

Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. in the council room, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI and virtual through Zoom.

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

Council members in attendance: Scott Bachowski, Earl Grover, Terry Hight (via zoom) , Mark Edwards, Mayor Martin

Motion by Grover, 2nd by Bachowski to approve agenda. carried.

Mayor Martin presented Dan Knapp with an award for 25 years of service to the City of Chetek.

CONSENT AGENDA - Council minutes from January & January claims; Department/Board reports as submitted: Housing Authority January 2021 annual minutes & December 2021; Plan commission January. Motion to approve by Edwards, 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Bid award - grit removal system for the new wastewater treatment plant. 3 bids were received. The bid most advantageous to the City of Chetek was Smith & Loveless, Inc. Motion by Bachowski, 2nd by Edwards to award bid to Smith & Loveless. Carried.

Ordinance 783A - text amendment revising the permitted uses in light industrial and conservancy districts to include public facilities to facilitate the new wastewater treatment plant. Motion to approve by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Council members discussed the proposed changes to the fire district subsidy calculations. Currently, the City of Chetek and Town of Chetek are owners of the fire district and have an agreement between the two municipalities to share the cost of the fire department's operations at 50% each after other subsidies are collected. Municipalities served by the fire district sign fire protection agreements which include language for calculating their subsidy payments by multiplying the percentage of their equalized value served by the fire district by half a mill (.0005). Prairie Lake has 62% of their municipality served by the Chetek fire district. Their subsidy calculation for 2022 ends up nearly the same as the City of Chetek and Town of Chetek even though 38% of their district is served by Cameron fire department. Because they are not owners of the fire district they do not have any representation on the fire district board. Several options were discussed for revising their calculation annual subsidy. The Town of Chetek, City of Chetek, and Town of Prairie Lake boards will meet to discuss options.

Resolution 2022-2 - adjusting the 2021 budget. Motion by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover to approve. Carried.

American Rescue Plan Act funding - council members discussed proposed uses for the funding received. The first payment of \$109,640.31 was received in July 2021. The second payment in the same amount will be in July of this year. The "Final Rules" from the Department of Treasury has allowed for more flexibility. Using the option of "replacing lost public sector revenue" permits recipients to use the funds for "government services" Council discussed possible uses including: new water tower, wastewater treatment plant, rip-rap along shoreline where new docks were placed, upgraded sound system for council room, housing project, bathrooms at mainstreet park, replace roof on community center, adding steel siding to Phillips and Southworth Memorial Parks, adding a handicap accessible paved pathway from Phillips Park pavilion to beach/bathrooms, boat landing improvements, donation to the Lions Club, and a 5% payment to the Chetek Ambulance Service. Council members agreed upon the following uses - to be properly bid: steel siding on pavilions at Southworth Memorial Airport Park and Phillips Park along with the installation of ceilings in the pavilions; upgraded sound system in council chambers, handicap accessible paved path at Phillips Park, roof replacement on community center, porta-potty enclosure for Main Street Park, steel roof on Main Street Park, rip-rap, and 5% donation to the Chetek Ambulance service (after 2nd payment is received in July) and a \$3,000 donation to the Lions. The estimated cost for these projects is \$80,000 leaving a balance of approximately \$21,000 from the first installment. The use of any remaining balance after completion of the approved projects will be discussed after the 2nd installment is received. Motion by Hight to approve projects as agreed upon, 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Ambulance donation - Motion by Hight to approve a donation to the Chetek Ambulance Service in the amount of \$10,964, payable in July 2022, with the stipulation that the council members approve the use of the funds and an invoice for the expenditure be provided prior to reimbursement. 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Grover, 2nd by Hight. Carried.