

Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.
in the council room, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI and virtual through Facebook.

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

Council members in attendance: Mayor Martin, Scott Bachowski, Earl Grover, Terry Hight, Thea Hempel (via zoom).

Approve agenda - motion by Bachowski, 2nd by Hight. Carried.

Consent agenda: Hight motioned to approve May council minutes, May claims, May Community Center minutes, March Housing Authority minutes; temporary class “b” licenses for Chamber of Commerce, Vintage Voyagers, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Wrestling Club, and Worldwide Pupils with Passports. 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Sale of city property: Mayor Martin opened the bids/offers for the sale of the house at 110 Moore Street. Green Livin’, LLC (Jim Moran) submitted an offer to purchase in the amount of \$125,000. The offer included a 6% commission to be paid to Keller William Realty, an inspection contingency, financing contingency, and appraisal contingency. Travis Turner (Black Bear Properties, LLC) submitted a bid of \$110,000. Hight motioned to move forward with the offer from Green Livin’ LLC. 2nd by Bachowski. Hight-yes, Bachowski-yes, Grover-yes, Hempel-abstained. Carried.

Hydroflites permit: Hight motioned to approve a 5-year renewal for the “pick-up and drop-off” permit. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Ordinance 784A - Bachowski motioned to approve the ordinance language for the updated sewer rates as approved at the May 10, 2022 council meeting. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Resolution 2022-6 - accepting the 2021 Compliance Maintenance Report for the wastewater treatment plant. Motion by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover. Carried.

2022 paving bids - the bid prices are 45% higher than last year and 20% higher than the estimated cost for this year's projects. Bachowski motioned to authorize Dan Knapp to decide which roads need to be paved this year and leave remaining projects for next year to stay within the 2022 budget. 2nd by Hempel. Carried.

Rezoning application: Bachowski motioned to approve the zoning application for Michael Kotz to rezone the lot at 1208 West Banks from single-family residential to two-family residential as recommended by planning commission. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Grover motioned to increase the seasonal, part-time public works employee wages to \$15.00 per hour. 2nd by Hempel. Carried.

Liquor licenses for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023: Hight motioned to approve the following applications as submitted, except for Jeromy Siems (Phill’s) - the premise description for serving in the alley will not be allowed and premise for serving alcohol will be in the building only.

“Class B” liquor & Class “B” fermented malt beverage - Red’s Grill & Bar, Joelle Comero, Mary’s Inc, Jeromy Siems, J & L Spirits; Class “A” fermented malt beverage - Osbow, LLC, Two Stores, LLC (proposed buyer); “Class A” liquor and Class “A” fermented malt beverage - Corwin Beuthling, KJ’s of WI, Inc., Kwik Trip, Inc., Fostvedt, LLC; Class “B” fermented malt beverage - Chetek VFW Post #10331, American Legion Post #179, Fostvedt LLC; Class “C” wine - Fostvedt, LLC, Chetek VFW Post 10331
Motion 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Hempel motioned to approve "summer hours" for city hall which will be in effect through 8/31/2022. Friday office hours will be 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with additional hours worked during the week to make up for shortened hours on Friday. 2nd by Hight. Carried.

Sale of city property: Grover motioned to authorize the sale of the city owned property in the 600 block of Ridgeway Avenue by advertising for requests for proposals to develop the 4.6 acres (water tower hill). 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Motion by Grover, 2nd by Hight, to authorize the advertising and sale of the lot in the 700 block on Ridgeway Avenue (surveyed lot behind city well). Carried.

Motion by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover, to approve the survey map for the city owned parcels on Ridgeway Avenue (water tower area). The survey divided two parcels into three parcels to allow for residential development, keeping a portion for the water tower area, and a separate lot for possible storm water management. Carried.

Motion by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover to approve the application to rezone the city owned property on Ridgeway Avenue - parcels 211-8110-09-000, 2118110-04-000 and 211-8110-23-000 from single family residential to two-family residential. Carried.

Motion by Bachowski, 2nd by Hight, to move the August council meeting to Wednesday, August 10th due to the Fall Primary Election being held on Tuesday, August 9th. Carried.

Emily Breidenbach addressed the council with a request to obtain a service canine for the police department. The canine would be used as a community therapy dog. Other police departments have implemented therapy dogs, such as Altoona and Bloomer. The canine would be with the handler during day to day operations providing stress and anxiety relief for staff members and members of the community. The dog would be used at the school, in the general public, and also during police interactions to allow for better cooperation. Funds for the canine would be raised through donations. Emily stated that she would waive any pay for the care of the canine and asked that the canine would remain with her. The police department intends to fully fund the cost of the canine through donations and not tax dollars - including purchase of the canine, vet bills, food, and other care. Motion by Hempel, 2nd by Grover, to allow the police department to pursue the acquisition of a therapy canine unit. Hempel-yes, Grover-yes, Hight-yes, Bachowski-abstained. Carried.

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

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer