

Minutes of the Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chetek held on **Thursday, August 14, 2014** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mike Linton, mayor.

Present: Cliff Bronstad, Bill Waite, Shirley Morley. Mark Edwards arrived at 7:08 p.m.

**Agenda approval:** Waite motioned to approve – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Carried.

**Consent agenda & reports:** Bronstad motioned to approve July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> council minutes, July claims, appointment of Don Hajak to police committee, “Class B” liquor and Class “B” beer to Kimberly Powers (d/b/a Stringers – 519 2<sup>nd</sup> Street), June Airport minutes, June Housing Authority minutes, July Knapp Haven/Pelican Place minutes, June Library minutes, July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> Planning Commission minutes, July building/zoning report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morley. Carried.

Motion to approve police report of Liberty Fest – Waite – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Carried.

**Old business/updates:** Dave Wierzba from MSA engineering gave the council a report on the completion of the Safe Routes to School Project. Work was completed in June. On June 11<sup>th</sup> a consultant from the DOT was on site to review the work. There is a change order to reduce the total contract amount to \$130,977 from the bid amount of \$163,447.50 due to the value of the work completed and differences of quantities of items in the contract. Everything should be closed out within the next month.

**Proposed lake district:** council members questioned why the proposed boundaries include the entire city. John Plaza advised that they consider the lakes to be of value to the entire population in the city. John advised that there are 3 options: City chooses to opt out of the lake district, vote to include the entire city, or city sends out notices to all city residents to vote. Morley made a motion to postpone until the September meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Carried. **Brush site:** Dan Knapp advised that a proposal to grind all remaining brush and small stumps at the site was received from Area Landscape, Inc. in the amount of \$23,000. The Town of Prairie Lake discussed at their recent meeting and stated they would contribute \$3,000 towards the cost. Bronstad made a motion to have clerk/treasurer Carmen Newman advise the council members at the September meeting what fund can be used to cover the cost. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waite. Carried. **Bailey Lake status:** Mike Linton advised that options were discussed with the DNR and Cooper Engineering. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for residents to receive information and ask questions.

**Requests: road closures-** Waite motioned to approve Chamber of Commerce request to use industrial park land behind Parker Hannifin and close Knapp and Moore Streets between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for Harvest Fest to be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Carried. **Exceed pet limit:** Bronstad motioned to approve third dog to Slaneys at 166 Pinegrove with same stipulation as given in the past (once one pet is deceased or given away they need to comply with the two pet limit) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edwards. Carried. **Vacation hours:** motion by Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waite to allow Ray Parr a one year extension from his anniversary date to use his vacation hours that would have expired this month. Carried.

**Financial:** Bronstad motioned to accept the 2013 financial report given by Dan Thole from Larson Allen. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waite. Carried. Motion by Bronstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morley to approve Resolution 2014-12 appropriating \$611.70 received from the State of Wisconsin department of justice for our portion of a class action suit regarding a claim filed against SCBA Liquidation, Inc. where body vests were purchased. Mark Edwards motioned to approve the resolution 2014-13 approving and authorizing the clerk/treasurer to apply to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, State of Wisconsin, for a loan of \$550,000 to refinance two existing water revenue bonds – term to be 5 years at 3%. Clerk/treasurer will be checking with local banks before final decision is made. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Carried. Motion by Bronstad, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morley to accept grant from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission in the amount of \$57,700 for the construction of new ADA bathrooms at the boat landing. Carried. **Miscellaneous:** Waite motioned to approve the land division applications for Jeff Paulson, town of chetek as approved by the planning commission – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edwards. Carried.

**Closed session:** Bronstad motioned to go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waite. Carried.

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Motion to go into open session made by Bronstad, second by Waite. Carried.

**Purchase of lot:** Council member Bronstad stated that he didn't feel the City needed to purchase the lot behind Ohde's from Rhonda Haight as there are other financial needs at this time. In 2010, the council approved an application for a grant for the construction of bathrooms and parking on this lot. The offer of \$25,000 at that time was not accepted.

Edwards motioned to cancel offer to purchase lot downtown in the amount of \$24,900 from Rhoda Haight. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bronstad. Carried.

**Lots for sale on Ridgeway** – Bronstad motioned to keep asking price at \$9,500 with the stipulation that any lot purchased be required to have a residential unit built within 18 months of purchase. Failure to build a structure within 18 months will result in the sewer utility and road improvements to be assessed to the property through the tax roll. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edwards. Carried.

**Knapp Haven** – Bronstad motioned to approve having Evans Senior Investments provide a valuation of the nursing home. The valuation will not cost anything and there is no obligation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waite. Carried. Dave West advised that he will be receiving their health insurance renewal information in October. He will keep the boards apprised of any new information regarding the health insurance plans for 2015.

Bronstad motioned to adjourn -

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Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer