
Common Council
Tuesday, April 13th, 2021
7:00 PM at City Hall
MINUTES



Members Present: Cheryl Braun, Richard Evans, Jane Fude (attended remotely), Dave Gratton, John Schuster, Paul Shanks and Mayor Wegener
Members Absent: None
Also, Present: Shawn Hart, Attorney Griggs (attended remotely), Kevin Mullen -Baird (attended remotely), Joe DeYoung -MSA

❖ **This meeting was offered virtually from your computer, tablet or smartphone. or by dialing in using your phone.**

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

Communications:

Joe DeYoung with MSA wanted to introduce himself and explain the transition with Mike Laue retiring.

P. Shanks/D. Gratton to approve \$373,251.95 in checks, \$469.06 in vouchers, and \$212,474.38 in electronic payments. Roll call vote, passed unanimously 6/0.

Public appearances and citizen comments re: agenda items. None

Kevin Mullen did a presentation on the \$2,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes

Reports of Officials:

- A. Mayor -*D. Wegener*
No Report
- B. Clerk/Treasurer -*S. Hart*
Election held on 4/6/21 with 3 Alderpersons ~~are running for election who ran~~ unopposed.
- 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

1. Chairman Report -J. Thrane

Common Council Library Director's Report
April 13, 2021

- The Friends of the Juneau Public Library held a brat fry fundraiser on Friday, April 9th, at Glenn's Market in Watertown from 10:00 am – 3:00 PM. It was an overcast and cold day, but many people came out to support the Friends. I would personally like to thank the following for volunteering 7 hours of their day to work this fundraiser: Ray Abitz and Mary Webster-Abitz, Sally Schoenike, Al and Cathy Hoeschele, Wayne Kikert, Graham Wagner and Library Director, Jannette Thrane. Fundraisers by the Friends help fund many of the special activities and presenters that happen during our Summer Reading Program.
- Juneau Public Library in partnership with the Juneau Recreation Department welcomed Mike Artell virtually to Juneau on Monday, March 15. Mike is an award-winning author, illustrator, musician and professional speaker. Mike taught two separate cartooning classes via Zoom to kids in grades K-8th grade. A total of 16 kids and 2 adults participated in the two afternoon programs. The Juneau Public Library would like to thank the Friends of the Juneau Public Library for covering half the cost of this program. This was a fun and successful programming partnership between the library and recreation department.
- 46 people tested their luck from March 15-20 by participating in our **LUCK-O the PLINKO** book checkout challenge. Each participant walked away with a small prize and entry into a drawing for their choice of 4 "luck-themed" books. The Facebook "live" drawing for the four books was held on Monday, March 22. In addition to four book winners, one lucky winner walked away with a Pot of Gold filled with chocolate coins and loads of St. Patrick's Day bling.
- Upon consideration of the evidence, including scientific research, health authority guidance, and industry practices, the Juneau Public Library has determined that the quarantine of library materials is no longer necessary. We will continue with internal hygiene protocols that are proven most effective in mitigating the risk of spreading COVID-19. If you are concerned about the lack of a 24-hour quarantine of library materials, we recommend you self-quarantine any materials checked out from the library prior to use.
- The Monarch Library System is searching for their next System Director. Did you know that the Monarch Library System supports 31 member libraries that provide service to more than 425,000 residents of four counties within a 2,000 square mile radius? Interested applicants can find more information about the position and apply by visiting: <https://www.johnkeister.com/monarch/>.
- Adult Services Librarian, Lisa Buhr, will be retiring from the Juneau Public Library on Friday, May 7, after 24 combined years of faithful service to the library and 29 continuous years of service to the City of Juneau. The public is invited to express their appreciation and congratulations to Lisa during her final week of employment; May 3-7. That week there will be a card available for the public to sign and the ability for patrons to also write personal notes of gratitude to Lisa on notecards. Lisa has served her community well and will be missed greatly. Thank you, Lisa, for sharing your love of learning, your unique crafting talents, and your personalized service with generations of library lovers!

B. Plan Commission

1. Chairman Report -D. Gratton

Talked with Jeremy Noll from Fox Cities Builders for the expansion plans for Auto Pet Care. Discussions were heard regarding the property at Watertown Hospital to help with the future housing needs for the City of Juneau. Michelle Pilar presented her plans to make the Vet Clinic in Juneau a Boarding and Day Care facility for pets.

2. C. Braun motioned and P. Shanks seconded to approve Ordinance 17.04.30 to Amend Public Hearing Notice and to forgo the second reading. Motion carried 6/0.

