

Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 12, 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 approve agenda- 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Public comments - Heather Miller, 175 Pinegrove Avenue, addressed the council to explain their request for bow hunting on their property to help reduce the deer population in their neighborhood. They have numerous deer in their neighborhood causing damage to gardens and a hazard for vehicles.

Grover motioned to approve the consent agenda items except for the Class "A" fermented malt beverage license for Lake Country Marina (application was not yet turned in): city claims and minutes from August, accept and place on file committee minutes: Fire District - August; Library board minutes - August & September; Plan commission - August; Ambulance Commission - August; Class "A" fermented malt beverage license for Vick LLC. 2nd by Hight. Carried.

The bids for the water utility well improvements were opened on Thursday, August 24, 2023. The low bid was submitted by Olympic Builders General Contractors. S.E.H. engineering firm's opinion is that Olympic Builders has the required equipment and expertise to perform the work as outlined in the contract specifications. The bid included two alternates for the pumps. The Alternate B, vertical turbine pump, was determined to be the best option for our system. Grover motioned to award the bid to Olympic Builders with alternate B in the amount of \$551,760. 2nd by Hempel. carried.

Ordinance 792A eliminates the quota numbers listed in the code of ordinances for liquor licenses. The "Class B" intoxicated liquor quota is established by the Wisconsin Statutes. The quotas for the remainders licenses are at the discretion of the municipality. Eliminating the quota numbers in the ordinance will enable the council to approve or deny the applications without having to increase the quotas and eliminate the need to update the ordinance any time an additional license is issued. Motion to approve Hight/Grover. Carried.

Mark Eby requested to carry over 55.75 hours of vacation. Mark indicated that he will use the balance of his vacation time by the end of the year. Motion to approve: Bachowski/Grover. Carried.

Jason and Heather Miller requested permission to bow hunt on their residential property at 175 Pinegrove Avenue to help reduce the deer population in their neighborhood. Hight indicated that the DNR has restrictions that would need to be followed and would reduce the area they could legally bow hunt. Hempel asked what would happen if the deer doesn't go down and they have to track the deer. She expressed her concern regarding setting a precedent. Grover asked what type of bow he uses - crossbow or compound. Jason stated that he shoots at a maximum of twenty yards with a compound bow. Grover also was concerned about the houses surrounding the property and asked that they talk to the surrounding neighbors before the council acts on this matter. Hight suggested he get signatures from neighbors. Bachowski agreed that the neighbors' input needs to be taken into consideration before the council acts on the matter. This will be postponed until the October meeting.

Hight motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.