

Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 9, 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

Motion to approve agenda - Hight/Bachowski. Carried.

Motion to approve the consent agenda items: city claims and minutes from April; Accept and place on file committee minutes: Plan commission-April; approve appointments: Board of Appeals-Josh Eby; Library-Brandy Johnson; Plan Commission-Tim Esselman. Approve Temporary Class "B" fermented malt beverage license for Vintage Voyagers. Hempel/Grover - carried.

Carmen Newman gave an update on the housing development. The development is dependent on the construction of the new water tower and having the water tower in place early enough to stay with a June 2024 construction start date. A signed development agreement will be needed before we commit to the construction of the water tower. Carmen will be talking to staff at S.C. Swiderski after May 15th regarding the timeline of the water tower completion. At this time, S.C. Swiderski will agree to the \$15 million assessed value, the two-year construction completion, payback on the incentive of \$500,000 over a five year period, and guaranteeing that the property will not be sold to a tax-exempt organization should the property be sold in the future.

Motion to approve the revision for the contract with Market and Johnson in the amount of \$565,175.92 due to the addition of Davis Bacon wage rate requirements per Clean Water Funding Program guidelines. Bachowski/Grover - carried.

Motion to approve the renewal of The Mill's temporary use agreement with the revisions of removing all of item F except for the first sentence - "a lease payment of \$100 per month shall be effective May 1, 2022", and changing the lease term to automatic annual renewal unless either party notifies the other party by giving a 30-day written notice. Bachowski/Grover - carried.

Resolution 2023.6 - adjusting the 2023 budget due to wage adjustments. Motion to approve - Grover/Hempel - carried.

Resolution 2023.7 - authorizing the appropriation of donations for the police department. Motion to approve - Bachowski/Grover - carried.

Ordinance 789A - allowing chickens in residential and agricultural districts. Motion to approve with an annual license fee in the amount of \$25. Hight/Hempel - carried.

Motion to approve revised rental rates for community center as recommended by the community center board - \$50 up to four hours, \$100 up to 8 hours, \$50 for kitchen, and a non-resident fee of \$25.00. Bachowski/Grover - carried.

Motion to approve cleaning hours for Donna Bachowski at the community center retroactive to April 1, 2023. Hempel/Hight - carried.

Hempel motioned to approve retroactive pay for all employee wage adjustments for January 1st, 2023 through February 28th, 2023 and authorize the hiring of Ryan Salzman for a full-time police officer position effective May 23, 2023. 2nd by Hight - Bachowski abstained. Carried.

Motion by Grover, 2nd by Hempel to authorize city hall to get bids on painting the outside of the building. Bids will be brought to the June meeting for consideration. Carried.

Hight motioned to authorize the use of \$10,000 from the fixed asset reserve account to pay for the utility fund's portion of the software upgrade with Civic Systems. 2nd by Hempel. Carried.

Hempel motioned to approve the transient entertainment permit for Culpepper & Merriweather Circus contingent on the receipt of their \$2,000,000 liability policy. 2nd by Hight. Carried.

Motion to adjourn - Grover/Bachowski - carried.

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer