

Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 11, 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 agenda- 2nd by Hempel. Carried.

Mayor Martin announced there will be a closed session later in meeting –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. Discussion of medical claim negotiation and development agreement.

Motion to approve the consent agenda items: city claims and minutes from June; accept and place on file committee minutes: Plan commission-June; Fire District-May; Hight/Bachowski - carried.

Council discussed the bids for painting the exterior of city hall. It was decided to wait until it can be determined whether the front entry overhang will need to be repaired.

The airport runway resurfacing project was originally estimated by the Wisconsin DOT, Bureau of Aeronautics at \$117,000 in September 2022. The estimate in April 2023 came in at \$168,000. This increased our share of the cost by \$10,000. Motion to allocate additional funds from the ARPA funds by Hight. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Ordinance 791A- revised the sewer ordinance to remove the rates from the language alleviating the requirement to amend the ordinance upon each sewer rate change. Motion to approve Bachowski/Grover. carried.

The sewer rate increase to cover the debt of the new wastewater treatment plant was determined in May 2022 after the rate analysis was completed by our auditors. Council had approved increasing the rates over a 3 year period. September 2023 is the next scheduled rate increase which will be approximately 19%. Motion by Hempel, 2nd by Bachowski to approve the rate increase for September 1, 2023 (resolution 2023.10). Carried.

Hight motioned to approve the updated 2023 Emergency Operations Plan. 2nd by Hempel. Carried.

Tax Incremental district #3 can be terminated since there is no tax increment being generated and the TID #4 overlay included all of TID #3 parcels. Motion by Hempel, 2nd by Grover to terminate TID #3. Carried.

Resolution 2023-11 directs the disbursement of the current balance of the “Emily Breidenbach Memorial Fund” to be disbursed to Emily’s Dad, Mother, and fiance evenly. Additional donations made for Emily’s memorial will be disbursed to her fiance. Motion to approve by Hight, 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Hempel motioned to approve the purchase offer from Blackbear Properties, LLC for 2 acres in the south industrial park at the price of \$40,000 contingent on the development agreement being executed. 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

Hempel motioned to approve the window replacements for the police station. The bid was awarded to D.R. Lewis Construction in the amount of \$13,289.77. Another bid was received from Rice Lake Glass and Door in the amount of \$16,000. 2nd by Hight. Bachowski-no, Grover-yes, Hight-yes, Hempel-yes. Carried.

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

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

Bachowski motioned to approve the development agreement with S.C. Swiderski, LLC. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Hempel motioned to approve the payment to Black River Memorial Hospital in the amount of \$16,000. The total amount they were willing to write off was approximately \$3,000. This is the final payment of medical bills the city negotiated for payment from the 2021 unpaid medical claims due to the misappropriation of funds on the part of Medova, the claims administrator for the plan. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Hempel motioned to approve the wage of \$18.00 for the seasonal public works position. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Bachowski motioned to adjourn - 2nd by Hight. Carried.

Carmen Newman