

Minutes of the City of Chetek Meeting of The Whole held on Monday, June 3, 2024 in the council room, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Martin at 5:00 p.m.

Members in attendance: Mayor Martin, Scott Bachowski, Earl Grover, Terry Hight, Thea Hempel.

ATV/UTV Ordinance- Chief started with talking about taking a look at our ordinance hours. Chief had invited Deputy Wolfe to also discuss. There are other municipalities that have curfew hours. Chief did the ordinance back in 2019 to help with noise within the city. The chief thinks that it is safer. He is willing to to make a change in the hours. Mayor asked if you have a suspended license if you could drive a UTV and the answer was no you can not. You need to have a valid driver's license. Chief is willing to go from 5am to midnight instead of 7am to 10pm. Barron County has nothing more restrictive than the state law. Deputy Wolfe said that if this is something the City would like to change to look at a couple of the state statutes and also maybe seek advice from our municipal attorney. We will have to purchase some signs to let people know of those changes. To let the public know is one of the biggest things that was talked about. Hempel asked about the difference between ATV and snowmobile. Currently snowmobiles are good to 1am per city ordinance. Our current ordinance has been in place for 5 years and the Chief can count on 2 hands how many he has had to deal with. The problems that he has had are juveniles for the most part. This will go to the common council meeting June 11th.

Police Roofing Bid- Scott wanted to point out that the warranties are the same. They are both 20 years. Rubber roofs are the kind of preferred method from what Hight said. Grover said that we aren't really comparing apples to apples. Grover checked on the plastic roofing which is only temporary. This would go to the common council agenda on June 11th to be discussed/voted on.

Approval of new Airport Manager- Bachowski said that the airport committee recommended Matt Hutzler to be the new airport manager. At this time there is no stipend for this position, it is just a volunteer position. There was brief discussion as to if it would at some time be a stipend position and the Mayor said that in his opinion that he would like to see it be a stipend position at some point down the road. Hempel said that she is not in favor of having it a stipend position. Grover made a motion to approve Matt Hutzler as Airport Manager. 2nd Bachowski. Carried.

City Hall Summer Hours- Hempel said that it should be memorial day to labor day. That is the official start of summer. Hempel said that she has taken some calls from her constituents that are not happy with the summer hours. Mayor Martin asked Clerk Eby what his take has been on the summer hours since he has been here the longest in City Hall. Clerk Eby said it was started in June of 2022 and went to Labor Day and in 2022 and 2023 there had been no complaints to any council member that he was aware of and there were no complaints to City Hall. There have been some calls that people were not able to make it to City Hall by the time they closed on a Friday at 11 to pick up garbage bags. He then brought them to a property for those people. Council said that they would like to have city hall employees come back at the June 11th meeting and give their recommendation as to how to handle summer hours.

Employee Handbook & Policies- There was much discussion about the changes in the employee handbook and why some of those changes were made. Administrator Stelzner did discuss each change that was asked by the council and why that change was made. Hempel would like to see the same time off for paternity as it is stated in the maternity section as this is a way that things are working nowadays. Stelzner said that she would make that change so maternity and paternity were the same. Bachowski made a motion to adopt recommendations from personal on employee handbooks and policies. 2nd by Grover. Hempel did not vote. Carried.

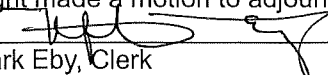
Decorum & Council Meetings- This was a discussion with the Mayor and how council as a whole needs to handle issues that may arise and be a little more professional and not to talk over each other, not to tell people to be quiet as someone is talking. There was consensus that they would all work together on the issues that had been discussed.

Hight motion to go into closed session. 2nd by Grover. roll call vote Bachowski-yes, Grover-yes, Hight-yes, Hempel-yes.

Grove made a motion to go back into open session. 2nd by Bachowski. Roll call vote Bachowski-yes, Grover-yes, Hight-yes, Hempel-yes.

Hempel makes a motion to allow the Mayor and City Administrator to proceed according to directives by council to supersede the motion made at the May 2024 common council meeting. 2nd Bachowski. Carried.

Hight made a motion to adjourn. 2nd Bachowski. carried.



Mark Eby, Clerk