

**Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 12, 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: Travis Turner & Jessica Clark would like the City to look at the times that ATV and UTV can be on City roads. They believe that the curfew of 10pm is too early and would like that looked at if not changed to a later time to no curfew at all.

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

Hempel motioned to approve the consent agenda items - city claims and minutes from February Council Min; accept and place on file committee minutes:Library- February, February Planning Commission, EDC December.

Permit to close street Lakeview Dr from Wisconsin ending at City Park Dr. for the 2024 Fishy Four Mile run/walk. 2nd by Grover. Carried.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Discussion and possible action on filing the PSC water rate application. Ehlers gave a presentation on the water rate study. They showed that the PSC rate was too high and would like to go with Ehlers' proposal. The PSC percentage is 57.93% increase where Ehlers increase would only be 36.37%. Bachowski made a motion to recommend file application produced by Ehlers with the frozen PILOT and lower rate of return to the PSC. Hempel 2nd motion. carried

Parks Update. Mark Etten gave an update on the park updates and showed what the start of the sports facility would look like. Bachowski said that the parks committee has done a wonderful job on getting this going and it looks very promising with the people that are on the committee. Hempel asked where this part of the project would be and Etten said it would be across from the park pavilion. Could still use the grass as overflow parking. Grover said that it is situated correctly for water runoff. Hempel asked about fundraising. Paul Poppe said that they needed the number of what it would cost before they could start to raise the funds. Now that they know what that number is they will now be able to come up with fundraising ideas. Hempel said that with the funds that are already earmarked or parking lotted that they are already at 35%. The drawing presented showed 6 pickleball courts, a tennis court, and 2 basketball courts/areas. Hight asked what was earmarked. \$75,000.00 if needed \$5000.00 is from ARPA which were the capping funds and Grover said that there is another 3000.00 or so that was raised in 2023. Bachowski wanted the parks committee to let everyone know what the original plan was for cost so when Retler came back in the very early stages they had a price tag of \$1,500,000.00 with all the bells and whistles. They would like to see everything done but need to do it in sections. The new price tag for the first phase is \$231,125.00.

Change Order #6 from CBS Squared. Things are moving along well and all buildings are up. Roofs are on all buildings. Still some exterior piping. This change order Added a hardworks damper for \$9,421.22 some changes to electrical site plan to accommodate the sand filter installation after the building enclosure \$5,895.51 Changes to the sanitary line, sludge force main, uv building HVAC & Plumbing design for \$54,215.81 and a sump ejector electrical for the sump pump and floats located in the grit room ejector pit for \$6,588.89 and a change in the garage flooring for a credit of \$5,395.00 for the total of this change order of \$70,726.43. Tia also gave an update on how far along we are in the process and currently we are at 65% complete at this time. Clean water fund closing would be April 24,2024. Hight made a motion to approve change order 6. Bachowski 2nd. Carried

Update on NPIAS (National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems)The city has been approved to continue work on the NPIAS application. When NPIAS was first discussed with Administrator Stelzner the question was what will the biggest hold up be?

Administrator Stelzner reached out to Gary Wilson, Assistant Manager at Chicago Regional Airport District Office. Gary let Administrator Stelzner know the biggest issue would be that we are too close to the Rice Lake Airport. We need to be 30 miles from the next NPIAS airport and we are only 12.6. Gary then also told Administrator Stelzner that the DOT would have to approve that mileage. Administrator Stelzner then reached out to Mark Graczykowski, Airport Program Engineer WisDOT - Bureau of Aeronautics. He approved the location distance and let Administrator Stelzner know this would be a great benefit not only for the City of Chetek but the State of Wisconsin as well and any support we need, to please let him know. Gary Wilson, then reached back out to the city to let us know that Mark had contacted him and he would send us the next steps. At the Airport committee meeting Administrator Stelzner informed attendees of this update and asked for volunteers/support from airport members on this project. Several attendees gave their contact information and are more than willing to help this project move forward.

Personal Property on Airport-The state is ending personal property. With that being said all our parcels for the airport will now have an assessed value and we at the city will now receive a tax bill for what used to be the personal property expense on this land. We need to decide how we would like to handle the payment requirement from hanger lessors. Administrator Stelzner gave a few different options.

Option 1 - We can get each hanger assessed and it will cost approximately \$20,000. This would include each hanger being surveyed at approx \$400.00 a parcel.

Option 2 - We can come up with a percentage value based on what each individual was paying in personal property tax and include this in their annual fee amount.

Option 3 - We can split this into equal payments between all hangers-which the owners did not like.

Option 4 - Hanger lessors can pay to have their own hanger assessed and those who chose not to, the city will have assessed and assign the assessment bill to that hanger

The airport committee was informed of these options and it sounds like the consensus at the point of the meeting was to do a percentage based amount based on current personal property. Once we have the bill from the county we will then be able to spread out the payments on a percentage based amount and attach to their annual billing. This would need to be stated in the lease agreement.

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

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

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

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Mark Eby, City Clerk