

Minutes of the Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chetek held on November 11, 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: Mike Linton, Cliff Bronstad, Bill Waite, Mark Edwards, Shirley Morley

VFW led the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of veterans

Mayor announced closed session later in meeting – *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; Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility. Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations, reconvene and act on closed session item, if any.*

Agenda approval: Waite motioned to approve – 2nd by Bronstad. Carried.

Consent agenda: Bronstad motioned to approve: October council minutes with correction of Resolution numbers – 2014-16, 17 & 18 instead of 2014-14, 15 & 16; payment of October claims, Jim Larsen resignation as airport manager, Norm Phillips resignation from Housing Authority board; Appointment of Bruce Hanson to airport committee; Board/committee minutes: Airport-October, Community Center-September, Housing Authority- September, Knapp Haven/Pelican Place-October, Library-October. 2nd by Morley. Carried.

Old business/updates: Mark Edwards motioned to waive the permit for the fence at the new dog park and to not require the “dog park fund-raising entity” to carry liability insurance since it will continue to be a public park. 2nd by Waite. Carried. Waite motioned to postpone to a later meeting the decision on approving a Lake District to include the City of Chetek. 2nd by Bronstad. Carried. Bronstad motioned to approve revising the hangar lease for site #52 for Todd Kirkman to a two-year lease instead of one year. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Requests: Bronstad motioned to deny removing interest from the gravel billing for Stacy Neuman/Re-Max since the bill was mailed directly to her and not the contractor. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Waite motioned to forward discussion on allowing chickens in a residential district to the planning commission. 2nd by Bronstad. Carried.

Joe Atwood asked council to consider selling one acre parcel located in the Town of Prairie Lake. (parcel is old ski site) Parcel is land-locked and is not used by the City for any purpose.

Motion by Morey, 2nd by Edwards to advertise for bids in the Chetek Alert; bids to be opened by council at the December 9th, 2014 meeting. Carried.

Financial: Edwards motioned to approve Resolution 2014-19 appropriating money to the 2014 budget to include: “safe routes to school grant”; DNR grant for boat landing bathrooms (partial payout) and Town of Chetek \$7,000 donation towards brush removal. 2nd by Waite. Carried. Fire District Subsidy - Carmen Newman explained to council members how the fire district subsidy is currently calculated. She advised that state, county, school and vocational school taxes are all paid according to a municipalities equalized value. It would make sense to calculate the subsidy for each municipality according to percent of coverage in the municipality and current equalized value. Cliff Bronstad will bring this discussion to the next fire district meeting.

Edwards motioned to approve changes to employee benefits as recommended by personnel committee effective January 1, 2015: elimination of compensatory time, decrease in retirement benefit for non-union pension contributions of .80%, change in sick leave accrual for full-time hourly officers to 4.6% of their regularly scheduled work hours. 2nd by Waite. Carried.

2015 Budget: Bronstad motioned to approve a .41% increase in the tax levy, 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Miscellaneous: Bronstad motioned to not accept proposals for listing city lots on Ridgeway. 2nd by Edwards. Carried. Bronstad motioned to approve revisions to the personnel manual language regarding hiring prohibitions section. 2nd by Waite. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to go into closed session – 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to go into open session – 2nd by Waite. Carried.

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Bronstad motioned to approve operator license for Erin Zurcher. 2nd by Edwards. Carried.

Bronstad motioned to market the city owned property as discussed in closed session. 2nd by Edwards. Carried
Motion to adjourn by Bronstad.

Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer