

Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 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

Public comments: None

Bachowski made a motion to approve the agenda. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Hight motioned to approve the consent agenda items - city claims and minutes from January Council Min; accept and place on file committee minutes: Library- January, January Planning Commission Appointment of Sally Johnson to the Library Board and John Flor appointment to the EDC 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Update on Parks- Donna from Parks gave an update she started with a letter from Paul Poppe they would like to be on the march agenda for another update. They would like the city council to work together so everything goes in the right direction. Donna said that they have been working very hard. Donna said that the group is a very passionate group. We need to start having amenities for our community.

Approve CSM for Gotham Dr. road by WWTP- Just for the road so there is access to Black Bear storage facility. All utilities will be there for the next area if we should sell down the road. Hempel made a motion to approve the CSM. Bachowski 2nd. Carried

Signing off on Holding tank install for Visitor Center- The holding tank is for the visitor center and a new one is needed as the old holding tank is inoperable. The Chamber and the Resort Owners are paying for the new holding tank but needed to come before council as the City owns the property. Hight motion to approve the sign off of installing the new holding tank. Hempel 2nd. Carried

Lighting retrofit Proposal- Focus on Energy called Dan in regards to doing the retrofit lighting proposal. Dan did receive one quote but needed another quote so he did get another. The first quote was from NCLLED lighting out of De Pere, WI for \$13,552.00 with an incentives/rebates of \$1,860.00 for a turnkey project cost of \$11,692.00. The 2nd quote was from Red Cedar Electric out of Chetek WI for \$8,763.00 with a Focus on Energy Rebate of \$2,119.00 for a total of \$6,644.00. Thea asked about the Red Cedar Electric quote and their Focus on Energy Rebate and if that is applied right away. Dan said that it is. Dan also stated that they are currently doing one light at a time when the ballast is bad. So over time they would be switching everything over to LED lighting. Bachowski made a motion to approve the proposal from Red Cedar Electric. Grover 2nd. Carried

Resolution 2024-6 Sewer Rate Increase- This was not a light decision and the reasoning to have to increase rates sooner than Sept is the City needs to close on the Clean water drinking loan from the DNR and in order to cover interest payments we need to increase to 32.50% instead of the original 16.00% that was forecasted back in 2021. Bachowski made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-6 Hempel 2nd. Carried

Resolution 2024-4 Authorization to carry over unused funds- Request to carry over funds in the amount of \$24,930.31 and appropriate in the 2024 legal. Bachowski made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-4 2nd by Grover. Carried

Hempel made a motion to go into closed session. Hight 2nd. Carried

Grover made a motion to go back into open session. Bachowski 2nd. Carried

Grover made a motion to Approve Resolution 2024-5. Bachowski 2nd. Carried

Hempel made a motion to approve option 2 of new insurance premiums that Treasurer/Administrator Stelzner presented to the council in closed session effective Feb 12. Bachowski 2nd. Carried

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

Mark Eby, City Clerk