
Common Council
Tuesday, February 9th, 2021
7:00 PM at City Hall
MINUTES



Members Present: Cheryl Braun, Richard Evans, Jane Fude, Dave Gratton, Paul Shanks, John Schuster, and Mayor Wegener
Members Absent: None
Also, Present: Shawn Hart, Attorney Griggs

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.
P. Shanks/D. Gratton to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
J. Fude/J. Schuster to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.
C. Braun/J. Schuster to approve the minutes from the intervening meetings. Motion carried.

Communications. None

D. Gratton/R. Evans to approve \$798,515.66 in checks, \$0.00 in vouchers, and \$188,146.58 in electronic payments. Roll call vote, passed unanimously 5/0.
Questions from the board members- Storage of the City decoration lights; don't we have storage here? Purchasing weed killer with 2 different vendors and at this time of year. Shop Vac was bought- wondering where it was from. Vacuum purchase -who purchased this and what department. Storage cabinets that were bought from U-Line -for whom and for what purpose. Mayor said he was under the impression that with the new Salt Shed they would have more than ample room to store the light decorations. He said limits needs to be discussed at the next Finance meeting. Public Works meetings have not been held in a while. Mayor asking chairman Gratton to investigate.

Public appearances and citizen comments re: agenda items. No one in attendance.

Reports of Officials:

- A. Mayor -*D. Wegener*
 - 1. Attorney Report –Communication regarding Slayton vs City of Juneau.
Attorney Griggs explained that this is a law suit against the City for a special assessment for the Slayton's sidewalk. Ended with a dismissal of the law suit and the plaintiff spending money for an attorney with the end result being in favor of the City.
 - 2. P. Shanks/J. Schuster motioned to approve Resolution 71-2020 (Approve Appointment to Recreation Committee). Motion carried 6/0.
- B. Clerk/Treasurer -*S. Hart*

The yearly financial audit is underway. Spring Primary Election next week.
- C. Written Reports.
 - 1. Building Permits Report

2. No Police Department Report.
3. No Juneau Fire and Rescue Report
4. No Juneau EMS Report

Reports of Committees/Commission/Boards:

A. Library Report -*J. Thrane*

1. Chairman Report:

Library Director's Report for Common Council Meeting
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1. The library was open for curbside only pickup of materials from January 15-31. This was due to a temporary reduction in staff. The library reopened its doors on Monday, February 1.
2. The library launched our "Wonderful Winter Reading Challenge" on Friday, January 1st and readers originally had the entire month of January to check out and read three books. The challenge was extended for two more weeks and will end on Sunday, February 14th. The winner of both gift baskets will be announced on Monday, February 15th. If you are entering with a paper entry at the library, get your entry in by Noon on Saturday, February 12th. In order to enter you must check out and read three books. Prize baskets are designed to be attractive to both the young and the young at heart. The two prize basket themes are "Pancake Morning" and "Snow Day". Patrons are encouraged to download the Beanstack app in order to track their reading. This is the same app the library used this summer to deliver our reading and activity goals virtually.
3. The library now has Black & White printing available from your mobile devices. You can connect to our Bluetooth capable printer through our library's WiFi signal and print directly from your phone, tablet or laptop. Black & White copies can be printed for \$0.20/page. A double-sided copy counts as 2 pages, so the charge would be \$0.40 for a double-sided copy.
4. The library has discontinued our PAPER copy subscription to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. The library now subscribes to the digital copy of this paper and has an iPad available for the public to access the paper. The iPad is available at the circulation desk and staff are ready to show you how to access the paper with the device.
5. Many library patrons have been enjoying the Libby app to checkout e-books and e-audiobooks. Good news! The Libby app now includes e-magazines. There are over 3,000 magazine titles to choose from! Stop by the circulation desk for assistance if you need help downloading the Libby app to your device. Libby (by Overdrive) is now your one-stop-shop for all things digital!

B. Plan Commission -*D. Gratton*

1. Chairman Report. Jeremy Noll of Fox Cities Builders came to the meeting to present the new addition for Animix. A stipulation was put on the Conditional Use Permit being issued to Zachary Ryan.

