

Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 in the council room, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI. Also posted live on the City Facebook page

Prior to the meeting being called to order there was a public hearing in regards to the UTV/ATV Ordinance 794A.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Martin at 6:05 p.m.

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

Public comments: Joel Brown president of the Chetek ATV cruisers he just wanted to reiterate from the club that they would like to see no curfew. They would also like to see some signage also to kind of go with the county ordinance and have them open 24 hours. They would like to see the speed limit go with the regular speed limits as posted on the roads.

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

Council minutes and city claims: June Council, July Special Council Meeting
Department/Board reports as submitted - EDC-June; Ambulance commission-May;
Resignations and/or appointments from boards/committees:
General license/permits:

Hempel motion to approve the consent agenda. Bachowski 2nd. Carried

Old Business:

4 Wheeler/UTV Curfew Ordinance 794A- Chief is fine with the speed limit and also with the curfew. He did have one club member come to him and express concern with the speed limit and would like to see the ATV and UTV go with the posted speed limit. Hempel wanted to thank everyone for coming and being involved and at the meetings. Hempel did talk with a couple members of the club and they are ok with the curfew. Chief is ok with adding more signs. Bachowski makes a motion Hempel 2nd Carried

Water Tower Logo/Painting Discussion- there were different designs in the council folder. Bachowski likes the lobster font and City of Lakes added. Hempel would like to leave bulldogs off. Grover does not want to spend more than what is suggested than the original budget. Bachowski does not think that any of the current designs would be any more than what they suggested. Would like to pick 3 designs and let the community help out. Grover would like to get the input from the community. Would like the designs that we currently have put on facebook. This will be discussed

New Business:

Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Class "C" Wine- Black Bear Spirits LLC DBA Uncorked is asking for a license to start a wine lounge. Bachowski made a motion to approve a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage license and a Class "C" Wine. Grover 2nd. Carried

August Council Date Change- Clerk said that we need to change the council date due to elections being the 2nd Tuesday in August. Recommendation to change date to August 12, 2024. Hempel made a motion to change the council date to August 12, 2024. Grover 2nd. Carried

Ordinance 793A Shipping Container Ordinance- Hight had a question in regards to letter E what happens if somebody wants to make a residential dwelling out of a shipping container can you? Joe said they would need an architectural drawing by an engineer. I really can't deny it. unless you take it out of the ordinance. Hight asked if we took it out of the ordinance then you could deny it and Joe said yes. Hempel asked about how it would affect Mr. Larson who currently has a shipping container. Joe had denied a shipping container because the city attorney had determined that our ordinance already states you cannot have it it's just a little gray and so Mr. Larson was under the impression that he could sort of

but I told him he can't. Hempel asked where did that confusion come from? Joe said maybe Mr. Larson can explain Larson said that he agreed with most of what Joe said outside of the denial part. Mr Larson said this conversation started a year and a half before last fall. I mentioned last fall because that's when I finally got one of those suckers on the side of the property. I called up Joe and the conversation was hey Joe, question for you about shipping containers and he said flat out no can't do it not zoned for it but the conversation didn't end there. Joe gave his reasonings as to why he said no well you're not zoned for it and it's very much an aesthetic thing. Mr. Larson said well what if we put a roof on it, what if I pop a door into the conversation ended it yeah you know what something could probably be worked out with that I didn't just decide one day to jump on the shipping container shed site. None of this was underhanded or trying to be sneaky and popping it in the back of the yard. It was through a lot of conversation including popping into the city I thought I had to get a permit for and turns out for accessory structures we don't have to get a permit for it. I agree with what Joe said he had mentioned that the city attorney replied to an email and said that he doesn't think it fits the definition. Mr Larson said I think that it does. There was much further discussion. Bachowski would like Mr. Larson to work with the commission to come up with a plan to make it aesthetically for your neighbors. Hempel said she would like it done in a very timely manner. Hempel also said that she agrees that Mr Larson is very fortunate with the lot he has. Bachowski made a motion that we pass ordinance number 793A with the elimination of subparagraph E and Mr. Larson work with the planning commission to come up with an aesthetically pleasing and timely upgrade to his shipping container. 2nd by Hight. Carried.

Resolution 2024-14 2nd Quarter Donations- This was the 2nd quarter donations that came in and needed to be re-allocated to the correct accounts \$2,650.00 to National Night Out, \$948.00 to the Law Enforcement equipment account, and \$1500.00 Clerk's office general expenses. Hight made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-14. 2nd by Hempel. Carried

Credit Card Processing Fees- Clerk discussed that when Carmen was still at the city that she told the PSC that we would be incorporating our credit card processing fees to the customers. Currently the city has been paying the fees which amount to about \$10,000.00 or so a year. No motion needed to be made on this matter just to let council know that a letter would be going out to the city informing them that the fees would start to be charged to the customer.

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

Mark Eby, City Clerk