

Minutes of the City of Chetek Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 10, 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: Kathleen Dorsey has a couple concerns in regards to safety. Are we planning to put in any sidewalks on Lakeview Dr or City Park Drive? The mayor commented that at this time there are no intentions for city park drive. She would really like a sidewalk the length of the road. Her other question was who would maintain Gotham Park. Jim Ellingson just wanted to comment in regards to the maintenance of who would take care of the park and to maintain. Tammy Lewis is with the chamber of commerce with a thank you for the city to know that they really appreciate the land donation. Chamber meetings are the 4th Thursday of every month.

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

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

Council minutes and city claims: November Council

Department/Board reports as submitted - Planning Commission-November, Chetek Ambulance-November, Chetek Fire Dist-September & November, Library- October & November

Resignations and/or appointments from boards/committees: **Gary Coleman appointed to Planning Commission**

General license/permits:

Old Business:

New Business:

SC Swiderski update They were here to show the final plans of the development. They showed the renderings of what the properties may look like. Hight did ask about the sidewalk on Knapp St. Grover did ask about 1 area. Grover did also ask about the flooding areas and they said that it would go and slope over to the retention pond. Bachowski did ask about the market rents and will start at 1100 and will go up to 1850.00. Hight did ask about the single family homes and Hempel did say that everything was looked at by all of the people that needed to look at it. There were also some questions from residents that this development may affect. All their questions were answered. There was also some discussion about being able to use local vendors. They do bid stuff out and they welcome the local businesses that could bid out. Joe did discuss some things in regards to getting the foot traffic to the school. Bachowski made a motion to approve the plan as presented tonight. Grover 2nd. Carried.

Ice rink discussion from Parks Josh Eby was here to update the Gotham Park fundraising. The shoe drive brought in almost \$1000.00 The total money raised was \$172,042.00. Josh brought up an ice rink from the money that was put into parks outlay and also any donations that would come in. The ice rink would be a 50x100. They are working with local businesses in donations and help with setting up and tearing down the ice rink when the season is over. The ice rink would be put in the ball field for the foreseeable future. The parks are asking for the city's help with the storage of the stuff and Dan said that there would be some place he could store it at. Hempel does like the idea of a volunteer lead effort. Hempel would like to see as little on public works as possible and if needed for public works help it would be a last resort for them. Hempel did bring up liability signage for the ice rink and it was said that signs would be put up. Hight said that he echoed Hempel's concern that this does not fall too much on public works. Hempel makes a motion to approve the ice rink. Grover 2nd. carried.

Ordinance 796A Attached Private Garages this does not require a public hearing. Joe gave some background info into what the language said and he said that he took out language that was not needed.

It would now say an attached private garage may have a door connecting directly into the principal building provided that the door has a 20 minute fire rating. Hight makes a motion to approve the changes in ordinance number 797A. Grover 2nd. carried.

Permission for Special Search Warrant for BSR So as building administrator I can apply to our municipal court for a special inspection warrant. I have to have a reason to do that so the BSR building has been vacated for a while. It's in distress, it's looking horrible, there's junk outside the building falling apart. I've talked to some of the employees that worked on the inside of the building. Their forklifts have knocked over walls to holes in the ceiling. I have not been in the building since I quit doing fire inspections in 2017 so I could've just about imagined what it looks like now so if I apply to the municipal court for the special inspection warrant I can go in there with the contractor and determine whether this building is condemnable or safe. If I find that the repairs exceeded 50% of the value we may have to condemn it and it has to meet three criteria, dangerous to the public and dangerous to the tenant and exceed 50% of his value and repair repairs. The thing I warn you of is that if I determine when we condemn it we issue them a timeframe to bring the building up to compliance or tear it down if they do not comply the city may have to have it demolished. The current owner is out of state and has some issues contacting him. There have been no citations issued yet to the new owners. Hight makes a motion to grant Joe to get a special search warrant for BSR Badger State Recovery to inspect the property. Hempel 2nd. Carried.

Closed Session: Bachowski made a motion to go into closed session. Hempel 2nd. roll call vote Bachowski-yes, Grover-yes, Hight-yes, Hempel-yes

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

Hempel makes a motion for option 4 of the compensation discussion in closed session. 2nd Grover Carried. Bachowski abstained.

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

Mark Eby, City Clerk