C. Finance Committee -*C. Braun*

1. Chairman Report. 2020 final budget was reviewed. Not moving forward with CDBG for Hyland and Oak Street; possible application at a later time.
2. C. Braun/J. Schuster motioned to approve Resolution 72-2020 (Approve

E. Oak Street Light Project 2021). Motion carried 6/0.

The mayor pointed out that the Resolution looks like the City is assisting with payment for the transformer; that is not the case. The conversion of the transformer prompted this project, but this is strictly going for the lights. The Utility Commission will be footing the cost for the transformer. It also includes the stretch on Mill Street.

3. C. Braun/J. Fude motioned to approve Resolution 73-2020 (Approve Fire Contracts for Town of Oak Grove and Town of Hubbard). Motion carried 6/0.

This contract is just for 1 year.

4. C. Braun/D. Gratton motioned to approve Resolution 74-2020 (Approve Purchase of UTV and Trailer for the Fire Department). Motion carried 6/0.
5. C. Braun/J. Schuster motioned to approve Resolution 75-2020 (Approve Purchase of Two Police Squad Cars). Motion carried 6/0.

Part of this request is due to a high-speed chase. The other part was an accident that happened while the police were shopping for a replacement squad car; they were hit by a driver that ran a stop sign. The City of Beaver Dam is allowing us to use one of their squad cars until we can make the purchase. The City of Mayville has also offered the use of one of their squad cars. We are very thankful.

D. Personnel Committee – *P. Shanks*

1. Chairman report. Discussion and approval was made about the 2021 Holiday schedule for Christmas and New Years Day. We met in closed session and then discussed, after reconvening, Shawn Hart's request to work from home for a couple days a week and an increase in vacation days.
2. P. Shanks motioned and C. Braun seconded to approve Resolution 76-2020 (Approve Additional Benefits for Clerk/Treasurer). Motion carried 6/0.
Shawn's vacation days were never negotiated when he was hired in. Instead of a raise, he is asking to work from home because of all the meetings he has to attend and the long drive he has. This will be reviewed again at the March committee meeting.

E. Public Safety Committee -*J. Schuster*

1. Chairman report. Went over the year end report. Reports were reviewed. The fund raiser for the Pulse machine has been very receptive. Discussed buying a UTV and trailer for the Fire Dept. Discussed refurbishing a fire truck. Reviewed and approved the service contracts for the Town of Oak Grove and the Town of Hubbard.

F. Public Works Committee. Did not meet

1. No Chairman's report

G. Cable TV Committee. *J. Fude*

1. Chairman Report. Reviewed City Hall report to cover Council issues. Discussed the school's upcoming building plans. Optional viewing plans on TV. Candidate interviews. Happy with 2020 Budget. Future Cable TV ideas presented.

H. Community Development Authority- *Mayor Wegener*

1. Chairman Report. Reviewed the plan for Animix in regards to their expansion. Spoke about the Auto Pet Care expansion (which was not on the agenda). The

mayor and Shawn met with Animix today to discuss what we could possibly do for them.

I. Recreation Committee- *P. Shanks*

1. Chairman Report. The new Rec director has been doing a good job. He has been filing for some new grants to get an updated playground; receiving grant money from various businesses. Reviewed the Community Center rentals that are booked for the first half of 2021. Jason White will be working the bar for the Center to help work off his debt with the City. Reviewed the Rec programs.

J. Utility Commission Report by Common Council Representative- *R. Evans*

1. Chairman Report. Approved community contribution of \$700. Nick Gahlman has been helping other departments with snow removal. The City has been doing a great job with the snow removal. Poles being replaced on the trail by the WWTP. Talked about replacing a transformer in an emergency. Scada computer at the WWTP failed and had to be replaced with monies from the DNR Replacement Fund. Public notice was posted that lead was found in some homes; posted in the paper and on the Utility website. Recommended that polyphosphate be added to our water because of corrosiveness. MSA continues to work on the WWTP upgrade. The City is moving forward with the Hyland Street project.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

P. Shanks motioned and J. Schuster seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes Reported By:
Veronica Easterly