may need additional lighting and how the city will cover the cost this matter will be tabled.

**WWTP progress** - Tia McCarthy, engineer with CBS Squared, gave an update on the progress of the new wastewater treatment plant project. The City of Chetek received a grant in the amount of \$10,344,000 which is the largest USDA grant award in the state of Wisconsin. The total project cost is \$20,696,000.

**Bid on house removal** - Hight motioned to approve Russ Chester's bid in the amount of \$11,900 for the removal of the house at 75 Hwy Blvd. S to include the removal of the block basement and filling of the hole. Project to be completed no later than June 1, 2022. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

**Rezoning petition** - Tyler Schultz requested to rezone the parcel at 1123 Dallas Street (a portion of Lot B Southview addition) from residential to general industrial for the purpose of operating a dumpster rolloff business. Motion by Hight to deny the rezoning petition and advised to submit a conditional use petition to the plan commission. 2nd by Bachowski to deny. Hight-yes, Edwards-yes, Bachowski-yes, Grover-no. Carried - petition denied.

**Rezoning petition** - City of Chetek petition to rezone property at 1301 Knapp Street from agricultural to R3 (multi-family residential) for the purpose of a housing development. Motion to approve by Hight, 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

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**Rezoning petition** - petition filed by Nick Feira on behalf of Family Dollar/Dollar Tree to rezone property at 1848 Hwy Blvd N. from residential to commercial for the purpose of building a new store. Motion by Bachowski to approve, 2nd by Grover. Bachowski -yes, Grover-yes, Hight-present, Edwards-no. Mayor voted-yes. Carried.

**Hangar lease amendments** - proposed hangar lease amendments include language requiring a properly registered "airworthy" airplane be stored in hangars. Lease fees were last increased by 20% in 2019. Edwards motioned to approve the revised lease language and keep the lease fees at the current amount for 2022. 2nd by Grover. Edwards-yes, Grover-yes, Hight-yes, Bachowski-no. Carried.

**Hangar lease renewal** - Todd Kirkman's hangar #50 expired 10/31/2021. He submitted the conditional use request to operate EZ Heat business out of the hangar. Motion by Hight to approve the lease renewal with revised language and the conditional use to operate EZ Heat out of the hangar. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

**Resolution 2021-21** - petitioning the secretary of transportation for airport improvement aid for the credit card fueling system. The cost of the equipment was \$23,101.94. Motion to approve the resolution by Bachowski, 2nd by Hight. Carried.

**Resolution 2021-22** - appropriation of the proceeds of \$84,425 from the sale of the old garbage trucks and dump truck to the replacement funds - motion by Hight, 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

**Resolution 2021-23** - moving excess fund balance to designated capital outlay accounts in the amount of \$230,000 - motion to approve by Edwards, 2nd by Hight. Edwards-yes, Hight-yes, Grover-yes, Bachowski-no. Carried.

**Resolution 2021-24** - motion by Hight to authorize the placement of delinquent accounts to the 2021 tax roll. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

**Motion by Bachowski**, 2nd by Edwards to authorize the submission of an application for a DNR recreational boating facilities grant for the Lakeview Drive boat landing improvements in 2022. The city will commit funds for the project from the parks fund or the fiscal recovery funds. Carried.

Council set a date of November 18th to approve the 2022 budget and discuss ambulance service issues.

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

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Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer