

**Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 14, 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 6:00 p.m.

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

Hight motioned to approve the agenda. 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Hempel motioned to approve the consent agenda items: city claims and minutes from January; Accept and place on file committee minutes: Economic Development-January; Housing Authority-November; Library-December & January; Plan commission-January; Fire District-January; Ambulance-January; Parks-January. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Staff from S.C.Swidorski presented the revised housing development site plan for 1301 Knapp Street. The new site plan allows for 4 single family lots along Knapp Street versus the previous plan having 17 single family lots. Additional single level units were added for a total of 56 single level units. There will be 3 apartment style buildings with a total of 60 units of upper and lower units available. All units will have garages available. The site includes an office for the building manager, an active recreation area and ample open space. Motion by Bachowski, 2nd by Grover to approve the revised site plan. Carried.

Jana Nyhagen and Brea Grace from SEH engineering firm presented information regarding the proposed water tower and well project. The current standpipe will need minor repairs to be completed within two years or less at an approximate cost of \$180,000 (2021 estimate) plus an additional \$36,000+ if a mixer is installed for circulating the water. An additional \$36,991 would be necessary to cover a valve and hydrant to isolate the standpipe for draining. In approximately 8 - 10 years the recommendation would be for a full reconditioning at an estimated cost at this time of \$550,000 to \$600,000. There are other costs associated with required maintenance that are not included. The estimated cost to construct the new water tower, upgrade the wells, and remove the existing standpipe is \$3,498,700. The city could apply for funding through the DNR Safe Drinking Water Program and/or Community Development Block Grant - Public Facilities Program. The DNR program appears to be a better option as there is more funding available and the program allows for principal forgiveness for a portion of the loan. The city can apply for funding and determine whether the standpipe should be maintained or replaced at a later time.

Bachowski motioned to approve the application for the DNR Safe Drinking Water loan program for the construction of a new water tower with a June 30th deadline. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Hight motioned to approve the short term rental applications for 650 Lakeview and 373 Lakeview. 2nd by Hempel. Carried.

Council members discussed allowing chickens in the city limits. A few residents have requested the council to consider allowing chickens with some restrictions. Terry Hight will research ordinances and bring some proposed language to the council before June.

Hight motioned to approve Resolution 2023-1 adjusting the 2022 budget. Hight-yes, Grover-yes, Bachowski-abstained, Hempel-yes. Carried.

Motion to adjourn-Hight/Bachowski. Carried.

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Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer