

**Minutes of the City of Chetek organizational meeting held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 in the council room, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI.**

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

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

Hight made a motion to elect Thea Hempel as council president. Grover 2nd. Mayor called for a Roll call vote Bachowski-yes, Grover-yes, Hight-yes, Hempel-yes. Carried. Hempel said it will be an honor to serve as council president.

Motion by Hight to confirm mayor's appointments of municipal officers, boards, committees for the ensuing year: budget committee - Jeff Martin, Laura Stelzner, Brandy Johnson, Thea Hempel, Scott Bachowski; grievance committee - Jeff Martin, Earl Grover, Scott Bachowski; fire district board - Earl Grover, Ron Latcham; joint ambulance service commission - Terry Hight; park committee - Earl Grover, Mark Etten, Donna Bachowski, Josh Eby, Jim Metcalf, Joe Atwood, Paul Poppe, Austin Chamberlain; personnel committee/wage negotiating committee - Jeff Martin, Terry Hight, Scott Bachowski; utility committee - Earl Grover, Terry Hight; street committee - Scott Bachowski, Thea Hempel; Barron county economic development representative - Dave Lentz; Airport Committee- Scott Bachowski, Tim Esselman, Shawn Ayers, Matt Hutzler, Judd Koenitzer, Steve Lind, Dr. Howard Thalacker, Robert Tchop; plan commission - Dave Swangim, Shawn Ayers; board of appeals - Chad hempel, Jan Sobus; Library board - Sally Johnson, Louise Brown; economic development committee - Thea Hempel, Jennifer Blatz, Jessica Clark, Travis Turner, Dan Knapp, Sr., John Flor, Rick Meskers; Community Center Board- Thea Hempel, Sherry Chuchwar, Addy Roth, Ken/Delores LaFaive, Mark Eby. Hempel 2nd. Carried.

Purchase of hanger 15. Mr. Kaye purchased hanger 15 from Mr. Sailor. Council was not aware of any sale between the two parties. City clerk filled the council in on everything in regards to the sale of this hanger. There then was discussion to call Mr. Kaye to let him know of how the council would like to handle this sale as it was never originally brought before council which is a breach of contract for the city. It was discussed that the confirmation and assumption of lease between Sailor and Kaye be signed which it was at the council meeting and also that Kaye is to sign land lease with the city and appear in front of council on May 14th to officially sell hanger to Mr. Bartsch which Kaye said was fine. Hempel made a motion to have the confirmation and assumption of lease from sailor to kaye signed and that Kaye also signs land lease with city and appear before council in May to send lease to new buyer. Grover 2nd. Mayor asked for a roll call vote Hempel-yes, Hight-yes, Grover-yes, Bachowski-no. Motion carried.

Discussion Cemetery mowing there was discussion on what to do as John resigned. Donna the cemetery sexton did say that John did a lot more than just mowing. Donna has also gotten many compliments on how nice the cemetery looked because of John. He was more of a maintenance guy at the cemetery not only would he mow but would also clean up messes that were left behind from people. He has also had to clean up human feces, animal feces, broken alcohol bottles, and many other things. The mayor did call the Town clerk for clarification on whether they had or would be putting out an ad. Town clerk said that they had written an ad but was not sure if the ad had actually gotten to the newspaper or not. Council would like to put an ad looking for a caretaker City and Town will get together to pick a replacement.

Hight made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

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Mark Eby, City Clerk