C. Finance Committee

1. Chairman Report -C. Braun

Spoke about the Issuance and Sale of \$2,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. Talked about an American Rescue Plan Committee -money will be coming from the government. Discussed the CDBG-ED Grant proposals. A new street sweeper was requested from Public Works -declined; asked to get more quotes for a used street sweeper. Went into closed session; no action to be done at this time. There is an interested party looking in the purchase of the old city hall. Jason White is doing a good job running the bar at the Community Center; still looking for a proprietor.

2. C. Braun motioned and J. Fude seconded to approve Resolution 84-2020 (Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes). Motion carried 6/0.
3. C. Braun motioned and D. Gratton seconded to approve Resolution 85-2020 (Approve Agreement with MSA for CDBG-ED Grant Application and Administration). Motion carried 6/0.

D. Personnel Committee

1. Chairman report – Did not meet, nothing to report.

E. Public Safety Committee

1. Chairman report -*J. Schuster*

Jan and Feb reports passed out. We lost 2 squad cars recently. Extension of Premise was approved for 1850's Inn. Discussed the sidewalk café ordinance for outside seating; still working on it. Farmers Market lanes being blocked off. Resignation from Cathy Firari; looking into part time and full time positions. EMS is short staffed; Horicon helps out. Fire dept purchased a new UTV. Thursday April 15th the siren will go off for Tornado Awareness week. Cathy Firari was thanked for her years of service to the City.

2. J. Schuster motioned and P. Shanks seconded to approve Resolution 86-2020 (Approve Designating Parking Spaces for Farmers Market). Motion carried 6/0.
3. J. Schuster motioned and D. Gratton seconded to approve Resolution 87-2020 (Approve to Extend Premise for the 1850's Inn). Motion carried 6/0

F. Public Works Committee

1. Chairman report -*D. Gratton*

We took a tour of the City Garage. Discussed putting up a lean-to to house the Christmas decorations; will get cost. A pipe has to be replaced on E. Kindt St; looking at contacting the businesses that will be affected by this. Looked at the street sweeper.

Jane Fude asked when the construction will begin on Hyland St. because she has been getting a lot of inquiries. Mayor said they do not have a date set yet.

G. Cable TV Committee

1. Chairman Report -Did not meet last month, no report.

H. Community Development Authority

1. Chairman Report -*Mayor D. Wegener*

We met with Fox Cities Builders regarding Auto Pet Care expansion project. There was a tour of the facility. No action that night other than the committee supporting the project.

I. Recreation Committee

1. Chairman Report -*P. Shanks*

Shamus (Rec director) went over some policies; will look them over and review at next meeting. Discussed the Splash Pad; approval to bring in Ceommercial Recreation sSpecialist to come in and give us some direction on it. Report on programs progress. Recreation website is now live.

Richard Evans asked for a description of the Splash Pad; giant enclosed cement slab with water shooting down from above. We are hoping for the grant to pay for most of it. Looking to put it at the city park. This will should be a water-saver system.

J. Utility Commission Report by Common Council Representative

1. Chairman Report -R. Evans

MSA met with the WWTP relating to the upgrades. Baker Tilly was present to talk about funding options for the project; Clean Water Fund Project. Spoke about the Sensient contract. Disconnections will begin on April 19 for overdue utility bills; please contact the Utility office for payment arrangements. Alice Gentz has officially retired. Laurie Runyan is her replacement. Alice was thanked for her years of service to the City. Nick Gahlman reported on possible issues that will affect the electrical department concerning the Hyland St project. Tim Gassner reported that Well#2 has passed testing for radium levels. Well 1 is being used as back up. A lateral leak occurred on Home Rd causing a sink hole. Resident water meters are being tested and they are being notified of high, water consumption possibly caused by leaks. Concerns about the new Splash Pad. Summer help position is being posted for electrical department, approximately 1 day per week they will help Water locate lead water latterals. Sewer utilities are working in the red. Possible increase in sewer rates.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mayor- Council Organizational meeting next week.

Jane Fude- Asked if Open Book and Board of Review dates have been set yet. Open Book is May 3rd, Board of Review is May 24th.

Mayor -Utility office is now open to the public. Asked Shawn Hart when City Hall will open. Shawn is waiting for Dodge County to stay consistent with low Covid-19 statistics. If someone has specific needs they can make an appointment to come in.

- A. J. Schuster motioned and D. Gratton seconded to approve a Provisional License (45 days) to Jeanine A. Kreger. Motion carried.
- B. R. Evans motioned and J. Schuster seconded to approve Regular Bartender's Licenses for 2020 (Expiring June 30th, 2021) to Jeanine A. Kreger, Zachary N. Rohloff, and Aurora M. Zamora. Motion carried.
- C. No Recommended Denials

J. Schuster motioned and P. Shanks seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:34 PM. Motion carried.

Minutes Reported By:
Veronica Easterly