

**Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 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

Bachowski motioned to move item E on the agenda (discuss forming airport committee) to first item of new business and remove item M (painting bids for city hall) and approve the agenda. Second- Grover. Carried.

During public comment Nicole Phillips, Howard Thalacker, Greg Brodt, Judd Koenitzer, and William Wright commented on airport matters - specifically, the need to form an airport committee, the economic impact the airport has in the community, and issues with language in the current lease regarding "air worthy" planes being required to be stored in hangars.

Mayor Martin announced there will be a closed session later in meeting – Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. And Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, reconvene; act on closed session item, if any.

Motion to approve the consent agenda items: city claims and minutes from May; accept and place on file committee minutes: Plan commission-May; Ambulance commission-March; Fire District-March; Housing Authority-March. Accept board resignation - Evelyn Nelson from Library board; Approve road closure and premise description change for Fostbites for Liberty Fest weekend; Temporary Class "B" fermented malt beverage license for Hydroflites and World Wise-Pupils with Passports. Hempel/Bachowski - carried.

Swiderski's offer to purchase land at 1301 Knapp Street was extended to January 6, 2025 -motion to approve Bachowski/Grover. Carried.

Council discussed re-establishing the airport committee. The committee was dissolved in 2018 due to the lack of quorum at meetings. An ordinance to re-establish the airport committee will be brought to the council at the July meeting. Hight motioned to approve re-establishing the committee. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Council discussed Sumner Court and Third Street Court private property areas that are used as streets. Hempel met a few of the property owners to discuss concerns regarding the fact that there are other private roads in the city that are not plowed or maintained. Residents are concerned about losing their access, plowing service, and issues with garbage service. These two "streets" have been used this way for many years and it hasn't been addressed. With new private roads being considered in the new development and Elizabeth lane being a private road with no city plowing or maintenance, the city needs to establish some consistency. Hempel motioned to table this matter until after the street committee has a meeting with the property owners. 2nd-Grover. Carried.

Annual liquor/fermented malt beverage license applications were approved as submitted with the exception of Phills - the premise description shall only include the inside of the building.

"Class B" Intoxicating Liquor and Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License: Red's Bar & Grill, LLC, Joelle Comero, Mary's Inc., J & L Spirits LLC, Jeromy Siems; Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License: Two Stores, LLC; "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor & Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License: Corwin Beuthling, KJ's of WI, Inc, Kwik Trip, Inc., Fostvedt, LLC (Fostbites Spirits); Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License: Chetek VFW Post 10331, American Legion Post #179, Fostvedt LLC(Fostbites), Chetek Hydroflites, Inc.; Class "C" wine license: Fostvedt LLC (Fostbites), Chetek VFW Post 10331. Motion to approve - Hight/Bachowski. Carried.

Tia McCarthy (CBS Squared engineer) went over change order #2 for the wastewater treatment plant project. Total increase for changes in the amount of \$236,644.68. Motion to approve Hight/Hempel. Carried.

Grover motioned to write off a personal property tax bill for the Chetek Youth Center in the amount of \$18.47. 2nd-Hight. Carried.

Updating the employee meal reimbursement rates was discussed. Current rates are set at a maximum of \$15.00 per meal or \$30.00 per day whichever is less. Due to increasing costs when employees travel it was suggested that we follow the state reimbursement rate which is currently \$9.00 for breakfast, \$11.00 for lunch, and \$21.00 for dinner. Motion to approve the change Hight/Grover. Carried.

The seasonal public works wage was discussed. The rate is currently \$15.00. This position assists with mowing, landscaping, repairs, building maintenance, and other various assignments. Motion to increase the wage by 10% by Grover, 2nd by Hight. Motion died. Motion to increase by 5% - Grover/Hight. Carried.

Shawn Ayers is purchasing hangar #61 from Jack Skaw. He is proposing to rent out hangar #62 to various pilots since there is always a need for hangar space for people flying into our airport. Motion to approve hangar lease for hangar #61 and subletting hangar #62 - Bachowski/Grover. carried.

Resolution 2023-8 - appropriating the insurance claim reimbursement of \$53,439.47 for the 2022 Ford police vehicle in the budget. Motion to approve: Grover/Hempel. Carried.

Resolution 2023-9 - review of the 2022 annual wastewater treatment plant compliance report. Motion to approve: Hight/Bachowski. Carried.

Bid award for installing bituminous warm mix paving and asphalt pavement pulverizing - Motion to award bid to Monarch Paving in the amount of \$97,890.82- Bachowski/Hempel. Carried.

Bid award for MSIPLT paving project - only one bid was received. Motion to award bid to Monarch Paving in the amount of \$54,024.75 for West Stout project: Hempel/Bachowski. Carried.

Motion to go into closed session: Grover/Backowski. Carried.

Motion to go into open session: Grover/Backowski. Carried.

Public works employees requested a floating holiday when they have to work on the holiday, an increase to their paid time off from 3 to 5 days, and automatic overtime when working on the weekend. Currently the overtime is calculated based on 40 hours worked per week. Motion to approve: Bachowski/Grover. Carried.

Mayo health system offered a settlement on 2021 unpaid medical claims in the amount of \$37,000 for one account and \$16,500 for the other account. Black River Memorial offered a settlement in the amount of \$16,000. Motion to accept the settlement from Mayo and counter-offer Black River Memorial at \$10,000. Hempel/Bachowski. Carried.

Motion to adjourn Hempel/Grover. Carried.

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Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer