

Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 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 , Mark Edwards, Mayor Martin

Approve agenda - motion by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover. carried.

CONSENT AGENDA - Hight motioned to approve February council minutes, February claims; 2nd by Grover. carried.

Bid award - Mayor Martin opened bids for the garage located at 75 Hwy Blvd. South. Bachowski motioned to accept the highest bid from Jim Schaaf in the amount of \$2,000. Garage to be removed off the property no later than June 1, 2022. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Wastewater treatment plant -The virtual tour of the proposed wastewater treatment plant was presented. Tia McCarthy from CBS Squared engineering firm answered questions from the council.

Groundwater sampling on south industrial park land - Meridian Environmental Consulting, LLC performed groundwater sampling as part of the due process for the USDA funding for the new wastewater treatment plant. They completed the work and are recommending No Further Action to the Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture (DATCP). As part of the process, they are required to notify the City of Chetek of their findings, i.e., nitrogen has impacted the ground water beneath the City property to some extent. There is a map showing where the test borings were and where the nitrogen contamination exceeded drinking water standards. There are also some standard handouts explaining how this affects the City as property owner. The main issue is that if the city were to ever want to put in drinking water wells, you need to know about the nitrate contamination. The well driller may be able to drill the well deep enough to avoid the contamination. Or, you could treat the water. Or move the well to a location outside of the contaminated area. Ultimately, the responsibility for the continuing obligations lies with the property owner where the contamination occurred, which is not the city property but rather the fertilizer plant located in the town. Being as the industrial park land will be served by city water and sewer utilities there won't be a concern of water contamination.

Police squad purchase - Chief Ron Ambrozaitis advised the council of his intent to replace the 2018 Ford Explorer with a 2022 Ford Explorer later this year.

Employee request to carry over holiday hours - Grover motioned to approve the carryover of 12 holiday hours from 2021 for Andres Meza-Anzaldo. 2nd by Hight. Carried.

Outside employment - Hight approved Joe Atwood's request for outside employment with the village of New Auburn for temporary help with building permits on weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This will not interfere with his full-time job with the City of Chetek. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Fishy Four event - motion by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover to approve the request from Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Scholarship Fund to use the beach pavilion on July 1st 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and July 2nd from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.; use of the bandshell July 2nd from 6:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.; closure of Lakeview Drive from Wisconsin Avenue to City Park Drive from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on July 2nd. carried.

Street Use Agreement - Council members discussed the renewal of the Temporary Street Use agreement with The Mill for the use of Dixon St between Center St and Stout St. The original agreement was signed in 2016 and this would be the fifth amendment. Council members will discuss this matter further after the plan commission makes its recommendation for the proposed sale of the lot on Dixon Street between the two buildings owned by the Helms. If recommended by the Plan Commission and further approved by the Council, a bid notice will be placed in the Chetek Alert for the sale of the lot. Being as item "E" in the use agreement addresses parking on said lot, the council will address this after it is determined whether or not this lot will be sold.

Resolution 2022-3 - Appropriating the donation of \$5,833.33 from the Barron County Law Enforcement Foundation to the 2022 budget accounts. Motion to approve by Bachowski, 2nd by Hight. Carried.

Grover motioned to go into closed session, 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Grover motioned to go into open session - 2nd by Hight. Carried.

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