

Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, October 10, 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, Earl Grover, Terry Hight, Thea Hempel

Absent: Scott Bachowski

Hempel advised she would like item D - "Class A" liquor license application - from the consent agenda be moved to the regular portion of the agenda for further discussion. Hight motioned to approve the agenda with the exception of moving the license application. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Hempel motioned to approve the consent agenda items - city claims and minutes from September, accept and place on file committee minutes: Budget-October 3rd; Personnel - September 26th & October 3rd; Plan commission - September. 2nd by Hight. Carried.

Bow hunting permission - land owners at 175 Pinegrove did not appear.

Parks presentation: Paul Poppe and Jim Metcalf both addressed the council regarding the parks plan for Gotham Park and history of the tennis courts that were removed years ago. The committee's recommendation is to proceed with the plan to improve Gotham Park with basketball courts, tennis courts, pickleball courts, bathrooms and concession stand. Rettler Corporation provided a master plan with a cost estimate of \$1.4 million. The committee feels that fund raising alone will not be sufficient to complete this large project. They are looking at options for completing the plan in phases and would like to see the city help financially with the site preparation. Council members expressed concerns regarding the fact that the city residents, through taxes, would be paying for these amenities, however; many people using amenities in the city do not live in the city or pay city taxes. Council members would like to see surrounding townships help financially support these improvements for everyone's benefit.

WWTP change order #3- Tia McCarthy, CBS Squared engineer, advised council members of the options for the change order. One option has an increase of \$129,973.10 and the other a decrease of \$124,703.70. The difference is due to one option switching from a diesel to a natural gas generator. The upfront cost is higher but the long-term costs and maintenance would be less with the natural gas. Hight motioned to approve change order #3A - 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Jessica Larsen and Carmen Newman both have unused vacation from the previous anniversary year. Hempel motioned to approve the carryover of 62 hours for Jessica Larson and 43 hours for Carmen Newman. 2nd by Hight. Carried.

The lease agreement with Crescent Landscape Supply & Olynick Transit, Inc. for two acres in the north industrial park expires November 30, 2023. Hight motioned to approve the renewal for one year. 2nd by Hempel. Carried.

A land division application was filed by Jean and Dale Sarles in February 2020 for dividing the back portion of parcels at 1014 and 1006 Knapp Street to create a third parcel. The Plan commission approved the land division on February 20, 2020, however; the council did not motion to approve the land division due to the application proposing to change the zoning to multi-family zoning for the newly created parcel. The land division could have been approved previously since the applicant would have had to go through the rezoning process. This was brought back to council to get the land division completed. The property is currently zoned R1. Motion to approve the land division by Hight, 2nd by Grover. Carried.

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