

**Minutes of the City of Chetek Special Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 in the council room, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI. Also posted live on the City Facebook page**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Martin at 5:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Mayor Martin, Scott Bachowski, Earl Grover, Terry Hight, Thea Hempel

Tia McCarthy, engineer with CBS Squared, presented the bid results for the new wastewater treatment plant. The estimated cost of the construction for the project from 2021 was \$16,787,500. The low bidder was Market & Johnson in the amount of \$19,942,000. The total 2023 estimated construction cost is \$20,939,100 which brings the project cost over by \$4,215,000. Due to the overage the city will need to apply for additional funding for the project. The city can apply for the additional funding through Rural Development. This would be considered a high priority so should have a turnaround time of two to four weeks. Funding the additional expense with a different source would make the process complicated so it would make the most sense to apply for the financing with Rural Development.

Motion by Hempel, 2nd by Bachowski, to authorize the application for additional financing with Rural Development for the cost overrun. Carried.

Hight motioned to award the bid to Market and Johnson in the amount of \$19,942,000 and authorize the mayor to sign the contracts. 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Council discussed the proposed site plan for the Gotham Park and the allocation of funds for the engineering. In December, the council passed a motion to approve the allocation of \$5,000 from the 2nd allotment of ARPA funds made in July 2022. Bachowski and Hempel both stated that the intent was for the city to appropriate \$5,000 to the fundraising group once the remaining funds have been donated to complete the project. Grover and Hight thought the \$5,000 would be used towards the engineering for the site plan for Gotham Park so they could begin the pickleball court plans. After debate on the subject, Hight motioned to approve up to \$3,800 of additional ARPA funds to be used for the engineering costs for the initial site plan. 2nd by Hempel. Bachowski-yes, Grover-No, Hight-yes, Hempel-yes. Carried.

Hight updated the council on ambulance commission matters. He stated that the commission is considering changing the subsidy allocations to include a percentage of the subsidy to be based on the number of annual runs for each municipality. He also stated that the ambulance director is asking for a pay increase and benefits.

Motion to adjourn - Grover/Hempel. Carried.

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Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer